

THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, July 11, 2022, which began at 6:01 p.m. in the Community Commerce Board Room.

Village President Harry Heisz called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following present: Ethan Eitsert, Harry Heisz, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, Seamus Murray (6:06 p.m.), and Lee Ruegg. Josh Kasinskas was absent.

The board received verification that the agenda was posted in accordance with the open meeting law.

Under citizens and delegations Ethan Eitsert thanked the board for the use of the park and ball diamond for the successful fundraising event on July 4th.

For the Public Works report Director of Public Works Jim Chellevoid informed the board that basic summer activities of mowing and repairs to the mowers have been taking place. A repair is needed on the pickup truck. Heisz would like the board to consider placing the mowing equipment on a lease with a regular rotation.

Ben Heidemann of Town & Country Engineering was present and provided a handout of construction cost estimate scope, pros & cons of each alternative plant, and a list of site visits he would like the board and Jim Chellevoid to go and look at. Ben also has been looking at funding alternatives to consider. Ben will prepare site visits for the board members who want to participate.

Swimming Pool Manager Samuel Gallagher gave the June swimming pool report. The staff has dealt with several complaints quickly. The diving board has been repaired, needed items have been purchased for the pool - a new pool thermometer, needle drop boxes, and a new cash register key. Recently a shower head has been broken and the pool skimmer also needs replaced. The pool is cleaned each morning and night with regular checks through-out the day. The pool chemicals have stayed at the proper levels through-out the first month. There was an issue with a dog in the pool and the employees have been informed on how to handle the situation if this happens again.

Larry reported for the Development Committee – the residential lots have been finished with lot number markers. Next to work on the commercial lots.

No kitchen report was given.

K. Murray made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of June 6, 2022 and July 6, 2022. Seconded by Ruegg. Motion carried.

McCarn made a motion to approve payment of the bills as listed in the monthly expense report. Seconded by K. Murray. Motion carried.

No action on old business agenda items – Dam Buildings west of Kickapoo River and Office Furniture replacement.

Under park improvements the ball diamond lights have been repaired and Railroad Street patched. The board would like to schedule a meeting to walk through the park to look at additional repairs needed.

Nothing new to report on the Recovery Plan Strategies.

Under new business the board did not take any action on the sponsorship request for the Driftless Wisconsin JEM campaign. The board feels the funds would best be used within the village's own marketing efforts.

A couple of citizens were present and stated their concerns regarding the log cabins in the park. Kevin Murray looked at the cabins and found them in need of repairs and suggested to have the cabins mapped, each piece of lumber marked and preserve the cabins by taking them down with the hopes of later building back the cabins properly. Discussed if the village could find a grant to help with this project. If all else fails the cabins could be sold to recoup the labor fees of taking down the cabins. The board agreed to have interested people submit their names to the office to work on possible solutions. The board also agreed to secure the cabins by either boarding up or locking up each cabin.

K. Murray made a motion to approve operator's license applications to Cecilia Johnson, Carolyn Swiggum, Cindy McCullick and Trevor O'Kane and to approve an Alcohol Beverage License Application to Cardinali Management Inc, dba Dante's to Scott Cardinali with a Class "B" Beer and Liquor at 312 Main Street. Seconded by Ruegg. Motion carried.

No correspondences.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 1st at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:43 p.m. McCarn made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Stat.

19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of employment review and policy review. Invited into closed session – Samuel Gallagher. At 7:02 the board addressed the closed session item pursuant to Wisconsin State Stat. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating the purchasing of property. Invited into closed session – Jim Chellevoid and Ben Heidemann. Seconded by Ruegg. Motion carried.

At 7:21 p.m. K. Murray made a motion to reconvene into open session. Seconded by Ruegg. Motion carried.

K. Murray made a motion to modify the job description for the 2022 swimming pool manager due to the low numbers of lifeguard employees that the manager shall be paid anything over eight hours per pay period for lifeguarding at the lifeguarding pay rate when no other lifeguard is available to work. Seconded by Ruegg. Motion carried.

K. Murray made a motion to approve a policy change for the swimming pool employees who work on July 4th to receive holiday pay at time and one-half (1 ½). Seconded by Ruegg. Motion carried.

K. Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Ruegg. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk
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