

THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of a special meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Friday, July 26, 2024, which began at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Commerce Board Room.

Roll call was taken with the following present: Ethan Eitsert, Harry Heisz, Emily Kinserdahl, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, and Art Winsor. Kim Pettit was absent.

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

The village board had received a written petition from Paul and Emily Kinserdahl who were present at the meeting requesting the board to review a fence being built next to their property (165 Evergreen Street). The Boland's at 16928 State Hwy 131 intent to add a fence with corrugated metal on the property line. A letter was also received from Timothy and Cindy Bromeland regarding the same issues. Joe Boland had agreed to change to a vinyl fence instead of the metal fence due to the materials listed in the zoning ordinance 13-1-53. Boland also provided a property line survey which was completed in 2020. It was asked how the owner would maintain the other side of the fence with it being placed directly on the property line? Emily Kinserdahl mentioned that other municipalities have setbacks for fences and for the village to consider changing the ordinance which would provide less residential issues. The board discussed and explained in order to change a zoning ordinance it would take public notices and a public hearing before anything could be changed. The board took no action on the Kinserdahl and Bromeland requests or the Fences, Walls, and Hedges Sec. 13-1-53 zoning ordinance.

The village received a notice regarding the Consumer Confidence Report and Certification violation for the water department which was due July 1st. John Anderson, the village's temporary certified water operator had helped with completing the 2023 Consumer Confidence Report Data for Gays Mills Waterworks which the board received a copy to review. Murray made a motion to approve the 2023 Consumer Confidence Report. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Two quotes were received from B & M Technical Services for labor and parts for the sewer plant. Quote one was for labor of installing a blower motor the village already has for \$1,800 and the second quote is for the purchase of another blower motor for \$1,494. This will allow the sewer plant to have a functional backup blower motor in case anything happens to the current one and to also allow for needed maintenance. McCarn

made a motion to approve both quotes totaling \$3,294. Seconded by Murray. Motion carried.

At 6:58 p.m. Murray made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisc. State Stat. 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of reviewing employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation information of public employees. Seconded by Eitsert. A roll call vote was taken – Kinserdahl, Winsor, Heisz, McCarn, Eitsert, and Murray all voted Yes. Motion carried. Bob Robinson was invited into closed session.

At 7:52 p.m. Murray made a motion to reconvene into open session. Seconded by Eistert. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion to promote Bob Robinson to the Director of Public Works position. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion to increase Bob Robinson's wage by \$2.00 per hour. The motion also includes a \$1.00 increase per hour once all needed sewer certifications are received and another \$1.00 increase per hour once all water certifications are received. Seconded by Eistert. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion to promote Richard Robinson to a full-time public works employee with an increase of \$1.50 per hour with the expectation for him to complete the Certified Pool Operator course and to also have a one-year probationary period. Seconded by Kinserdahl. Motion carried.

At 8:38 p.m. Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Winsor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk
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