

THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, August 7, 2023, which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Commerce Board Room.

Village President Harry Heisz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following present: Ethan Eitsert, Harry Heisz, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, and Emily Swiggum. Aaron Fortney and Lee Ruegg were absent.

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

Under citizens and delegations Charley Heisz a resident of Rebecca Street requested to the board that something be done regarding people speeding and not stopping at the stop signs along Rebecca Street and School Street. His suggestion was to install a 4-way stop at School Street and Rebecca Street intersection. The board favored the idea and asked for the item to be on the next agenda. Andy Miller a resident of School Street suggested additional speed bumps be installed on Rebecca Street and the board also discussed flags to be installed on the stop signs. Sophie Eyer the new Community Development Educator introduced herself.

Under the public works report Jim Chellevoid informed the board that repairs have been made to the swimming pool and additional repairs will be made once the swim season is done. Fahrner will be sealing the roads in a couple of weeks so additional patchwork will be completed along with mowing the sides of the roads. The board asked for the No Swimming signs to be ordered for Robb Park.

There was not a Wastewater Treatment Project update.

Sam Gallagher reported that the swimming pool will be inspected this week, finished the last set of swimming lessons, and plans on closing the swimming pool late August after the fair with some possible modified hours.

A written report was submitted for the kitchen with continuing discussions with possible new clients.

Swiggum made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of July 3, 2023. Seconded by Murray. Motion carried.

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

Craig Anderson reported for the pickle ball/tennis court project with Fahrner's to complete the crack filling mid-August. The group has painted lines, installed nets, and the group is temporarily using the courts.

Jim Chellevoid reported for the park's ball field electrical improvements that an electrical box needs to be changed as originally planned with a price increase. The new installation will be placed at the back of the thank you board. The board reviewed the park budget and Murray made a motion to upgrade to LED ball field lights for \$5,519.88. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

No action on downtown signage.

No action on cameras at Village Properties.

Craig Anderson reported that he will have the projector estimates to the board in time for budget planning.

A letter was received from John Johnson regarding his request for fence repair by Josh Kasinskas for his portion of the line fence between their properties. Village Attorney Eileen Brownlee reviewed the letter and advised the board that the next step is to have John file a petition for fence viewing. John Johnson and Jess Johnson who attended the meeting was shared this information.

Ben Eby of Connect Communities shared the group's idea of starting a bike share program with 10 bikes that have been repaired and painted the same colors, so they are easily identifiable. It was asked about liability insurance and the group is still working on this issue. The group would like to use the multiple bike racks located within the village and ask to speak to the highway department regarding marking State Highway 131 with bike lanes. The goal is to have bike lane access from Gays Mills to the school and then from the school to Soldiers Grove. The board has no issues with the requests from this group.

No action on Lion's Park Kiosks.

No action on agenda item Dam House buildings west of the Kickapoo River. Heisz reported that the Friends group raised over \$10,000 this past weekend with the Dam House auction.

Murray made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-02 for a loan of \$85,000 for road repairs. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried. The loan is with Royal Bank with three payments of \$31,739.46 at a rate of 5.89%.

Swiggum made a motion to approve operator's licenses for Lee Ruegg and Quinn Sedlak. Seconded by Murray. Motion carried.

Under correspondences the board received BAPI's 30-year celebration invite to be held on August 19th.

The next regular board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk

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