

THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, January 9, 2017, which began at 6:01 p.m. in the Community Commerce Community Room.

Village President Harry Heisz called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following present: Aaron Fortney, Harry Heisz, Paul J. Lomas, Jr., and Kimberly Pettit were present. John Johnson and Albert Ziegel were absent.

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

Under citizens and delegations Tarasa Lown of the North Crawford School announced that on February 8th an event to network businesses with area schools is taking place.

Under the public works report, Jim Chellevoid reported that the tires were replaced on the backhoe and furnaces in the Mercantile and Community Commerce are scheduled for repair.

Cindy Kohles Volunteer Forester updated the board on the forestry grants. The 2016 DNR \$5,000 grant reimbursement was received. American Transmission Company awarded the village with a \$2,000 grant for public trees. 2017 tree bids have been received and tree removal bids are due Friday.

Fortney made a motion to approve 2017-01 Ordinance amendment Chapter 4 of Title 6 Section 4 (a) having the land owner request to the Village Forester to place plantings within the terrace; the Village Forester then will make recommendations to the Board for final approval for plantings within the terrace. Seconded by Pettit. Lomas abstained. Motion carried.

Fortney approved Cindy Kohles Volunteer Forester's recommendation for the 2017 terrace tree plantings (202 Orin Street replacing large silver maple with male cultivar of Kentucky Coffeetree, 325 Orin replacing small EAB infested ash with ironwood, 213 S. Gay establishment of swamp white oak to eventually replace large declining silver maple, 422 Orin replacing EAB infested ash with swamp white oak, 318 Orin replacing large EAB infested ash with a Prairie Expedition elm, 214 School plant male cultivar ginko to replace large silver maple tree removed a number of years ago, 218 School plant male cultivar ginko where large silver maples was removed a number of years ago, 205 Orin Street Plant American Hornbeam to replace two dying spruce lawn trees). Seconded by Pettit. Lomas abstained. Motion carried.

Fortney made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes for December 5, 2016. Seconded by Lomas. Motion carried.

Lomas made a motion to approve all of the regular monthly bills as listed in the monthly expense report. Seconded by Fortney. Motion carried.

No action was taken on agenda item Mercantile signage.

Under new business the board received information that the health insurance budget saved \$23,667. Fortney approved \$2,500 for 2016 Health Insurance incentives. Seconded by Lomas. Motion carried.

Fortney made a motion to approve Operator's Licenses for Bradley Otto and Austin Abbey. Seconded by Lomas. Motion carried.

No correspondences were received.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday February 6th at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:23 p.m. Fortney made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to WI. State Stat. 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of reviewing swimming pool applications and to discuss village employee wage. Seconded by Lomas. Motion carried.

Fortney made a motion to reconvene into open session. Seconded by Lomas. Motion carried.

Fortney made a motion to hire swimming pool applicants - Jacob Branksy-LG, Dylan Ghormley-LG, Gavin Forkash-BH, Martha Bransky-BH, Marco Esparza-BH, and Elena Esparza-BH and to re-run a local ad in March for additional lifeguards and bathhouse attendants. Seconded by Lomas. Motion carried.

Fortney made a motion to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Seconded by Pettit. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Dawn R. McCann, Village Clerk

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