

## THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, October 2, 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 Craig Anderson reported that the pickleball courts have been finished by Fahrner's and a new coating will be applied along with painting the lines. Ethan Eitsert reported that the Fire Department has 150 raffle tickets left.

Under the public works report Jim Chellevoid informed that the electrical upgrade at the ball diamond has started. Sludge samples and water samples are completed. Hydrants will be flushed on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. John Anderson is finishing the water hookup at 17720 State Highway 131. Have yet to install the four-way stop intersection at Rebecca Street and School Street. Heisz asked if the faucet repairs have been made at the Community Center – not yet. Murray asked if the homeowner responded to the letter regarding the shrubbery obstructing the sidewalk along Orin Street – no response was received. Asked for public works to take care of this obstruction and any other obstructions along the sidewalks. The board was informed that DOT increased their right-of-way and temporary easement payment for the State Highway projects with an additional \$500 for the apple tree.

There was not a Wastewater Treatment Project update.

The library submitted a written request for Rebecca Eby to be reappointed to the Library Board for a three-year term through September of 2026. McCarn made a motion to approve Rebecca Eby's reappointment to the Library Board. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

There was not a Kitchen update.

Swiggum made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of September 11, 2023. Seconded by Murray. Motion carried.

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

Murray and Eitsert went to the park to look over the Log Cabins. Murray's recommendation is to keep three out of the four cabins. The Wauzeka Ridge School House is in the worst shape with damage, rot, and the roof is in poor condition. It is recommended for this one to be torn down with logs to be labeled and stored. The other cabins are in fair condition and believed to be salvageable. It is recommended that the cabins be secured to prevent any further vandalism. It was asked how much funds would be needed to repair these cabins - if an amount could be fundraised or placed in the budget? Murray made a motion to use \$1,000 out of the park budget for securing all the cabins. Seconded by Swiggum. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the village employee's Quartz renewal health plan which has an increase. The board asked for the office to find out where services are provided with the alternative plan with Medical Associates Health Plan.

McCarn made a motion to approve an operator's license to Dawn Swanson. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

Swiggum made a motion to change the board meeting times to 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. Seconded by McCarn. Murray opposed. Motion carried.

Under correspondences the board received information that the Crawford County Clean Sweep will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and the hours for Halloween trick or treating are 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The next regular board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

At 7:35 p.m. Murray made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisc. State Stat. 19.85 (1)(f) to consider the investigation of charges against a specific person which if discussed in public would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of this person. Seconded by McCarn. Jim Chellevoid was invited into closed session. Motion carried.

At 8:00 p.m. Murray made a motion to reconvene into open session. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

The board scheduled a budget meeting for Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk  
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