

THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, November 4, 2024, which began at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Commerce Community Room.

Village President Harry Heisz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following present: Ethan Eitsert, Harry Heisz, Emily Kinserdahl, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, Kim Pettit, and Art Winsor.

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

No citizens or delegations took place.

No Wastewater Treatment Project update took place.

Harry Heisz gave the update for the public works report. Bob Robinson is at training this week for the water department. The wastewater plant pump is down and was temporarily running but now again is not working. Richard Robinson is switching out the spare pump that is on hand. Public works has been working on removing brush and trees along the roads and removing wind damaged trees and branches.

Murray made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of October 7, 2024 and October 28, 2024. Seconded by Kinserdahl. Motion carried.

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

Brandon Munson, North Crawford District Administrator provided the board with an overview of the 2024-2025 North Crawford School District Budget. He would like to come back and review the referendum with the board at a later date.

There has been a request for the Community Commerce Center's east side door to have a handicap ramp cut into the sidewalk. The board agreed that this is a good idea and to see when the contractor is available.

Murray has requested that the Code of Ordinances be amended regarding the village to pay for all sidewalk repairs. The Code of Ordinance amendment will be on the next board meeting agenda.

The swimming pool repair has not been investigated yet.

Emily Kinserdahl had researched other swimming pool rates at Boscobel and Richland Center. She recommended changes to the rates. After discussion Murray made a motion to remove the non-supporting rates, change daily swim rate from \$3.00 to \$5.00, change weekly swim rate from \$15.00 to \$30.00, change individual season pass from \$45.00 to \$75.00, change family season pass from \$75.00 to \$100.00 (this includes up to 6 family members including babysitter, additional members \$10.00 each), and Senior (62+) rate stays the same at \$35.00. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried. The board also discussed the condition of the swimming pool and the repairs needed for the bathrooms. Agreed to schedule a Public Property Committee meeting to discuss the campgrounds usages of the swimming pool bathrooms and needed improvements. Another item of concern brought up is that swimming lessons are only five days per session. Will revisit the lesson rates at the next board meeting.

The board agreed to have the swimming pool manager position placed in the newspaper with applications due before the next meeting.

The board discussed changing the swimming pool job descriptions and agreed to wait until the swimming pool manager has been hired in order to get some feedback. The board would like to review swimming pool job descriptions, wages, and employee break laws at a later time.

Emily Kinserdahl provided sewer rates from the City of Richland Center. The board discussed sewer rate increases and would like this on the next agenda with a breakdown of an increase of sewer income between \$20,000 and \$30,000 on the sewer per gallon charge.

No response has been received back yet from M&M Lawn & Leisure regarding the gravely lawn mower warranties.

Eitsert made a motion to authorize the public works department to purchase through the village any needed safety clothing or equipment. Seconded by Winsor. Motion carried.

The board received a copy of the Proposed Budget to be published mid-November. General \$904,400, Water \$124,750, and Sewer \$168,915 with the public hearing scheduled for Monday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Under correspondences Crisse Reynolds, Crawford County Animal Control Officer submitted a written report stating she is working with residents on cat removals. She is also working with the district attorney who is agreeable to issuing tickets to folks who do not comply and then releasing the ticket without prosecution if they get the needed vaccination and licenses. Reynolds hopes to receive an updated dog owner list from the village in February in order to start working on it right away in 2025.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2024 with the public hearing to begin at 6:00 p.m.

At 7:29 p.m. Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by McCann. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk
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