

THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

The public hearing started at 6:00 p.m. for the Proposed Budgets and Levy. Budgets and Levy packet information was available with a change to streets improvement expenses and loan revenue of \$150,000 at the November 29th special meeting. There was no public input. At 6:02 p.m. K. Murray made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, December 6, 2021, which began at 6:02 p.m. in the Community Commerce Board Room.

Village President Harry Heisz called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following present: Harry Heisz, Josh Kasinskas, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, and Seamus Murray. 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 JoAnn Gonos asked if the library could setup a table and chairs and a book cart in the Mercantile hallway for a place for community members to gather. In discussion the board asked if the library would talk to all the Mercantile tenants and report back to the board the tenant's feedback regarding the libraries request. Charley Preusser commented on the success of this year's Mill Lights grand opening.

Jim Chellevoid gave the Public Works report and informed the board they are getting the equipment ready for snow removal. The board mentioned there is alley repairs and road repairs needed.

Evan Chambers of Town & Country Engineering was present and discussed that the E. Coli Optimization report was sent into the DNR at the end of November with the DNR's response asking for more investigation on the test results. Different testing methods are being tried. A draft letter has been prepared with the village requesting to retract and no longer consider the Wastewater Facility Plan submitted to the DNR in July of 2019 due to numerous issues and the rejection from Soldiers Grove on the joint treatment plant. The letter notes a new planning process will begin. K. Murray approved the letter. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Kasinskas reported for the Development Committee who notified the board that one land for sale sign has been installed near the Mill Lights. The committee plans on meeting to discuss the timing of construction on North Mills lots and commercial lot prices.

No kitchen report was given.

Kasinskas made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of November 1, 2021, and November 29, 2021. Seconded by K. Murray. Motion carried.

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

A phone call has been received from New Horizons regarding the Marketplace sidewalk issue and a telephone meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow. In discussion agreed it is too late to have a sidewalk installed due to winter weather but would expect early spring for project to begin.

K. Murray made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-10 authorizing and ratifying the conveyance of real estate Lot 1 of North Mills (12-131-0049-0005) to the American Legion McCormick Rose Post 308 for the purpose of flood relocation. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

McCarn made a motion to approve the Final #4 payment to A-1 Excavating for the Trail Improvement 2018 TID No. 1 project in the amount of \$32,527.95. Seconded by K. Murray. Motion carried.

K. Murray made a motion to approve the renewal village building inspection contract with Smrcina Inspections LLC for January 1, 2022 through January 1, 2024 with price increases from the previous contract. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

The board discussed the possibility of adding garbage fees to the water and sewer bills or tax bills. Item was tabled for next month's meeting.

K. Murray made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-11 approving the 2022 General Budget at \$904,400, the Water Budget at \$108,200, the Sewer Budget at \$151,320, the levy to be taxed at \$164,873.58 with a gross mill rate of .0254728943. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Informed the board of the fire department officers for 2022: Earl Winsor – Fire Chief, Andrew Smiley – Assistant Fire Chief, Ethan Eitsert – Secretary, and Arthur Winsor – Treasurer.

McCarn made a motion to appoint Election Inspectors for January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. Chief Inspectors: Craig Anderson, Beth Jensen, and Kile Martz. Election Inspectors: Dolores Arnold, Phyllis Bell, Julia Fritch, Donald Lampert, Carol Stone, and Kathi Smith. Seconded by Kasinskas. Motion carried.

K. Murray made a motion to approve an operator's license for Mindy Hayes. Seconded by Kasinskas. Motion carried.

No correspondences.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the board room.

At 6:51 p.m. K. Murray made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Stat. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating the purchasing of property. Evan Chambers and Jim Chellevold were invited into closed session. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

At 7:42 p.m. K. Murray made a motion to reconvene into open session. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

No action was taken from closed session.

K. Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk
Approved 01-03-2022