

## THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, February 3, 2025, which began at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Commerce Board 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.

Under citizens and delegations Kim and Amanda Knutson of the Friends of Gays Mills asked the board if they could decorate the hallways for Halloween, since the last two attempts to have the tunnels outside did not work due to weather. They explained that the setup will start on October 30<sup>th</sup> and will be removed the end of the night on October 31<sup>st</sup>. They checked with the library, which was okay with this request. The board is okay with this request as well.

Under the kitchen report the warming table has been advertised but has not been sold yet.

The board received a written report from Evan Chambers of Town & Country Engineering informed the board that the Phosphorus Annual Report #4 has been submitted to the DNR on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The Final Phosphorus Report is due June 30, 2025. The board received a copy of the Phosphorus Annual Report #4 in their packet.

The Swimming Pool Committee reviewed a request with the board stating that they would like to do some fundraising in order to purchase new swimming pool toys. The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> with a walk through the swimming pool in order to view needed improvements.

For the Public Works report Bob Robinson provided a proposal from Altronex Control Systems for updates needed at the well house and reservoir of \$56,808. The control system was originally done back in 1986 with communication via phone between the reservoir and well house which are no longer serviced, and the pump control components are obsolete and starting to fail. The update will provide a PLC based control system to monitor the reservoir. There will be a cellular link which the operator can monitor tower level, pump data, run times and trends. Altronex will provide services of removing old components, installing new equipment, programming, and a one-year warranty. After discussion Murray made a motion to approve the proposal from

Altronex Control System of \$56,808. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried. The board also discussed replacing the valve at the well house. Robinson also reported that they are continuing to work on brush and tree removal along the roads and completing the required water and sewer samples.

Kinserdahl made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of January 6, 2025. 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.

Under the Old Business agenda item Jensen lot exchange request Murray discussed his research with the board on the 2021 Urban Forestry Grant and lot restrictions. The total grant cost was \$12,858 with a 50% match. The grant included reforestation public land with seedling trees, public land terrace tree plantings, a free tree workshop, and private tree enhancements. Local residents, businesses, and volunteers did contribute towards the grant match. Murray pointed out that one of the grant conditions is to provide public benefit. Also discussed that there are no deed restrictions attached to the lots with the reforested public land plantings. Niels and Beth Jensen were present and after discussion withdrew their request.

The board was informed that a letter did go out to the blighted building owners on January 8<sup>th</sup> with a required response in sixty days. The office did receive a phone call with a request to receive village ordinances on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Under New Business Amanda Smiley informed the board that they will be holding a family reunion on July 12<sup>th</sup> and would like to request residential rates for the swimming pool during that time. The board recently updated the swimming pool rates, removing the non-residential rates for the 2025 season.

The board was informed that a driveway has been requested on West Point Road by Jess Johnson. A review will need to take place with a driveway permit and site visit.

A contract was received from Town and Country Sanitation for residential collection and disposal of garbage and recycling beginning April 1, 2025 through April 1, 2032. An estimate was received from another company back in October for comparison. After discussion Eitsert made a motion to approve the contract with Town and Country Sanitation. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion to approve the 2025 Economic Development budget to be distributed to CDA of \$500, Driftless Development of \$500, Gays Mills Farmers Market of \$500, Gays Mills Fire Department of \$1,000, and Kickapoo Stump Dodget Campground of \$1,000. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

No correspondences.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:33 p.m. Kinserdahl made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. State Stat. 19.85 (1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public property, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session, convene into closed session pursuant to Wisc. State Stat. 19.85 (1) (c) to review swimming pool applications and convene into closed session pursuant to Wisc. State Stat. 19.85 (1)(f) for the consideration of personal information which if discussed in public would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect on that person. Seconded by Winsor. A roll call vote was taken: Kinserdahl, Pettit, Winsor, Heisz, McCarn, Eitsert, and Murray voted Yes. Motion carried. Jill Riggs was invited into closed sessions.

At 7:13 p.m. Murray made a motion to reconvene into open session. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

Kinserdahl made a motion to discontinue the position of Kitchen Marketing Agent. Seconded by Murray. Motion carried.

At 7:16 p.m. Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk  
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