

Village of Boaz
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 16, 2024
Boaz Community Building
6:00 p.m.

Present: President Jean Nicks, Trustee Kerry Gies, Trustee Judy Adrian

Absent: N/A

Others: Gladys Anderson (resident), Kathy Hansen (resident), Donna Hoth (resident), Mindi Jones (resident), David Jones (resident), Sara Brice (resident), Rita Bulin (Cazenovia Village Clerk/Treasurer), Susie Hauri (Boaz Village Clerk/Treasurer)

President Nicks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She noted that the meeting had been posted at the Boaz Community Building and online at <https://boazwi.gov/meetings>. Proper notice to news media (*The Richland Observer*) had been given.

Trustee Gies made a motion to accept the agenda; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Trustee Adrian made a motion to approve the August regular meeting minutes; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

There were no requests for the scheduling of park events.

There were no requests for the issuance of Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's Licenses or Temporary Operator's Licenses.

Public comment – A property owner reported varmints (woodchucks, opossum, raccoons, rats) coming from a neighboring mobile home that appears to be uninhabitable and that a manure pile still remains on the property. This situation falls under Chapter 5 (Public Nuisances) of the Municipal Code of Boaz, Wisconsin. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri gave President Nicks the form to be used, and President Nicks will inspect the property. The previous owner is still listed as the current owner until the proper documentation is submitted to the Richland County Register of Deeds; Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will email the Attorney Eric Hagen and inquire to whom the public nuisance paperwork should be mailed. This item will be added to the October agenda.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the August financial reports for the Sewer Utility Account and General Account. Trustee Adrian made a motion to approve the financial reports; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Trustee Gies made a motion to transfer \$3,081.24 from the Phosphorus Compliance Reserve Fund to the sewer checking account; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried. The purpose of this transfer is to have the correct fund pay for expenses associated with the Phase 4 Final Compliance Alternatives Plan and Water Quality Trading Investigation and Report. Both are required in the process of addressing the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) increasingly stringent phosphorus discharge limits.

Trustee Gies made a motion to approve the payment of bills; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

There was nothing definite to report for the 9/18/24 Special Park Grants Meeting.

There was nothing new to report on the gate/moveable barricade for the new driveway in Boaz Community Park. Trustee Gies stated that this will be completed at the same time the new

culvert is installed at the intersection of Fayette and Jackson Streets. This will take place in October.

The Dead End sign on Jefferson Street still needs to be moved for better visibility. President Nicks will take a look and call Diggers Hotline.

There was nothing new to report for the 911 sign installations.

There was nothing new to report for exercising valves in the manholes for Boaz Sewer Utility. President Nicks spoke with Dave Huth but has heard nothing back.

For Water Quality Trading credits, 129 of 206 pounds have been secured. The application for the Boaz Wastewater Treatment Facility's Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) is due October 2, 2024. Carson Hackett of Davy Engineering and Sewer Operator David Huth both received an email message from the DNR indicating what still needs to be addressed in the application and final steps for completion.

At the August meeting, it was determined that the Village of Boaz will replace the culvert at the intersection of Fayette and Jackson Streets, and there is money in the Street/Drainage Improvement Account to do this. Trustee Gies stated that this will be completed at the same time the moveable barricade is installed at the new driveway in the park. This will take place in October.

Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC) is assisting Richland County with updating its Comprehensive Plan. A County Comprehensive Plan is a collaborative vision for the future and includes: an analysis of current conditions, future land use, and efficient delivery of public services. Representatives from four of the five villages (Boaz, Cazenovia, Lone Rock, and Yuba) provided input at a meeting on September 11, 2024. President Nicks, Trustee Adrian, and Clerk/Treasurer Hauri attended the meeting. The Village of Boaz has a 2023-2033 Comprehensive Plan in place.

There was a request for a garage permit for 17045 and 17047 Main Street. Building Inspector Michael Reuter told the property owners that because the garage will be detached and not in the floodplain, there is nothing for the building inspector to do. The Board indicated that the landowner can just go ahead and build the garage.

President Nicks signed the maps for the 2025 Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads (WISLR) local road mileage certification. The Village of Boaz maintains 2.2 miles of streets.

For 2024, the Village of Boaz will be receiving a total of \$57,055.08 in County and Municipal Aid (CMA, formerly called "Shared Revenue"). There are no restrictions on the use of this money. In addition, the Village of Boaz will receive \$32,168.70 in Supplemental County and Municipal Aid for 2024. The Supplemental CMA may only be used for: law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services, emergency response communications, public works (street maintenance/ construction/lighting, garbage/recycling, and utilities), courts, and transportation. There is no restriction on transferring the money out of the general fund to the sewer utility; the only restriction is on the uses. The Department of Revenue could not tell Clerk/Treasurer Hauri at this time how compliance will be monitored and advised her to keep good records of how the money is spent.

After eight years, the office inkjet printer/scanner/copier is coming to the end of its useful life. Trustee Adrian made a motion to approve the purchase of an HP printer/scanner/copier and replacement toner cartridge for \$441.02; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

The Village Board did not submit any budget needs for 2025. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri would like to budget an additional \$300 for first aid and stop the bleed kits for both the Boaz Community

Building and Boaz Utility Building. The Public Budget Hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Boaz Parade Day will be September 29, 2024 with line up on Park Drive at noon and the parade beginning at 1:00 p.m. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri told the Boaz Area Lions Club so they can decide if they will be serving food that day; however, she has heard nothing back.

The next Boaz Fun Daze will be July 18, 19, and 20, 2025. Kevin Jasper let Clerk/Treasurer Hauri know that the sled is booked for those dates.

The Board reviewed the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Debt Limit Report for 2024. The debt limit for the Village of Boaz is \$309,410. Clerk/Treasurer indicated that most of this amount needs to be reserved for Water Quality Trading projects for Boaz Sewer Utility.

In an email to Clerk/Treasurer Hauri, Richland County Public Health Specialist Evan Ewing asked for feedback about the alcohol-related signage given to the Village of Boaz in June and inquired if the Board has any additional youth alcohol-use prevention measures in mind for future events. The Board thought the signs worked well and that the signs did not need any improvements. The Board did not have any additional youth alcohol-use prevention measures in mind for future events.

Boaz Sewer Utility repairs – the broken cap reported to the Board 6/18/24 at station #10 (Persinger/Peterson/Hohler) still needs to be fixed; President Nicks will take a look at it. Wallace Electric will be installing a new alarm panel at station #1 (Boaz Utility Building/Mill Creek Pub & Grill), and President Nicks and Mark Anderson will check the valve that needs to be opened up. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri called Dave Huth about calibrating the flow meter that is not working at the ponds; Huth said he would “call them again.” Current inventory: new-style pumps - 2 new and one repaired at Area Septic to be picked up; 1 old-style pump.

Applying porcelain concrete sealant to the crack in the urinal in the men’s restroom was the only item identified as needed for the Boaz Community Building. President Nicks will ask Kurt Burkhamer to complete this.

Boaz Community Park repairs include ceiling repairs in portable toilets by the pulling track, the moveable barricade for the new driveway, and new U.S. flags for the State Highway 171 bridge.

The October regular meeting date was confirmed for Tuesday, October 8, 2024 and the November regular meeting date was confirmed for Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Both meetings will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the Boaz Community Building and will have phone conference capability.

Other meeting reminders (all at the Boaz Community Building):

- September 17, 2024 - **Open Book** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Assessor and Clerk/Treasurer only)
- September 18, 2024 - **Special Park Grants meeting** (Boaz Village Board, Richland County, and all special interest groups such as ATV/UTV, Snowmobile, pullers, etc.)
- October 1, 2024 - **Board of Review** 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- November 6, 2024 - **Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025 Budget and Levy** 4:00 p.m.

Trustee Gies made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susan Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer