

Village of Boaz  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 9, 2025  
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), Tony Dougherty (Rural Mutual Insurance Company), 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 Adrian made a motion to accept the agenda; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

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

There were no requests for public comment.

Rural Mutual Insurance Company Agent Tony Dougherty explained the 2025 insurance package to the Board and answered questions.

Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission may be attending the regular March Village Board meeting to proceed with the grant opportunities and submission for Boaz Community Park.

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

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

For the gate/moveable barricade for the new driveway in Boaz Community Park, Trustee Gies reported that he has the barricade and is arranging for more fill for the driveway.

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

Water Quality Trading (WQT) for Boaz Wastewater Treatment Facility – Carson Hackett of Davy Engineering Co. reported to Clerk/Treasurer Hauri that the Heublein property was sold without disclosing to the buyer that there was a WQT agreement in place. Hackett is working with the new owner to see if the agreement can be modified. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri asked Hackett if recording the WQT agreements through the Richland County Register of Deeds would eliminate this type of concern in the future. Hackett advised Hauri to record the WQT agreements except the Heublein agreement, and she did. Since Hackett did not advise the Village to record the agreements earlier, Hackett stated that he will plan to not bill his time to the Village for the rework involved with this issue.

President Nicks shared photos regarding the public nuisance complaint from the September meeting, and she will bring completed paperwork to the February meeting.

The Board discussed the dilapidated dwelling on Main Street. President Nicks stated that, from the information from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities about Wisconsin law governing the demolition of dilapidated buildings, the next step is to contact the building inspector. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will email Michael Reuter of Wisconsin Municipal Building Inspections about inspecting the building.

Trustee Gies made a motion to transfer \$6,000 from the 6-month Equipment Replacement Fund certificate of deposit (CD) to the sewer utility checking to offset pump replacement costs; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Trustee Adrian made a motion to renew the balance of the Equipment Replacement Fund CD for a 6-month term; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

There was no discussion to issue the Class "B"/"Class B" Alcohol Beverage License Application for Mill Creek Pub & Grill. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri noted that the seller's permit is valid, but a water sample report from the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene has yet to be received.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri reported that the furnace in the Community Building had quit in December, and Ben Dalberg got it working again. Dalberg reported that the furnace is at the end of its expected life. A replacement would cost \$3,400, and there would be no charge for the labor that Ben himself performs. Trustee Adrian made a motion for Dalberg Plumbing & Heating to install a new furnace in the Boaz Community Building on a schedule that works for Ben; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue 2024 Debt Margin Report was reviewed. Allowable debt for the Village of Boaz is \$281,560 (up from \$235,950 for 2023); actual debt is \$0.

Due to reduced staffing in the Richland County Clerk's office, 2025 will be the last year that Richland County offers WisVote entry services. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will complete the WisVote training and take over entry in 2026.

Boaz Sewer Utility repairs – There were no repairs needed since the December Village Board meeting. There has been no update on replacing the influent meter at the retention ponds.

Current inventory: new-style pumps—1 rebuilt on hand and two at ASI to be repaired; on order are 1 pump, 2 alarm panels, and 3 cables; there are no more old-style replacement pumps

Boaz Community Building maintenance/repairs include Loctite on the screws that loosen on the Community Building door assist. The new first aid and bloodborne pathogen kits have been installed at the Community Building and Utility Building.

Boaz Community Park maintenance/repairs include ceiling repairs in portable toilets by the pulling track, installing the moveable barricade for the new driveway, and fixing how the American flag is installed on the pole by the flush toilets.

The next regular meeting was confirmed for February 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boaz Community Building with phone conference capability.

Trustee Gies made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susan Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer