

Village of Boaz
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 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), Susie Hauri (Boaz Village Clerk/Treasurer)

President Nicks called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 January caucus minutes; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

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

Trustee Adrian made a motion to approve the special audit 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.

There were no requests for public comment.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the January 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 approve the payment of bills; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

There was nothing new to report for the gate/moveable barricade for the new driveway in Boaz Community Park.

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. requested that the Village's attorney try to talk the new owner of the Heublein property into signing a WQT agreement. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri distributed copies of her emails with the attorney along with his opinion. The attorney's opinion: If the previous owner had disclosed the agreement prior to the real estate closing, the new owner would have had to comply with the agreement. The attorney could speak with the new owner, but since the property sale has been recorded and now takes precedence over an unrecorded WQT agreement, the new owner does not have to comply. Trustee Gies said he would try to speak with the landowner.

President Nicks submitted paperwork regarding the public nuisance complaint from the September meeting, and she did not find anything that needed to be corrected on that property. However, she did notice a new fence with tarp on it and questioned if a fence permit was applied for.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri reported that she emailed Michael Reuter of Wisconsin Municipal Building Inspections about inspecting the dilapidated dwelling on Main Street. Reuter said he would look at the County's records for the assessed value and then complete a drive-by inspection to see what needs to be done in order to proceed.

There was no discussion to issue the Class "B"/"Class B" Alcohol Beverage License Application for Mill Creek Pub & Grill, and this item will be omitted from future agendas until a water sample report from the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene is received. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue has reformatted the application, so a new application will need to be received in order to proceed.

Trustee Adrian made a motion to approve the financial information (including kilowatt hours) for the 2024 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for Boaz Sewer Utility; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Trustee Adrian made a motion to purchase a magnetic flow meter from B & M Technical Service Inc. for Boaz Wastewater Treatment Facility at a cost not to exceed \$7,000; seconded by Trustee Gies. President Nicks signed the estimate form, and Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will email it back to B & M.

The 2023 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for Boaz Wastewater Treatment Facility included this response from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: "Consider reaching out to Focus on Energy (www.focusonenergy.com or 1-800-762-7077) to perform an energy audit to see if any simple cost saving energy measures can be implemented." Clerk/Treasurer Hauri contacted Paul Dragseth at Focus on Energy (FOE). He looked at audits that had been completed, and the cost of the audits ranged from \$8,000 - \$17,000. Dragseth said that the Village would receive \$5,000 towards the assessment from FOE. The Boaz Village Board will not be pursuing an energy audit at this time.

At the October 2024 regular meeting, a person inquired if there were any plans to burn along stream banks and ditches to improve water flow out of the Village, and the Board directed Clerk/Treasurer Hauri to place this item on the February agenda and put out a request for volunteers to help. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri put the request for help in the For Your Information (FYI) tax bill insert but heard nothing back from anyone. Due to a lack of snow, this item will be placed on the March agenda to see if conditions are any better.

Since Trustee Gies will not be returning to the Village Board in April, Trustee Adrian agreed to finish out Trustee Gies's term as the board member on the Boaz Plan Commission, ending in April of 2026. President Nicks made a motion to appoint Kerry Gies as a citizen member of the Plan Commission for 2025-2028; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads (WISLR) 2025 pavement ratings are due by December 15, 2025. Trustee Gies still has the PASER Sealcoat and Asphalt books in his possession, and he will be taking Kyle Walther around to do the ratings for the first time.

Boaz Sewer Utility repairs – a few alarms were checked, but there were no repairs needed since the December Village Board meeting.

Current inventory: new-style pumps—1 brand-new and 1 rebuilt on hand and two at ASI to be diagnosed. Any stations with old-style pumps that fail will be rewired for new-style pumps.

No repairs are needed at this time for the Boaz Community 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 replacing the American flag by the pulling track.

Because of all the activity with the Water Quality Trading projects for Boaz Wastewater Treatment Facility, the Village Board decided that this year is not going to work to pursue the grant writing and proposed park projects and will hold off for a better time.

Kyle Walther will be plowing snow for the Village in Mark Anderson's absence. Anderson will need an authorization note from a doctor to return to work.

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

Trustee Gies made a motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susan Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer