

Village of Boaz
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 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), Kathy Hansen (resident), Susie Hauri (Boaz Village Clerk/Treasurer)

President Nicks called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 February 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.

There were no requests for public comment.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the March 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.

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 – Since the February meeting, Carson Hackett of Davy Engineering Co. drafted a WQT agreement with Tydrich and emailed it to him. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri has yet to receive it. The Eness agreement was modified, and Eness signed it. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri noticed that only one landowner signed the Olson agreement, so that agreement had to be reprinted, signed correctly, and recorded again. The following agreements have been recorded at the Richland County Register of Deeds office: Olson (both), Newberry, Killoy, Halink, and Eness. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri distributed terms of the agreements to the Board so they could read and understand the roles and requirements for the landowner, credit user (Village of Boaz), and broker (County of Richland).

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri reported that she emailed Michael Reuter of Wisconsin Municipal Building Inspections a second time 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 sometime this week.

It is still too dry to burn along stream banks and ditches to improve water flow out of the Village. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will put a request for volunteers to help in the For Your Information (FYI) insert for the March sewer billing and add the item to the April agenda.

The Dead End sign on Jefferson Street still needs to be moved for better visibility. President Nicks will take Kyle Walther over there and get started.

The culvert at the intersection of Jackson and Fayette Streets has been installed, but a grade differential has yet to be finished and landscaping is needed. It is too wet to do this in March; the item will be added to the April agenda.

Boaz Plan Commission – Ben Dalberg was recognized for completing his three-year term of service as Boaz Plan Commissioner. Thank you, Ben, for your participation and care for Boaz! Kerry Gies signed an Oath of Office for a three-year term as citizen member. Since Trustee Gies did not seek re-election, Judy Adrian signed an Oath of office for one year as Board member to finish Gies's term.

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. It will be the Village Board's responsibility to let Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission know when they would be ready to resume the grant writing for park improvements.

Boaz Microgrid update – According to Alliant Energy, the Boaz Microgrid has not needed to “kick in” for the last 6 months.

Spring Primary Update – There are 82 registered voters in the Village of Boaz, and there were no Election Day registrations. 14 ballots were cast for a 17% voter turnout. There were 0 provisional ballots. 1 absentee ballot was issued, returned by 8:00 p.m. Election Day, and was counted. Richland County Clerk Derek Kalish assigned the Village of Boaz an accuracy score of 100 percent for the Spring Primary. The Village Board recognized the Boaz election inspectors for their accurate work.

President Nicks reported on the February meeting of the Richland County unit of the Wisconsin Towns Association. The main topic was emergency management preparedness. A municipal chain of command needs to be determined and communicated to property owners and residents.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri ordered dumpsters from Town and Country Sanitation and L & M Salvage. Ken Nicks will help people get their items to Park Drive if people contact him by Thursday, May 1st. Trustee Gies said he would work with the person using the backhoe to stack items properly in the dumpsters.

The Board reviewed the Village of Boaz For Your Information (FYI) insert that will be included in the 1st quarter sewer billing. No changes were recommended.

Trustee Gies made a motion to issue a fence permit for 25425 Jefferson Street; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2024 Municipal Financial Report Form C (due March 31, 2025) that was filed by Clerk/Treasurer Hauri on February 25, 2025. A motion was made by Trustee Gies to approve the 2024 Municipal Financial Report Form C as filed; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

The plow truck will need new tires before the 2025-2026 plowing season. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will ask Kyle Walther to obtain quotes before the April Village Board meeting, and she will add this item to the agenda. If Kyle has any questions, he should call Trustee Gies.

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 for the Boaz Community Building at this time.

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. President Nicks will pick up split rails for around the LP tank, as they need to be replaced.

Trustee Gies made a motion to enter into Agreement 2025-1 with Tom Burkhamer for 2025 park mowing; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

The Board completed the annual evaluation of Clerk/Treasurer Hauri, and a copy will be filed in the clerk's office.

The next regular meeting was confirmed for April 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boaz Community Building with phone conference capability.

Trustee Adrian made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susan Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer