

Village of Boaz
Board of Trustees
Tuesday, November 13, 2018
Regular Meeting
Boaz Community Building Office
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: N/A

Others: Susie Hauri (Village Clerk/Treasurer), Gladys Anderson (resident), Royce Dieter (Richland Snowdrifters)

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 www.villageofboaz.com/meetings. Proper notice to news media (*The Richland Observer*) had been given.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Gies to approve the October regular meeting minutes; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Collins to approve the November 8th minutes of the public hearing for the 2019 budget and levy; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Public comment – Gladys Anderson reported that a woman who teaches yoga may request to rent the Community Building to hold classes for two hours on Friday mornings. The yoga teacher will need to appear before the Village Board, and the Board will need to determine the amount of rent to charge. This item will be added to the December agenda.

Royce Dieter of Richland Snowdrifters requested permission for the snowmobile trail to go through Boaz Community Park. A motion was made by Trustee Gies to allow the snowmobile trail to go through Boaz Community Park; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried. Also, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires that, beginning next year, the snowmobile club send an annual letter to landowners along the snowmobile trail to clarify liability.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the October treasurer's report for the Sewer Utility Account and General Account. A motion was made by Trustee Collins to approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the November bills. Trustee Gies made a motion to approve the payment of bills; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

No one appeared before the Board at the November 8th public hearing for the 2019 budget and levy, and no changes were made to the General Fund budget and levy or to the Sewer Utility budget. A motion was made by Trustee Collins to adopt the official operating 2019 budget for the General Fund and Boaz Sewer Utility and the 2019 municipal levy by resolution; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

A letter was received from the DNR requiring the Village of Boaz to inspect buildings in the 1% chance floodplain that were damaged in the 2018 flooding. The 1% chance floodplain, also known as the Special Flood Hazard Area, includes the mapped floodway, Zone AE floodplain, and Zone A floodplain. Any building sustaining flood damage that equals or exceeds 50% of the pre-damage equalized assessed value of the building must comply with the requirements of the floodplain zoning ordinance to protect them from future flood damage. Building inspector Michael Reuter of Wisconsin Municipal

Building Inspections would complete the required inspections for \$125 per structure at the Village's expense. (According to the Gays Mills Village Clerk, in 2008 150 properties were inspected for \$17,000, and the Village was reimbursed through public assistance.) Examining the communication from the DNR, it appeared to the Board that only buildings that sustained damage are required to be inspected. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri stated that Darin Gudgeon of Richland County Emergency Services looked at his records and does not have anyone from the Village of Boaz reporting flood damage; however, damage was reported in the Boaz Village Clerk's office for the dwelling at 16943 State Highway 171. When representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) visited the Clerk's office on November 6th, Hauri sent them to speak with the property owners, and direct contact was made. The next step in complying with the letter from the DNR is to authorize Building Inspector Reuter to inspect the property; Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will do so and add this item to the December agenda for follow-up.

Trustee Gies indicated that a new tube was installed by the property owner at 25431 Jefferson Street, and it appears that the problem of standing water on Jefferson Street has been abated.

There was concern about the installation of a second mobile home at 17119 East Grove Street. President Nicks found out from Building Inspector Reuter that he is working with the property owners on this. The second mobile home is the second phase of the project and is to be an addition to the first mobile home. The Uniform Dwelling Code ordinance indicates that building permits are to be issued by a building inspector, but there is nothing in the Uniform Dwelling Code ordinance or Mobile Home ordinance about building projects needing approval from the Boaz Village Board. The Board directed Hauri to find out how much time one has to finish the exterior of a dwelling so that it is not an eyesore. President Nicks indicated that the only mobile home ordinance on file in the Clerk's office needs to be updated, and this item will be added to the December agenda.

It was reported to Trustee Collins that trash and toys are collecting in the spring near 17119 East Grove Street. President Nicks will take photos and report back to the Board. Trustee Gies stated that he would go look at the area, also. This item will be added to the December agenda.

The Village was notified by Southwest Sanitation that, effective November 1, 2018, they will no longer be providing trash collection service for the Village of Boaz. A letter from Southwest Sanitation stated, "This change was necessitated by a need to improve operational efficiencies and reduce costs." The letter also indicated that, instead, Town & Country Sanitation Inc. of Boscobel will be providing the same level of service as has been provided so far this year.

On October 13th, Trustee Gies met with a representative of the Boaz Boosters and Richland Snowdrifters to discuss park improvements, but other local groups were not in attendance. Trustee Gies is arranging another meeting December 2nd and get more groups in attendance to discuss park improvements and will report back to the Board about the information he gathers. The Board would like a list of the expenses that the Village incurs for Boaz Fun Daze, and Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will complete this by November 17th.

Park repairs – Trustee Gies has not noticed the dilapidated snowmobile bridge lately and will see if it has been removed. President Nicks reported that unstable trees will be removed professionally when the ground is frozen.

The Board authorized Clerk/Treasurer Hauri to inquire with Attorney Eileen Brownlee about a possible legal course of action to require the abatement of the house at 17117 Fayette Street. The structure has been uninhabitable since a house fire that took place around 2014.

Resident Jean Welsh reported to the clerk that fill has been placed in the alley between the garages owned by Ed Welsh and Dennis Klingaman, and a flatbed trailer has been parked there. Trustee Gies will speak to the landowners regarding this issue and report back to the Board.

The Board reviewed the "For Your Information (FYI)" insert to be included with the property tax bills and did not require any corrections or additions.

Election update – 59 ballots were cast at the November 6th election; 7 of those ballots were absentee. Trustee Collins also indicated that 3 voters registered that day.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) Demographic Services Center, the final estimate of the January 1, 2018 population for the Village of Boaz is 152; approximately 124 of that number are of voting age.

Boaz Sewer Utility repairs – It was confirmed that station #27 has been reset; Trustee Collins remarked that Mark Anderson did an excellent job of leveling and seeding the area. Anderson also pumped manholes and exercised valves. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri did not have the opportunity to speak with Anderson before the meeting to update the current pump inventory. Inventory from the October Village Board meeting: "New-style" pumps – 2 new (1 for station #27), 3 rebuilt (will be 4 with station #27); "old-style" pumps – 1 rebuilt; "special" pump –1.

Trustee Gies indicated that many street signs have been installed, and there are still some street signs yet to be installed. President Nicks requested a list of signs, if any, that need to be ordered.

The next regular meeting date was confirmed for Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boaz Community Building office.

Trustee Collins made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susie Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer