

Village of Boaz
Board of Trustees
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 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), Dave Huth (Sewer Operator), Tony Dougherty (Rural Mutual Insurance)

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

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

Public comment – there were no requests for public comment.

Sewer Operator Dave Huth from Richland Septic LLC delivered a 2018 year-end review for Boaz Sewer Utility. Huth stated that everything went very well with the pond system. Huth noted that the level of phosphorous for the ponds is in the acceptable range, and when discharging, he has been pulling at a slow rate of 75 gallons/minute to help maintain this.

Caitlin O'Connell, new Department of Natural Resources (DNR) representative for Richland County, will be here in the Village January 10th to visit the ponds and assist Huth with preparations for the renewal of the five-year Wisconsin Pollutant discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit; this permit will expire June 30, 2019. A Capacity, Management, Operations, and Maintenance (CMOM) report will need to be completed as part of the application process, and Huth recommended that Davy Engineering be hired to complete the CMOM report by June 1st at a cost not to exceed \$1,750.00. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri indicated that only \$250 was budgeted for 2019 in "Permits (DNR)," but money could be transferred in from "Pumps, Parts, and Repairs." Huth suggested that a total of \$2,000 be transferred to cover additional application fees. These items will be added to the January 15th special audit meeting agenda. After Hauri confirms with Huth that the items are approved, Huth will hire Davy Engineering to complete the CMOM report. Huth indicated that he didn't see anything in the current permit that addresses the use of the autodialer but will let the Board know if that changes.

Huth said that he and the DNR were satisfied that the valves in the manholes were exercised this fall but cautioned the Board that, when the manholes are entered in the future, Huth also should be there due to confined entry safety issues, as the person should be harnessed and tethered with oxygen. Hauri will pass this information along to Mark Anderson so that he knows not to enter the manholes without Huth or someone else with confined entry training and the proper equipment and oxygen.

Rural Mutual Insurance Agent Tony Dougherty went on to explain the insurance package to the Board and answered questions. President Nicks noted that four portable toilets were added to Boaz Community Park in 2018, so Dougherty will send a separate invoice for the slight difference in premium. Motion made by Trustee Gies to accept the Rural Mutual Insurance

package for the Village and authorize payment of the \$5,445 premium plus the additional amount for the portable toilets; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Gies to amend the 2018 Sewer Utility Budget by moving \$100 from "Laboratory Testing" to "Miscellaneous" as that category went slightly over budget; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

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

A five-year agreement with Town and Country Sanitation Inc. was reviewed that includes a free 4-yard dumpster for Boaz Fun Daze. Trustee Collins made a motion to enter into agreement 2019-1 between the Village of Boaz and Town and Country Sanitation for curbside collection of garbage and recyclables; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) debt limit and margin reports. Currently the Village of Boaz has no debt and would be allowed a debt limit of \$198,000 based on the 2018 property assessment.

The Board authorized a refund of \$25 (\$15 cooler overcharge and \$10 for cleaning the cooler) to the Richland County Fairgrounds Committee.

President Nicks reported that, while Clarence Miller was roofing her house, she got a \$950 quote from him to put a metal roof on the Boaz Community Park restrooms. \$600 Boaz Fun Daze dinner money and \$300 Park Aid money will be used to offset the cost of roofing.

The dilapidated snowmobile bridge is still in the park and turning into a safety issue. There was a question of whether or not the bridge is a club bridge, so Trustee Gies will contact Royce Dieter to find out and see about its removal. There is not enough frost in the ground to allow for the removal of trees in the park at this time.

At the December meeting, there was a question of whether or not a person could live in a camper in the Village of Boaz. Attorney Eileen Brownlee stated in an August 4, 2016 email communication that the Village has no general prohibition against living in a house, tent, camper, yurt, treehouse or any other type of "residence" without utilities. The sewer ordinance requires a mandatory sewer hook-up for any "parcel of land adjacent to a sewer main on which there exists a *building* usable for human habitation or in a block through which such system is extended."

President Nicks will consult with the fire chief to find out if it is the Village needs to act in any way on the residence that has an outside burner with no pipe and the camper in the Village that contains a woodstove.

There were no updates to report on the process of abating the burned-out house at 17117 Fayette Street.

Mobile home ordinances – it was noted that, with the Boaz Sewer Utility, the 1979 Ordinance Regulating the Parking and Location of House Trailers or Mobile Homes; Licensing and Regulating House Trailer and Mobile Home Camps or Parks no longer applies and should be repealed. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will contact Attorney Eileen Brownlee concerning this. President Nicks brought an example of mobile home permitting guidelines and will continue to seek resources that will help update the 2005 mobile home ordinance and address unfinished building exteriors.

There was no update from the building inspector to report on the estimate of flood damage for the dwelling at 16943 State Highway 171 for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DNR Water Supply Specialist Matthew Hilse conducted a sanitary survey of the water system at Boaz Community Park, evaluating eight elements of the water system that are essential for assuring safe drinking water. The survey did not find anything that required correcting at this time.

Boaz Sewer Utility repairs – No repairs were made for the Boaz Sewer Utility since the December meeting. Current inventory: 2 brand new “new” style, 3 rebuilt “new” style, 1 “old” and one “special” pump.

President Nicks reported that she ordered the last five street signs for the Village and they have yet to arrive.

The next regular meeting date was confirmed for Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Boaz Community Building office.

Trustee Collins made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susie Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer