

Village of Boaz
Board of Trustees
Tuesday, March 12, 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 and Juvenile Diabetes Tractor Ride), Mary Steiner, Jackson Walmer and Brian Swanson (all of Mill Creek Saddle Club)

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 February regular meeting minutes; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Public comment—The Richland County Junior Holstein Association sent a thank you note for using the Boaz Community Building for their Richland County dairy bowl practices and included a \$25 donation. John Lickteig left a complaint with the Village Clerk to forward to President Nicks. Lickteig had contacted the Richland County Sheriff's Department about a dog on the loose and defecating on his property. President Nicks spoke with the owner of the dog and reported to the Board that the situation was handled.

The Juvenile Diabetes Tractor Ride will be Saturday, May 11, 2019. For this event, Gladys Anderson requested use of the vehicle track for the parking of semis. A motion was made by Trustee Gies to approve the use of the vehicle track for the Juvenile Diabetes Tractor Ride May 11, 2019; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

The Mill Creek Area Saddle Club would like to have 12-15 horse events in the park this summer. Brian Swanson indicated that some improvements will need to be made to the horse arena and to the lighting in the area prior to the first shows. President Nicks will contact McCormick Electric to see what options are available. Also, the floor of the crow's nest needs to be repaired. Trustee Collins made a motion to approve the Mill Creek Area Saddle Club's use of the Boaz Community Park general grounds, crow's nest, and horse arena for 2019 horse shows contingent upon receiving a certificate of insurance liability for spectators prior to the first show; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried. If alcohol is to be served through the Richland Snowdrifters, Mill Creek Area Saddle Club will need to re-approach the Village Board for approval. The Saddle Club representatives indicated that they would return for the April regular meeting of the Village Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Collins to approve an American Mini Pullers garden tractor/ATV-UTV pull in Boaz Community Park on May 4, 2019 contingent upon receiving the certificate of insurance liability prior to the event; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried. Anderson reported that the Boaz Community Building is booked for that day, so care needs to be taken with parking.

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

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

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri distributed copies of Municipal Financial Report (Form C) filed on March 5, 2019 to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR). The report was explained by Hauri and reviewed by the Board.

President Nicks attended the ambulance committee meeting. President Nicks reported that revenues continue to increase for the Richland County Ambulance Service. The service is still looking for a location for an ambulance garage, and a new chassis needs to be purchased for one of the three ambulances. Trustee Collins made a motion to enter into agreement 2019-2 Richland County as Ambulance Provider; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried. The agreement is for \$680/year for the years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

President Nicks and Trustee Collins attended the March 9th WTA District meeting in Wisconsin Dells. The agenda included information about the Municipal Financial Report (Form C for Villages, Form CT for Towns), broadband Internet, insurance, transportation and emergency services issues.

The Richland County Highway Commission sent a letter explaining their culvert replacement program. It was determined that there are no culverts for the Village of Boaz that would qualify for this program, so the form that accompanied the letter does not need to be returned.

The Village of Boaz/Town of Dayton Spring Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the west end of Park Drive. The Town of Dayton will publish an advertisement for this event at no cost to the Village of Boaz. As in the past, the Town of Dayton and the Village of Boaz will divide evenly the cost of the dumpsters. Trustee Gies will post the event around the Village. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will post the event on the Village website (www.villageofboaz.com), include a notice with the March sewer billing, and order two 40-yard dumpsters.

Mark Anderson needed parts for the plow truck and purchased them out-of-pocket at Auto Value in Richland Center. On behalf of Anderson, Clerk/Treasurer Hauri requested that the Board open a charge account there. A motion was made by Trustee Gies to open a Village charge account at Auto Value in Richland Center; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

The Board completed the annual evaluation of Clerk/Treasurer Hauri. Hauri exceeded expectations in the fourteen areas that were evaluated and was told to keep up the good work.

Building Inspector Michael Reuter emailed photographs to Attorney Eileen Brownlee and Clerk/Treasurer Hauri from his March 6th inspection of the burned-out house at 17117 Fayette Street. There was an empty dumpster that would hold the remaining material of debris. Reuter also reported that there is "a void in the ground which will need to be filled in so to have a dust-free and erosion free site." Attorney Brownlee will advise Reuter if he needs to return to the site to confirm compliance.

President Nicks has not heard back from the fire chief about whether the Richland Center Fire Department would burn along the banks of Mill Creek for practice.

The dilapidated snowmobile bridge is still in the park. Trustee Gies reported that it is a Snowdrifters Club bridge, and it is their responsibility to remove it.

There are at least six split and/or dead ash trees in Boaz Community Park, and President Nicks will get a quote for getting them taken down. Trustee Gies and Mark Anderson will paint X's on the trees that need to be removed. A motion was made by Trustee Gies that President Nicks should

return to the Board for advisement if the estimate to take down the trees exceeds \$3,500; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

Items 19-22 (policy for limits of expenditures without Board approval, policy for the issuing of directives to Village employees, ordinance to amend the duties/responsibilities of the Clerk/Treasurer, and repeal of mobile home park ordinance) will be added to the April agenda, as drafts need to be supplied by Attorney Eileen Brownlee before action can be taken.

Attorney Brownlee provided the Board her opinion on the proposed changes to the ordinance regulating mobile homes. Trustee Gies indicated that the Village of Gays Mills has much more stringent mobile home rules, so Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will message Attorney Brownlee that more clarification is needed on how this works.

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.

Boaz Community Park repairs – Trustee Gies will talk to Donnie Reyzek about digging a trench in the Boaz Community Park to abate the standing water on the south side of the park along the 171 bridge.

The Board reviewed the procedure for log-in access to members-only content on the Wisconsin Towns Association website.

President Nicks will order 4 holiday/winter banners for the Highway 171 bridge before the sale ends March 31st.

The Spring Election is scheduled for April 2, 2019. A public test of the voting machine will take place during the week of March 25th.

The new toters from Town and Country Sanitation are in place and being used for garbage and recycling pickup for the Village. The company was notified that there were toters distributed to residences outside the Village of Boaz, and those toters have been picked up.

The next regular meeting date was confirmed for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.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