

Village of Boaz
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2020
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), Dave Huth (Sewer Operator), Gladys Anderson (resident)

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.

Trustee Collins made a motion to approve the January caucus minutes; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

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

Trustee Collins made a motion to approve the special audit meeting minutes; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Dave Huth provided updates/year-end review for Boaz Sewer Utility. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) published a public hearing notice in the February 6, 2020 edition of *The Richland Observer*. After the public hearing, the five-year Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit will be issued. Huth indicated that there might be additional testing required for heavy metals and a consultation with an engineer for the maintenance of phosphorus.

There were no requests for public comment.

Gladys Anderson reported that a wedding reception is scheduled at the Boaz Community Building on September 12, 2020. The party will be reserving the building for September 11th and 13th, also. Music needs to stop at 11:00 p.m., and tents will not be allowed. No horse shows should be booked for September 12th; only a late show would be allowable on the 13th.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the January 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.

Trustee Collins made a motion to issue refunds for overpayments of real estate property taxes to Todd Pellett and Edward Duell; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

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

Two alternates are needed for the Board of Review scheduled for April 28, 2020 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Gladys Anderson agreed to be the first alternate, and she will ask Joyce Craig if Joyce would be the second alternate.

The U.S. Census Bureau is now conducting the Initial Boundary Validation Program (BVP). The Initial BVP is the opportunity to review the Census Bureau's boundary data to ensure the Census Bureau has the correct legal boundary, name, and status for the Village of Boaz. President Jean Nicks, as the highest elected official, signed the form indicating that the boundary for the Village of Boaz is correct.

Discussion continued about the Village of Boaz providing a blue 911 paddle sign for every residence in the Village. Current pricing for blue metal paddles verses fiberglass drive-in paddles will be considered at the March meeting.

President Nicks brought color samples for siding for the Boaz Community Building. TimberCrest Plus vinyl siding (fade resistant for 50 years) in the color "Brick" was selected. This information will be shared with the Boaz Lions Club, as the Boaz Lions Club intends to side the legacy building in the same color.

President Nicks will check on trees for the Boaz Community Park that are best suited for the water and soil conditions, and this item will be placed on the March and April agendas. The Sabin Livewires 4-H Club would be willing to plant trees in the park on a Sunday afternoon in the spring.

Weather did not allow for the burning of brush along Mill Creek last spring. Burning will happen this spring, weather permitting, and this item will be added to the March and April agendas.

The procedure for determining independent contractors and the necessary forms were reviewed. If someone is hired to complete work for the Village of Boaz but not paid as an employee (with required withholding), standards for independent contractors must be met. To be considered an independent contractor, the person/business must be able to pass the 9-point test provided by Rural Mutual Insurance **or** the person/business must provide a Certificate of Insurance Liability showing Workman's Compensation coverage. The person/business must also complete an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification. These documents must be filed with the Village Clerk before any work begins.

There was no update regarding the records retention ordinance. This item will be placed on the March agenda.

Attorney Eileen Brownlee emailed information about annexations and included the opinion, "A landowner must initiate the annexation. Annexations can occur if more than 50% of landowners/residents in a specified area request annexation." A packet of information was distributed to each Board member to read.

A letter was received by the Clerk in the Community Building drop box this morning from Dale Felton agreeing that the building known as "The Old Blacksmith Shop" should be torn down. An abatement agreement for removing the building by June 1, 2020 was drafted and reviewed by the Board. Trustee Collins made a motion to enter into the abatement agreement with Brian and Dale Felton; seconded by Trustee Gies. President Nicks signed the agreement. If the Feltons sign the agreement and return it to the Clerk by Monday, February 17th, that would allow time for the February 19th inspection to be cancelled.

Boaz Fun Daze 2020 (July 17th-19th) has been included on the Richland Center Tourism's Richland County, Wisconsin 2020 Events calendar. The events calendar was mailed with the February Richland Center Utility bills.

Boaz Sewer Utility repairs – On January 27, 2020 Station #20 (Nicks) was completely pumped out, and the pump was replaced with a rebuilt pump. Mark took that pump to Area Septic Installation on February 7th and picked up the pump that needed a new control bracket. Mark Anderson still needs to convert one “old-style” pump to “new-style” so there would be one “old-style” pump on hand. Current inventory: “new-style” pumps – 2 new, 2 rebuilt, 1 at Area Septic Installation; “old-style” pumps – 0; “Special” pump – 1.

Election reminder—Primary Election will be Tuesday, February 18, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Boaz Community Building Office.

Meeting reminder—Plan Commission meeting (to adopt Comprehensive Plan Goals) will be Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting date was confirmed for Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Boaz Community Building office.

Trustee Collins made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susie Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer