

Village of Boaz
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
Boaz Community Building (Telephone Bridge Conference access was available, also)
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), Carson Hackett (Davy Engineering)

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

Carson Hackett, engineer from Davy Engineering, and Dave Huth, operator of Boaz Sewer Utility, explained the Operational Evaluation Reports (OER) for the stringent phosphorus compliance schedule in the new Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit. The cost for the Year 1 report is approximately \$2,000, and the cost for the Year 2 report is approximately \$1,000. Years 3-5 will depend upon the findings in Years 1-2; Davy Engineering will provide a quote for Year 3 60 days after the Year 2 report is filed. Hackett and Huth also discussed compliance alternatives (rip rap, surface water discharges, trading, and multi-discharge variance). It was emphasized that phosphorus compliance will require attention and action for multiple permit cycles. Trustee Collins made a motion to hire Davy Engineering to complete the OER reports for Years 1 and 2; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

The 2021 budget for Boaz Sewer Utility was reviewed. Operator Huth requested a 2021 rate increase of \$100/month; this would raise the annual rate to \$4,800. This item will be added to the November meeting agenda. Trustee Gies made a motion to endorse the proposed 2021 budget for Boaz Sewer Utility to present at the public hearing; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

The Equipment Replacement Fund (ERF) for Boaz Sewer Utility was determined to have an adequate balance; therefore, no action was taken to add \$20,000 to the ERF. Establishing a Phosphorus Compliance Reserve Fund and a Capital Improvement Fund and placing \$10,000 in each of the new funds will be added to the November agenda.

Trustee Collins made a motion that the 2021 sewer user fees remain unchanged from 2020 (\$42.50 for self-metered pumps and \$45.00 for utility-metered pumps); seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

The Board and Dave Huth determined that the portable toilets in Boaz Community Park do not need to be pumped any more this year.

There were no public comments.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the September 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 approve the payment of bills; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

The 2021 budget for the General Fund was reviewed. Trustee Gies made a motion to endorse the proposed 2021 budget for the Village of Boaz General Fund to present at the public hearing; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Collins made a motion to endorse the proposed 2021 tax levy for the Village of Boaz to present at the public hearing; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Possible nuisance violations at 25245 Jefferson Street—a Notice to Abate/Remove was mailed to the owners of the property to remove the camper with a wood stove that is being used as a dwelling. The notice was delivered October 10, 2020, and the notice allowed 10 days from receipt for removal. At the September meeting, the Board instructed Clerk/Treasurer Hauri to ask Attorney Eric Hagen to draft an ordinance banning pigs on parcels that are not zoned as agricultural. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri reported back that this would not work because the Village of Boaz does not have zoning. Trustee Gies stated that he was not in favor of banning pigs altogether in the Village. At the November Board meeting, President Nicks will provide a written report regarding the smell of the pigs; after the report has been submitted, a Notice to Abate/Remove will be mailed to the property owners as allowed by the nuisance ordinance.

Governor Evers announced a \$200 million Routes to Recovery: Local Government Aid Grant program to support Wisconsin city, county, tribal, town, and village governments' local efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This grant opportunity is funded with Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act dollars. The Village of Boaz was allocated \$5,000 for government expenses that were unbudgeted, necessary to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and incurred on or after March 1, 2020 and through November 6, 2020. President Nicks indicated that, because the office chairs are upholstered and cannot be sanitized adequately, replacing the chairs would be an allowable expense. Trustee Collins made a motion to purchase four office chairs not to exceed \$150/chair; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will find out how to submit the eligible expenses.

Trustee Gies provided an update concerning the reclassification of 14.28 miles of Mill Creek as Class 1 trout water. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provided signs for the Village to install along Mill Creek, and Clerk/Treasurer Hauri placed a summary of fishing regulations on the Recreation page on the Village of Boaz website (www.villageofboaz.com/recreation).

President Nicks will order a street sign for Boaz Cemetery Lane and a new handicapped parking sign for Boaz Community Building.

The Board reviewed a flyer concerning zoning and building permits distributed by the Richland County Zoning and Sanitation Department.

There were no requests for the use of Boaz Community Park..

There were no requests for Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailers licenses.

Mark Anderson is done mowing ponds for the season. He still needs to raise the alarm panel for station #40 (Faulkner) due to high water. Current inventory: new-style pumps – 2 brand-new plus 3 rebuilt; 1 old-style pump and 0 "Special" pumps (1 to take to be rebuilt).

Meeting/event reminders:

- November 3, 2020 General Election
- November 10, 2020 Public Hearing on Proposed 2021 Budget and Levy for the Village of Boaz
- November 17, 2020 Village Board Meeting (Troy Maggied of Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission will appear regarding the Boaz Comprehensive Plan and Outdoor Plan)

Phone conference capability will be available for November 10th and 17th.

Trustee Collins made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susie Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer