

Village of Boaz
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 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), Troy Maggied (Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission)

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

A motion was made by Trustee Gies to approve the November 10, 2020 Budget Hearing minutes; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

Troy Maggied, executive director of Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC) explained that, in 2020, the SWWRPC and Richland County were awarded a Flood Recovery and Economic Assistance Grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to fund recovery and resiliency activities caused by flooding in 2018. These funds will be used for the purposes of assisting the Village implement an update to its 20-year Comprehensive Plan and to engage the Village in all other aspects of the county-wide scope of work. Because of outside funding, the Village of Boaz is responsible for only \$6,000 of the total cost for work completed by the SWWRPC and Richland County Economic Development. This expense was included in the 2021 budget presented at the budget hearing. The Village's Comprehensive Planning process will commence in mid-2021, and the work is to be completed by September 30, 2022. Trustee Gies made a motion to enter into a contract with Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to participate in the 2-year Richland County Flood Recovery and Economic Resiliency Strategy (update of the Village of Boaz comprehensive and outdoor plans) at a total cost of \$6,000; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

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

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

There were no public comments.

Community spread of COVID-19 remains critically high for all of Wisconsin except Green County. Other than meetings for the First Responders and Boaz Lions Club, no action was taken to reopen the Boaz Community Building for other events; this item will be revisited at the February 2021 meeting.

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.

Trustee Gies made a motion to amend the 2020 Sewer Utility budget by moving \$250 from “Pumps, Parts, and Repairs” to “Operator”; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

Trustee Collins made a motion to approve the payment of bills; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

The Village of Boaz was allocated \$5,000 from the Routes to Recovery: Local Government Aid Grant program for COVID-19 related expenses from March 1, 2020 through November 6, 2020. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri discovered that the Village could transfer its unused allocation to another government unit. Due to the quickly-approaching deadline, during the week of October 19th she contacted each Board member individually about the matter. She also learned from Dayton Town Chairman Richard Wastlick that Dayton Township did not anticipate using all of its Routes to Recovery allocation. After speaking with Clinton Langreck, Richland County Administrator, Hauri contacted the Wisconsin Department of Administration and transferred \$4,340 in Routes to Recovery funds from the Village of Boaz to the County of Richland for COVID-19 expenses incurred at the county level. She then reported the Village’s eligible expenses of \$657.17. Trustee Gies made a motion to approve the transfer of \$4,340 in unused Routes to Recovery funds to the County of Richland; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

At the October meeting of the Boaz Village Board, Operator Huth requested a 2021 rate increase of \$100/month; this would raise the annual rate to \$4,800. Trustee Collins made a motion to raise the 2021 sewer operator’s annual fee to \$4,800; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

At the October meeting 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. A motion was made by Trustee Gies to establish a Phosphorus Compliance Reserve Fund and Capital Improvement Fund for Boaz Sewer Utility; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

Trustee Collins made a motion to transfer \$10,000 from the Boaz Sewer Utility checking account to the Phosphorus Compliance Reserve Fund; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Gies to transfer \$10,000 from the Boaz Sewer Utility checking account to the Capital Improvement Fund; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

Trustee Collins made a motion to channel delinquent sewer user fees from the 2021 February and August Settlements to the Phosphorus Compliance Reserve Fund; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Gies to channel 2021 interest earned from the Boaz Sewer Utility savings account to the Phosphorus Compliance Reserve Fund; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

No one appeared before the Board at the November 10th public hearing for the 2021 budget and levy. No changes were made to the amount of expenses and revenues for the proposed budget for the General Fund and Sewer Utility or to the proposed levy of \$13,296. A motion was made by Trustee Collins to adopt the official operating 2021 budget for the General Fund and Boaz Sewer Utility and the 2021 municipal levy by resolution; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried. (Resolution No. 2020-2 is included at the end of these minutes.)

Possible nuisance violations at 25245 Jefferson Street—it appears that the camper with a wood stove that was being used as a dwelling is gone.

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 submitted a written report regarding the smell of the pigs. Because the smell has improved due to the cooler weather and to the pigs being moved into buildings, the report will be filed, and no action will be taken at this time under the nuisance ordinance. The Board instructed Hauri to contact Attorney Eileen Brownlee to find out what would be involved in presenting a referendum question on the April ballot about restricting pigs in the Village.

President Nicks ordered 4 holiday/winter banners for the Highway 171 bridge. This expense was authorized at the February 16, 2019 regular meeting of the Boaz Village Board.

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

The Board reviewed the cost of electricity used in Boaz Community Park for the summer. After factoring in community payments for electricity, June through October billing was \$397.40 over the January – May average. It was determined that Mill Creek Saddle Club owes the Village \$397.40 for electricity use this season in the park.

President Nicks will inspect the areas used by Mill Creek Saddle Club and follow up on the key return.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri submitted the “For Your Information (FYI)” insert to be included with the November tax bills. No suggestions were made for changes to this document.

Mark Anderson put a rebuilt pump in Station #20 (Nicks) and Station #37 (Richardson). He took 3 pumps to Area Septic Installation to be rebuilt. Anderson still needs to raise the alarm panel for station #40 (Faulkner) due to high water. Current inventory: new-style pumps – 2 brand-new plus 1 rebuilt and 3 taken to rebuild; 1 old-style pump and 0 “Special” pumps.

Boaz Community Park repairs – Mark Anderson will make sure the park (including the ball park concession stand) is winterized yet this week.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri provided an election update, including the timeline for certifying results. The *Richland Observer* incorrectly reported the Village of Boaz vote total for Joe Biden. A correction will be published in the November 19, 2020 edition.

The next regular meeting date was confirmed for Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boaz Community Building; phone conference capability will be available, also.

Trustee Gies made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Collins. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susie Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer

Resolution No. 2020-2
**A RESOLUTION FOR 2021 BUDGET ADOPTION AND TAX LEVY FOR THE
VILLAGE OF BOAZ, RICHLAND COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed the proposed revenues from all sources and the proposed expenditures for all purposes and has directed that the proposed budget for the year 2021 be adjusted accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on the proposed 2021 budget and levy for the Village of Boaz was held November 10, 2020, proper notice was given, and all interested persons were provided an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was on file and available for inspection at the Village Clerk's office two weeks before the public hearing and was included with the official notice of the public hearing, and

WHEREAS, there is appropriated out of the receipts of the Village of Boaz for the year 2021, including monies received from the general property tax levy, to the various purposes specified in the attached budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby adopts the attached operating budget for the year 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, there is hereby levied the tax levy amount of thirteen thousand two hundred ninety-six dollars (\$13,296.00) on all the taxable property within the Village of Boaz for the uses and purposes set forth in the 2021 budget for the General Account, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to spread this tax on the current tax roll of the Village of Boaz.

Adopted this 17th day of November 2020.



Jean Nicks, Village President

COUNTERSIGNED:



Susie Hauri, Village Clerk