

Village of Boaz  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, November 9, 2021  
Boaz Community Building  
6:00 p.m.

Present: President Jean Nicks, Trustee Kerry Gies, Trustee Judy Adrian

Absent: N/A

Others: Susie Hauri (Village Clerk/Treasurer), Betsy Roesler (Partners for Prevention Coalition of Richland County), Cindy Chicker (Partners for Prevention Coalition of Richland County), Nate Sievers (Alliant Energy), Troy Pittz (Alliant Energy), 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](http://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 Adrian. Motion carried.

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

Trustee Gies made a motion to approve the November 2, 2021 budget hearing minutes; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Betsy Roesler, Project Coordinator for the Drug-Free Communities grant, and Cindy Chicker, president of Partners for Prevention Coalition of Richland County, provided information about youth substance abuse prevention and the work of Partners for Prevention. A small percentage of families have a problem with substance abuse of some sort, but this small percentage has a large impact on a community's overall health. Partners for Prevention was awarded a 10-year grant at \$125,000 per year to work with communities on the strategic prevention of youth substance abuse (including alcohol, prescription drugs, marijuana, and smoking/vaping). Their question for the Village of Boaz was "How can we help you?" It was determined that it would be beneficial to return at the February regular meeting of the Village Board to provide best practices prior to the March 5<sup>th</sup> Boaz Blast Polar Nationals Tractor Pull. Key people in charge of serving alcohol at this event will be asked to attend the February meeting.

Nate Sievers, Customer Operations Supervisor, and Troy Pittz, Southwest Wisconsin Account Manager, from Alliant Energy provided information about a microgrid project to be completed in the spring of 2022. The microgrid will be installed on County Road E in the Town of Dayton as a less expensive option than replacing 15 miles of distribution lines. Between 2017 and 2019, Boaz experienced 10 whole-village power outages, and the microgrid will improve the reliability of power in the area. The microgrid will contain rechargeable batteries that will provide full electricity within microseconds in the event of a power outage. In fall of 2021, lines from the site location to the Village will be buried underground. The microgrid site construction will occur in spring of 2022 and be operational by the third quarter of 2022.

Matt Honer, Associate Planner from Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC), forwarded a public participation plan outlining the responsibilities of the Boaz Plan Commission in working with SWWRPC to complete the 2022 Boaz Comprehensive Plan Update. Trustee Gies made a motion to adopt a public participation plan for the 2022 Boaz Comprehensive Plan update; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

There were no requests for the scheduling of park events.

There were no requests for the issuance of Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's Licenses.

Public comment – there was concern voiced about the possibility of injury for children riding bikes with no lights in the Village after dark.

Trustee Gies made a motion to amend the 2021 General Account budget by moving \$1,200 from "General Administration" to "Garbage/Recycling" and \$800 from "General Buildings" to "Garbage/Recycling; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

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

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

A motion was made by Trustee Adrian to adopt the official operating 2022 budget for the General Fund and Boaz Sewer Utility and the 2022 municipal levy by resolution; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried. (Resolution No. 2021-4 is included at the end of these minutes.)

The Board reviewed the "For Your Information (FYI)" insert to be included with the 2021 property tax bills. Trustee Gies suggested adding information about how far apart the toters should be placed for more efficient pickup.

An email message from the Suicide Prevention Corporation of Iowa County introducing Adam Howarth, state representative for Veteran Suicide Prevention. The email also was sent to the Richland Hospital; Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will inquire if the Richland Hospital intends to respond with a county-wide focus. A copy of the message was given to the Boaz Lions Club for their information.

Confirmation from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the Wisconsin Information Systems for Local Roads (WISLR) 2022 Local Road Certification was received September 14, 2021. Confirmation for the 2021 pavement rating submittal was received October 28, 2021.

A complaint for recurring loud music was received by President Nicks. Attorney Eileen Brownlee was asked to draft a letter to the party creating the nuisance, and the Board reviewed the letter mailed out by Attorney Brownlee.

President Nicks shared information from the Wisconsin Towns Association on citation procedures and citation ordinances in response to the Village of Boaz having ordinances that are difficult to enforce. Attorney Eileen Brownlee noted in past advice that more specific details need to be documented in order for her to win a public nuisance conviction in court. Having the complainant fill out the required form in the clerk's office is an idea that will be tried.

Boaz Sewer Utility repairs - no repairs were needed since the last Village Board meeting. Current inventory: new-style pumps – 1 brand-new, 2 rebuilt, 1 at Area Septic to be repaired; 1 old-style pump and 1 "Special" pump.

Inspection of areas used by Mill Creek Saddle Club and return of 2 sets of keys – an inspection has been completed, and 1 set of keys has been returned.

Holiday banners for the Highway 171 bridge will be put in place soon.

No repairs were noted for Boaz Community Park. The portable toilets were pumped and the park restrooms and concession stand have been winterized.

The next regular meeting date was confirmed for Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at the Boaz Community Building; phone conference capability will be available, also.

Trustee Gies made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susie Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer

Resolution No. 2021-4  
**A RESOLUTION FOR 2022 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 2022 be adjusted accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on the proposed 2022 budget and levy for the Village of Boaz was held November 2, 2021, 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

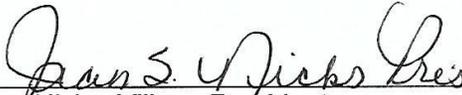
WHEREAS, there is appropriated out of the receipts of the Village of Boaz for the year 2022, including monies received from the general property tax levy, to the various purposes specified in the attached budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby adopts the attached operating budget for the year 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, there is hereby levied the tax levy amount of thirteen thousand three hundred twenty-one dollars (\$13,321.00) on all the taxable property within the Village of Boaz for the uses and purposes set forth in the 2022 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 9th day of November 2021.

  
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Jean Nicks, Village President

COUNTERSIGNED:

  
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Susie Hauri, Village Clerk