

Village of Boaz
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2022
Boaz Community Building
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: N/A

Others: Carson Hackett (Davy Engineering), Dave Huth (Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator), Betsy Roesler (Partners for Prevention Coalition); Susie Hauri (Village Clerk/Treasurer); Kathy Hansen (resident); 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 Adrian made a motion to accept the agenda; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

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

Trustee Adrian made a motion to approve the minutes of the 4/26/22 Board of Review; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Gies to approve the 5/3/22 special meeting minutes; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Boaz Sewer Utility Phosphorus Compliance – Carson Hackett of Davy Engineering reported that a stringent phosphorus limit of .075 milligrams/liter will be in place at the end of the current 5-year permit term. Options to meet this limit include (but are not limited to) batch treatments at the retention ponds, local water quality projects, Richland County water quality trade projects, and purchasing credits (currently \$54 per pound of phosphorus discharged). Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Dave Huth stated that, since only approximately 20-30 pounds of phosphorus are discharged annually, it is in the best interest of the Village to limit the options for this report to keep the cost down. Trustee Gies indicated that he would prefer completing local projects. Davy Engineering will be completing a Preliminary Compliance Alternatives Plan with a due date of 3/31/2023 contingent upon Board approval. The August meeting of the Village Board was scheduled for August 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boaz Community Building so that both Hackett and Huth could attend to better determine options that best fit the needs of the Village of Boaz. Prior to that meeting, Trustee Gies will speak with landowners in the area about possible water quality projects and encourage them to attend the August meeting. At that meeting, Operator Huth will provide the number of pounds of phosphorus discharged in the past 12 months.

Representatives of the Partners for Prevention Coalition (P4P) attended the 2021 Boaz Fun Daze, and Betsy Roesler shared an event assessment summary of what they observed related to the serving of alcohol at various outdoor events in Richland County. One simple action to help prevent underage drinking is to post “We check IDs” signs at each station that serves alcohol. Roesler will email a sign that can be used at all events hosted at Boaz Community Park.

Kathy Hansen is pursuing the possibility of a programmable LED sign to highlight businesses, clubs, and events to draw people to Boaz. The preferred location for the sign would be on the Boaz Utility Building. If a sign is available that would fit the needs of Boaz, Hanson would make a \$1,200 memorial donation. Hansen is willing to get estimates for the cost of the sign and the cost of electricity to operate the sign for the Board to consider; she will also check with Richland County Highway Commissioner Josh Elder to learn what highway setback requirements are in effect.

At the March regular meeting, Mill Creek Area Saddle Club submitted a request for Horse Shows at Boaz Community Park May 7, May 14, May 21, June 11, June 25, July 9, July 16, July 23, August 6, August 20, and September 17, 2022. Since then, events have been added for June 26, July 17, August, 27, and September 18, and there will no longer be an event on July 16. Trustee Adrian made a motion to approve these changes in events; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

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

There were no requests for public comment.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the April 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 Adrian. Motion carried.

President Nicks announced that a \$1,000 grant was received from the Richland County Fairgrounds Improvement Committee to be earmarked for the ball diamond at Boaz Community Park.

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

The Board reviewed the completed renewal applications for the Combined Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor licenses for Karen's Supper Club and Lonesome Dove Tavern, and Clerk Treasurer/Hauri stated that a legal ad was published in the 4/21/22 edition of *The Richland Observer* with no written objections received. A motion was made by Trustee Gies to renew the Combined Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor licenses for Karen's Supper Club and Lonesome Dove Tavern; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

After reviewing the completed applications and background checks, a motion was made by Trustee Adrian to renew Operator's licenses for the employees of Lonesome Dove Tavern; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

The Board is interested in offering primitive camping at the north end of Boaz Community Park. Camping was discontinued when the requirements of the 2016 Model Floodplain Ordinance went into effect. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri obtained emergency plans from the Village of Viola and the Village of Gays Mills. Darin Gudgeon, Director of Richland County Emergency Management, told Hauri that he can help the Board draft an appropriate emergency plan for Boaz Community Park to comply with the Model Floodplain Ordinance.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Annual Project and Expenditure Report that was filed 4/19/22. According to the Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA), the report due by 4/30/22 provided the "only opportunity to claim what's referred to as the 'standard allowance' for calculating revenue loss." Clerk/Treasurer Hauri took the WTA's advice and checked yes for this on the report, freeing up all ARPA funds to be used for any government service other than those explicitly prohibited by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Final Rule. To date, \$7.28 was used toward distributing N95 masks to the public, and \$159.94 was used to purchase a steel rolling cart to assist with moving Village meetings from the office to the gathering room due to COVID-19. The total ARPA allowance for the Village of Boaz is \$15,281.61; \$7,640.80 of that amount was received 6/21/21. It was noted that this money may be used by Boaz Sewer Utility for expenses to comply with the upcoming stringent phosphorus limits.

No action was taken on updating members of the Boaz Plan Commission, and this item will be placed on the June agenda.

Trustee Kerry Gies reported that the Village of Boaz/Town of Dayton Spring Clean-up 5/7/22 went well and would be even better if the Richland County Tire & Recycling Event was scheduled for a week later in May.

The yield sign for the intersection of Jefferson and Main Streets will be ordered soon.

All signature updates were completed at Richland County Bank and WCCU Credit Union.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri is currently reading the second 70 pages of the draft code of ordinances and is waiting for a response from Attorney Eileen Brownlee on the questions and possible edits for the first 70 pages.

At the community building, a 10-foot gutter needs to be installed on the roof of the shelter over the concrete pad. Also, an end cap needs to be installed at the peak above the front door. Kevin Jasper will collect and deliver the water sample for the community building and park when he completes the sample for Lonesome Dove Tavern.

Boaz Sewer Utility repairs – No repairs have been needed since the last meeting. Mark Anderson has been mowing the ponds. Current inventory: new-style pumps – 1 brand-new, 3 rebuilt; 1 old-style pump and 1 “Special” pump.

Preparations for Boaz Fun Daze are in full swing!

Park repairs needed are mulching, seats for swings, chain link fence repairs, and leveling the gazebo. President Nicks has been painting the spools donated by Alliant Energy.

The next regular meeting date was confirmed for June 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boaz Community Building.

Trustee Gies made a motion to adjourn at 8:58 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susan Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer