

Village of Boaz  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, September 13, 2022  
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), Nate Sievers (Alliant Energy), Troy Pittz (Alliant Energy), Graham Cassellius (Alliant Energy), Gladys Anderson (resident)

President Nicks called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 August regular meeting minutes; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Nate Sievers, Customer Operations Supervisor, Troy Pittz, Southwest Wisconsin Account Manager, and Graham Cassellius, Agricultural Representative, from Alliant Energy provided an update on the microgrid project being installed on County Road E in the Town of Dayton to serve the Village of Boaz. The system is in place, and testing will begin by the beginning of October. The microgrid contains iron sulfate batteries that will provide 8 hours of full voltage within microseconds of a power outage. Alliant Energy also will have an emergency action plan in place before the system is live and operational in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2022.

The Southwest Pullers Truck and Tractor Pull (originally scheduled for September 11, 2022) was moved to October 1, 2022. A Certificate of Insurance general liability covering that date has yet to be submitted to the clerk's office. There is also a wedding in the park that day.

Trustee Gies made a motion to issue a Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's License to Mill Creek Area Saddle Club for the October 1, 2022 Truck and Tractor pull, contingent upon receiving a Certificate of Insurance for \$500,000 liquor liability covering that date; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

There were no requests for public comment.

2022 Park Improvements were reviewed. A \$1,000 Richland County Fairgrounds Improvement Grant and a \$500 donation from the Boaz Lions Club were used toward the new scoreboard for the ball diamond. \$4,500 (of \$10,500) from "Future Expenses - Park Improvement Account" was used toward the new scoreboard and sponsor panel, park swings, concession stand refrigerator, picnic tables, and electrical improvements.

Anticipated remaining park expenses for 2022 were reviewed. Trustee Adrian made a motion to amend the 2022 General Account budget by moving \$500 from "Buildings" to "Park"; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the August 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.

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

President Nicks signed the maps for the 2023 Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads (WISLR) local road mileage certification. On the maps, Dayton Ridge Street was changed to Dayton Ridge Road to match the Richland County mapping system and the U.S. Postal Service records.

Boaz Parade Day is scheduled for October 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. with line-up at noon on Park Drive. The Boaz Lions Club will be hosting a food stand fundraiser outdoors by the playground shelters beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The Board reviewed the "For Your Information (FYI)" insert to be included with the third quarter sewer billing statements.

Official dates for 2023 Boaz Fun Daze will be determined at the October meeting, as pulling sled dates have yet to be confirmed.

The Wisconsin Department of Administration Demographic Services Center's preliminary estimate of the January 1, 2022 population for the Village of Boaz is 129. This represents a change of 0 persons 90.00%) since the 2020 Census. The numbers on the two WIS 171 population signs need to be changed, and Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will contact the Richland County Highway Department about this.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation announced an upcoming resurface project covering 10.41 miles of US 14 between the Vernon County line and Kalish Lane (just east of WIS 171). The project includes replacing the bridge over the West Branch of Mill Creek, and a detour will be required during the bridge replacement. The signed detour will utilize US 61 and WIS 171, and access to all properties adjacent to US 14 will be maintained. The anticipated construction is currently scheduled for the summer of 2028 but could be advanced to 2025 if funds become available.

The Board discussed items for the 2023 budget. A replacement door to the men's restroom in the park is needed, and about \$1,500 of concrete work will be completed in 2023. Election costs may increase, depending on decisions pending by the Richland County Board.

When the Boaz Sewer Utility was installed beginning in 1992, 40 permanent sewer easements were signed but possibly not recorded. Attorney Eileen Brownlee indicated she has copies of the easements drafted by Attorney John N. (Nick) Kraemer but no originals. Copies were found in the clerk's office but no originals. Michael Davy of Davy Engineering indicated that they would not have received any original easements/deeds documents and have not found any copies on file. Only original documents may be recorded. Register of Deeds Susan Triggs looked up two of the easements but could find no recordings. Davy recommended that an additional search take place in case the easements were recorded incorrectly. Mark Crary of TitleWorks LLC has a better indexing system than Richland County, and he has been hired to research one of the permanent sewer easements to see if he can find a recording of it anywhere. If not, it may be in the best interest of Boaz Sewer Utility to redraft the easements and see that they are signed and properly recorded.

Matt Honer of Southwest Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC) was scheduled to appear at the August meeting but had to postpone. He will attend the October Board meeting to provide a Boaz Comprehensive Plan and Outdoor Recreation plan update. A communication will be sent to the Boaz Plan Commissioners requesting their attendance at this portion of the meeting.

The Board reviewed the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Response to the 2021 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR).

A 10-foot gutter still needs to be installed above the concrete pad by the rear door of the community building.

Boaz Sewer Utility repairs: There are no pump repairs to report. Mark Anderson has been mowing the ponds regularly and responding to Diggers Hotline tickets. Current inventory: new-style pumps – 1 brand-new, 3 rebuilt; 1 old-style pump and 1 “Special” pump.

No park repairs were identified.

The next regular meeting date was confirmed for October 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boaz Community Building. The Budget Hearing will be November 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. and Regular Board meeting November 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. These meetings will have phone conference capability.

Trustee Gies made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susan Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer