

Village of Boaz
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2023
Boaz Community Building
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: N/A

Others: Ken Nicks, Sr. (Boaz Plan Commission), Josh Elder (Boaz Plan Commission), Kevin Jasper (Boaz Plan Commission), Troy Maggied (Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission), Tony Dougherty (Rural Mutual Insurance Company), Carson Hackett (Davy Engineering, Incorporated), Susie Hauri (Village Clerk/Treasurer)

President Nicks called the meeting to order at 6:08 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 Adrian. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Gies to approve the January caucus minutes; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Trustee Adrian made a motion to approve the January regular meeting minutes; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Adrian to approve the minutes of the January special audit meeting; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

At the public hearing preceding this meeting, the Boaz Plan Commission adopted Resolution No. 2023-1 A Resolution to Recommend the Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan 2023-2033 for the Village of Boaz, Richland County, Wisconsin. The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to provide a community-informed and directed vision and guide for the Village of Boaz over the next ten years. The plan includes "Community and Economic Development" and "Resiliency" goals and actions. Trustee Gies made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-1 An Ordinance to Adopt the Comprehensive Plan 2023-2033 for the Village of Boaz, Richland County, Wisconsin; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

At the November regular meeting, the Boaz Village Board adopted the Village of Boaz Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP). This will make the Village eligible to apply for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WIDNR) Outdoor Recreation grants for the next five years. Recommendations for Outdoor Recreation on pages 26 and 27 of the CORP were reviewed. A handicapped accessible upgrades package, including a fishing pier and portable toilet, was a project identified to pursue for Boaz Community Park. Plan Commissioner Josh Elder will work with Trustee Kerry Gies to determine budget numbers for materials and in-kind donations/labor for a handicapped-accessible fishing pier. President Nicks will look into options for a handicapped-accessible portable toilet. Troy Maggied will contact WIDNER to find out how to navigate floodplain requirements with the outdoor recreation grant process. This information will be needed for the April 11, 2023 regular meeting.

Rural Mutual Insurance Agent Tony Dougherty explained the 2023 insurance package to the Board and answered questions. The addition to the concession stand by the horse arena was noted.

Carson Hackett of Davy Engineering, Incorporated provided a draft of the Preliminary Compliance Alternatives Plan for Boaz Wastewater Treatment Facility to be submitted to WIDNR; Hackett also included a summary of the plan. Practical and affordable alternatives to meeting WIDNR's increasingly stringent phosphorus discharge requirements are:

- 1) a multi-discharger variance (for approximately two years until 1.0 mg/L phosphorus discharge requirement goes into effect); approximate cost is \$2,800 per year
- 2) water quality trading credits (approximately 100-150 credits will be needed to achieve compliance; Hackett worked with Richland County to identify a few projects close to Boaz; approximate project cost is \$28,000 to obtain the credits needed and is a one-time cost as long as the projects are maintained and the phosphorus discharge amount remains roughly the same)

Hackett also worked with Robert Wynn, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) Southwest Region Utility Coordinator, to verify that none of the Village of Boaz sewer utilities pose any conflict to the DOT's overlay project from Rolling Ground to Boaz (including State Highway 171).

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the financial information and grinder pump kilowatts used to be included in the 2022 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for Boaz Sewer Utility. Trustee Adrian made a motion to accept the figures to be included in the 2022 CMAR; seconded by Trustee Gies. 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 or Temporary Operator's Licenses.

There were no requests for public comment.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the January 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Gies to request the domain name of boazwi.gov for the Village of Boaz website; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried. President Nicks signed the letter of request to .Gov Domain Registration. The domain villageofboaz.com will be maintained through the Richland Center Shopping News after the domain name change takes place.

Ordinance 2020-3 Establishing a Fire Numbering System in the Village of Boaz was adopted May 12, 2020, but signs have yet to be purchased. President Nicks provided pricing (\$26.45 per sign, plus \$6.00 per steel post), and Clerk/Treasurer Hauri provided the Richland County Uniform Numbering System Sign Placement Standards and the Boaz 911 address list. Approximately 60 signs will be needed. Properties in the Village that already have blue 911 signs will be determined before any orders are placed. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will draft an announcement to be approved by the Village Board for insertion in the March sewer billing. Trustee Adrian made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the 911 signs; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried. President Nicks will verify existing signs and obtain the materials, and Ken Nicks, Sr. will assist with the installation of the signs.

Two alternates are needed to be on-call for the April 25, 2023 Board of Review (4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.). A list of names was generated, and Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will make the phone calls.

Trustee Gies made a motion to increase the Clerk/Treasurer salary by \$80 per month; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Boaz Community Building Repairs: The rain gutter over the concrete pad by the back door needs to be extended in order to abate water dripping and forming ice on the pad.

Boaz Sewer Utility repairs: Mark Anderson delivered a total of three pumps to Area Septic Installation, but only one could be repaired. Anderson ordered a new pump with alarm panel and cables. Current inventory: new-style pumps – 2 rebuilt and 1 new; 1 old-style pump and 1 “Special” pump. (The connections for the “Special” pump can be changed out to be used as a new-style pump, if needed.)

Boaz Community Park repairs: Restroom repairs will be needed in the spring due to vandalism discovered in August; some portable toilet repairs will be needed, also.

There will be a Boaz Fun Daze meeting Saturday, February 25, 2023.

February 21, 2023 Spring Primary update: Of 75 registered voters, 21 ballots were cast for 28% voter turnout. There were 0 provisional ballots. 2 absentee ballots were issued; 1 ballot was returned by 8:00 p.m. and was counted. Thank you, Boaz election inspectors, for your accurate work!

Youth4Change will be hosting a breakfast Monday, March 6, 2023 at UW-Richland. President Nicks and Trustee Adrian will attend.

Confirmed meetings (both at the Boaz Community Building with phone conference capability):

- **March 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** regular meeting of the Boaz Village Board
- **April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** regular meeting of the Boaz Village Board (Troy Maggied of Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission will attend to help move forward the potential handicapped-accessible upgrades package for Boaz Community Park)

Trustee Gies made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susan Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer