

Village of Boaz  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023  
Boaz Community Building  
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: N/A

Others: Carson Hackett (Professional Engineer, Davy Engineering Company), Susie Hauri (Village Clerk/Treasurer)

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

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

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

A letter was received from Caitlin O'Connell, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Wastewater Engineer indicating that the Preliminary Compliance Alternatives Plan submitted by Davy Engineering Company March 15, 2023 satisfies the requirements of the compliance schedule. Of all the options explored, water quality trading (WQT) and a short-term Multi-Discharger variance (MDV) were the most realistic alternatives to comply with the increasingly stringent phosphorus limits. Mr. Hackett reviewed the WDNR response with the Board.

The next required action for the compliance schedule is the submittal of the Final Compliance Alternatives Plan (FCAP) by March 31, 2024. O'Connell's response outlined additional requirements to be submitted with the FCAP if pursuing WQT and MDV. Trustee Gies made a motion to authorize Davy Engineering Company to complete the Final Compliance Alternatives Plan (FCAP) due March 31, 2024 for Boaz Wastewater Treatment Facility at an estimated cost of \$5,000; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Adrian to authorize Davy Engineering Company to complete the Water Quality Trade Investigation and Report to submit simultaneously with the FCAP for Boaz Wastewater Treatment Facility at an estimated cost of \$10,000; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

President Nicks signed the proposals to authorize the work for the FCAP and Water Quality Trade Investigation and Report. Mr. Hackett stated that water samples were taken at two potential WQT project sites and that he would be seeking grants and no-interest loans as part of the agreements.

President Nicks reported that the Richland County Sheriff's Department is monitoring the area more for ATV/UTV violations and that they will enforce the Richland Center curfew hours ordinance. *Note: All ATV and UTV operators born on or after January 1, 1988 who are at least 12 years old for ATV (and at least 16 years old for UTV) must possess a valid ATV safety certificate.*

*Operators must be in possession of this certificate while operating in areas open to the public such as trails, routes, and frozen waterways and display it to a law enforcement officer upon request. All children age 12-15 must be accompanied by an adult while operating on a designated ATV Route, regardless if they possess an ATV Safety Certificate. Exceptions: legal crossing and operation for agricultural purposes.*

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 April 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.

Two Operator's License applications with background checks were reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Adrian to issue an Operator' License to Krista J. Unbehaun of Lonesome Dove Tavern, LLC; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried. Trustee Gies made a motion to issue an Operator's License to Jamie L. Dobbs Wilkinson of Lonesome Dove Tavern, LLC; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Of the 78 address points in the Village of Boaz, 50 have structures in the special flood hazard area (SFHA), and 37 of those structures are dwellings. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri has been working on materials to carry out a substantial damage plan, and now the Board needs to draft and adopt a substantial damage plan. The Board reviewed substantial damage requirements should there be damage to structures in the special flood hazard area (SFHA). The Board also reviewed components of a substantial damage plan, should there be wide-spread flooding in the Village of Boaz. One of the requirements is to complete damage assessments and require building permits before a property owner can begin repairs. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri stated that Michael Reuter of Wisconsin Municipal Building Inspection Agency could be hired to complete the damage assessments and, to keep the program uniform, issue the building permits as well. Trustee Adrian made a motion to include in the Village of Boaz Substantial Damage Plan the hiring of Michael Reuter to complete the damage assessments and issue building permits; seconded by President Nicks. Motion carried with 1 active abstention.

When the Boaz Sewer was constructed in 1992, 40 permanent easements were drafted, signed, and notarized but were never recorded at the Richland County Register of Deeds. Only original documents may be recorded, and the original easements have never been found. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri found copies of the easements in the Village office. Attorney Eileen Brownlee has copies of the easements, as does Davy Engineering Company. A motion was made by Trustee Gies to have as many permanent easements as possible redrafted and properly recorded, beginning with the properties of Trustee Gies and President Nicks; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Boaz Plan Commission terms expired for President Nicks and Ken Nicks, Sr. Trustee Gies was added, and the Board needs to find one person to serve a 3-year term on the Boaz Plan Commission and let Clerk/Treasurer Hauri know who that person is.

Other than a delay in receiving the ordered number of dumpsters, the May 6<sup>th</sup> Village of Boaz/Town of Dayton Spring Clean-up Day went well. Next year's Spring Clean-up will take place Saturday, May 4, 2024.

The domain boazwi.gov has been approved, and the technical point of contact at the Shopping News needs to connect the address to the Village of Boaz website.

There was no update to report on the 911 sign installations.

Boaz Sewer Utility repairs: Station #39 (Craig rental): President Nicks stated that Scott Wallace visited the station on Friday, April 14, 2023 to figure out why the breaker kept tripping, causing the pump not to work. No update was received by Wallace, and no bill was received. Otherwise, there were no sewer repairs since the April meeting.

Mark Anderson still needs to bury the cord at Station #10 (Hohler, Peterson, Persinger). Anderson said he is doing field work and should be able to contact Dave Huth about exercising the valves in the manholes at the end of July.

Anderson is working on changing the ignition switch on the tractor so he can begin mowing at the ponds. The salt/sander is off the plow truck, and Anderson will take the truck in for 100,000 maintenance and fuel line repairs.

Current inventory: new-style pumps – 4 rebuilt; 1 old-style pump. (There will be no more special pumps.)

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 Community Park repairs: Restroom repairs are needed due to vandalism discovered in August; some portable toilet repairs are needed, also. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will contact Richland Septic to pump all the portable toilets, add water, rinse, and leave a message on President Nicks's phone when the work is complete. President Nicks said she will obtain one single portable toilet and one handicapped accessible portable toilet. Trustee Gies indicated he will be getting concrete poured soon, and will install the Willis Burns memorial bench by the ball diamond.

No action concerning Boaz Fun Daze was needed at this time.

The next regular meeting date was confirmed for June 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boaz Community Building. This meeting will have phone conference capability.

Trustee Gies made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susan Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer