

Village of Boaz
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Boaz Community Building
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: N/A

Others: Misty Molzof (Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC) Local Government Services Specialist), Joshua Elder (Boaz Plan Commissioner), Kevin Jasper (Boaz Plan Commissioner and business owner), Gladys Anderson (resident), 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. 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.

At the April regular meeting, the Village Board adopted Resolution No. 2023-2 A Resolution authorizing the Village of Boaz, Richland County, Wisconsin Officials to Apply for State of Wisconsin DNR Funding. At that meeting, it was determined that the Village Board would review the Village of Boaz Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) and formulate a general park improvement plan prior to the September meeting, when a representative from Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC) would return. However, summer events in the park and other commitments did not allow the Board enough time and energy to formulate the park plan. Trustee Gies made a motion to defer to the Boaz Plan Commission to develop a 15-year park project plan to implement the CORP; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried. A Boaz Plan Commission meeting was scheduled for November 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. to complete this work, and Misty Molzof of SWWRPC will assist. After a plan has been developed, funding can be sought through the Stewardship Local Units of Government, Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and Recreational Trails Grant programs.

The October 1, 2023 application deadline for the WDNR grant specifically for piers made the planning of the handicapped accessible fishing pier project seem rushed. Plan Commissioner Elder suggested applying for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Sport Fish Restoration Fishing Pier Grant in the next grant cycle after the park plan has been completed.

Boaz Fun Daze submitted a request for a benefit truck and tractor pull at Boaz Community Park on October 7-8, 2023. The Certificates of Liability Insurance for the event are on file in the clerk's office. Trustee Adrian made a motion to approve this event; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Gies to issue a Temporary Class "B" / "Class B" Retailer's License to Mill Creek Area Saddle Club for the October 7-8, 2023 event, contingent upon receiving a Certificate of Insurance for \$500,000 liquor liability covering those dates; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

There were no requests for public comment.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the August treasurer's report for the Sewer Utility Account and General Account. Trustee Gies made a motion to accept a correction to the report for the Sewer Utility Account during the presentation; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried. Trustee

Adrian made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for both accounts; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

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

Carson Hackett of Davy Engineering provided an email update on the Water Quality Trade Investigation and Report for the Final Compliance Alternatives Plan for Boaz Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Village needs to secure approximately 101-151 pounds of credits (to achieve compliance down to the final limit of 0.075 mg/L), and approximately 93 pounds of credits have been identified to date. The Board and Plan Commissioner Elder provided two more properties to be forwarded to Davy Engineering.

There was no update to report on the permanent sewer easements.

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

After the Board reviewed the application, certificate for completion of server course, and background check, Trustee Gies made a motion to issue an Operator's license to Dana M. Olson of Lonesome Dove Tavern; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

No discussion or action was needed for Boaz Parade Day 2023.

2024 Budget needs submitted by the Board were a handicapped accessible pier in Boaz Community Park and fire number signs. A lean-to on the back side of the utility building (to store the loader for the tractor that has never been used and currently being stored in the building) was discussed. However, it was determined that placing the loader on plywood on the ground behind the building would be sufficient.

The Board reviewed Richland County ATV/UTV Ordinance No. 22-16 and Village ATV/UTV Ordinances No. 2017-2 and 2018-2. If the Board would repeal the Village ordinances and adopt the County ordinance, Richland County would enforce the County ordinance. Trustee Adrian made a motion to table this item until a question is answered by the Village attorney; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

President Nicks signed the maps for the 2024 Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads (WISLR) local road mileage certification.

Trustee Gies will complete the Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads (WISLR) 2023 pavement ratings yet this month, and Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will enter the ratings in the web-based software.

No action will be taken regarding Dog Regulation Ordinance No. 9 until questions are answered by the Village attorney.

The Board reviewed the Village FYI insert to be included with the September sewer billing; no changes were suggested.

Through an email message, an advisor from Focus on Energy offered to assist the Village in getting rebates for energy efficient lighting and equipment. Lighting for the ball diamond and pulling track needs to be replaced, and lighting will be needed for the walkway for the handicapped accessible pier project. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will forward these needs to see if they qualify.

The Board and Plan Commissioner Elder agreed that the Village of Boaz would not benefit from the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP).

With a firm deadline of October 2, 2023, the Village of Boaz will not be applying for any WDNR urban forestry grants this year.

A plugged tube at the intersection of Jackson and Fayette Streets has been reported. Trustee Gies stated that the ends of the tube have filled in with sod. President Nicks will ask Rusty Achenbach to remove the sod to open the tube.

Sewer Update: No repairs have been reported since the last meeting. Mark Anderson mowed the ponds on 8/31 & 9/1. The valves have yet to be exercised. President Nicks will ask Rusty Achenbach to schedule an appointment with Dave Huth to complete this. 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. The front door of the Community Building needs to be adjusted to open with less force. Floor waxing will take place September 25, 2023.

Boaz Community Park repairs: Water sample reports arrived, and no action needs to be taken. Concrete will be poured for the scales and the Lions Building sidewalk. There are additional cameras for the park yet to be installed. A motion was made by Trustee Gies to install an additional driveway at the north end of Boaz Community Park to accommodate to provide access for semis and additional parking; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried. Plan Commissioner Elder will make a few phone calls about this, and Trustee Gies will sign the paperwork when it is ready.

The following regular meeting dates were confirmed (all at the Boaz Community Building with phone conference capability):

- October 10, 2023 - regular Board meeting 6:00 p.m.
- November 7, 2023 - budget hearing 4:00 p.m.
- November 14, 2023 - Plan Commission 5:00 p.m. for park plan (Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission)
- November 14, 2023 - regular Board meeting 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Gies made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susan Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer