

Village of Boaz  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023  
Boaz Community Building  
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: N/A

Others: Troy Maggied (Executive Director, Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC)), 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](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 September regular meeting minutes; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Trustee Gies made a motion to approve the Scope of Work and cost provided by SWWRPC to complete grant writing for Boaz Community Park projects, not to exceed \$4,800; seconded by President Nicks. Motion carried. A Boaz Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. to develop a 15-year park project plan to implement the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP). Misty Molzof of SWWRPC will assist. After a plan has been developed, funding can be sought through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Sport Fish Restoration Fishing Pier Grant, Stewardship Local Units of Government, Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreational Trails Grant programs.

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 September treasurer's report for the Sewer Utility Account and General Account. Trustee Gies made a motion 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.

There was no update on the Water Quality Trading projects for Boaz Sewer Utility.

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

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

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

The ends of the tube at the intersection of Jackson and Fayette Streets have filled in with sod. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri thought that Trustee Gies said the problem was abated, but she was mistaken. President Nicks will ask Rusty Achenbach to remove the sod to open the tube.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri inquired if there needs to be any more mowing along streets; if not, she will bill the Village of Boaz for tractor rent to be paid to Boaz Sewer Utility. She also inquired if there needs to be any more mowing at the retention ponds. President Nicks will ask Rusty Achenbach to check on both and mow, if necessary.

The valves in the manholes have not been exercised. President Nicks will contact Rusty Achenbach about this. Trustee Gies indicated that he anticipates being trained in confined entry procedures; if that happens, he can accompany Achenbach when he exercises the valves. If Trustee Gies does not complete confined entry training, Achenbach will need to contact Dave Huth to accompany him.

In September, 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 chooses to repeal the Village ordinances and adopt the County ordinance, Richland County would enforce the County ordinance. The main differences in the ordinances are that the County ordinance requires a driver's license and allows hours of operation from 4:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. all year, while the Village ordinance does not require a driver's license but restricts hours of operation to daylight hours only. Trustee Gies indicated that Kevin Jasper of Dayton Ridge Runners probably does not know anything about this, and Gies will provide him with an update. After discussing the item, the Board decided to think about it more before the November meeting. Before the November meeting, President Nicks will check with Richland County for an ordinance that can be signed should the Board choose to do so. At the same time, President Nicks will ask Richland County which municipalities have adopted the new ordinance so far.

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 Naomi M. Newman of Lonesome Dove Tavern; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Trustee Adrian made a motion to transfer \$15,000 from the Boaz Sewer Utility checking account to the Boaz Sewer Utility savings account (\$10,000 to the Phosphorous Compliance Reserve Fund and \$5,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund); seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented 2024 budgets for Boaz Sewer Utility and the General Fund and a completed (but not filed) 2024 Levy Limit Worksheet. A motion was made by Trustee Gies to endorse the proposed 2024 budget for Boaz Sewer Utility, the proposed 2024 budget for the General Fund, and the proposed 2024 tax levy for the Village of Boaz to present at the November 7, 2023 public budget hearing; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Trustee Adrian made a motion to pay \$16.00 per hour for 2023-2024 snow plowing; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried. The Board noted that the person(s) doing the plowing needs to see the Clerk/Treasurer to fill out employment paperwork and photocopy the driver's license to submit to Rural Mutual Insurance.

The Board reviewed the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) response to the 2022 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for Boaz Wastewater Treatment Facility that was received in September.

Sewer Update: No repairs have been reported since the last meeting. President Nicks will contact Rusty Achenbach about mowing at the retention ponds and exercising valves in the manholes. 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 to abate water dripping and forming ice on the pad. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will look for someone to align the Community Building doors and replace the door assists.

Boaz Community Park repairs: Clerk/Treasurer signed and submitted a State Trunk Highway Connection Application for the new driveway at the north end of the park. Before purchasing any lights for the ball diamond/park, the proposed lighting information should be given to Clerk/Treasurer Hauri to submit to Focus on Energy to see if rebate(s) apply. A dead tree needs to be removed in the park. There was a suggestion to have a spring community workday in the park.

President Nicks will contact Dave Huth about emptying the portable toilets in the park for the season. She also will contact Rusty Achenbach about draining the water in the park.

President Nicks reported that she submitted a claim to Rural Mutual Insurance for the fallen light pole at the ball diamond.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented historical information about land acquisition for Boaz Community Park. In 1974, the Village Board began looking for park land and purchased 5.48 acres (parcel 17-23-B) west of State Highway 171 from A. Leroy Walter. In 1978, an additional 3.53 acres for the park (2.65 acres parcel 17-23-C and 0.88 acres parcel 17-5-A) were purchased by the Village of Boaz. In 1984, Walter sold the remainder of his land in the village to Kenneth and Madeline Huffman. Shortly after the purchase, the Huffmans sold the remaining land on the west side of State Highway 171 to the Village of Boaz. This purchase of 5.25 acres (0.25 added to parcel 7-23-C and 5.00 added to parcel 17-5-A) brought the total park acreage to 14.26. On July 16, 1984, a quit claim deed for the land west of State Highway 171 to the center of Mill Creek was recorded (Volume 174, Page 349), with the Huffmans as grantors and the Village of Boaz as grantee. A copy of all supporting documents, including the quit claim deed and 1984 minutes of the Boaz Village Board and Park Board were submitted to President Nicks and are on file in the Clerk's office. Current parcel numbers (and acres) in the park: 106-2022-5000 (5.48), 106-2022-5100 (2.90), and 106-2022-5200 (5.88) for a total 14.26 acres.

Meeting reminders (all at the Boaz Community Building with phone conference capability):

- 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 Adrian made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susan Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer