

Village of Boaz
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Boaz Community Building
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: N/A

Others: Gladys Anderson (resident); 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 <https://boazwi.gov/meetings>. Proper notice to news media (*The Richland Observer*) had been given.

Trustee Adrian made a motion to accept the agenda; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

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

Trustee Adrian made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2024 Budget and Levy for the Village of Boaz; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

No action was needed by the Village Board regarding the Boaz Community Park Plan.

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 October 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Adrian to amend the 2023 General Account budget by moving \$100 from General Administration to Insurance; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri entered the 2023 pavement ratings in the Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads (WISLR) web-based software and gave a copy of that submission to Trustee Gies.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri, Carson Hackett of Davy Engineering Co., and David Huth of Richland Septic LLC received notice that the Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit for the Village of Boaz Wastewater Treatment Facility expires March 31, 2025. The application for the reissuance of this WPDES permit is due October 2, 2024.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri and Carson Hackett received notice that a State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025 Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) Intent to Apply (ITA) has been successfully submitted on 10/23/2023 for the Boaz Water Quality Treatment project. A separate email will be sent when the ITA has been reviewed and accepted.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri followed up with Attorney Eileen Brownlee about the permanent sewer easements. Attorney Brownlee is not sure if the legal descriptions that were used in 1992 will satisfy current requirements, and the need for additional research is causing the delay.

There was no update on exercising the valves in the manholes.

There was no update on mowing at the retention ponds and along Village streets.

There was no update on the 911 sign installations.

There was no update on the plugged tube at the intersection of Jackson and Fayette Streets.

There was no update on an employee for snow plowing. Trustee Gies said he would talk to Jason Edgerly, Dan Shannon, and Bernie Kern.

President Nicks reported that the portable toilets have had end-of-season maintenance, the water is drained in the park, and the flush toilets are locked.

There was no update on the Insurance claim for light pole(s) in Boaz Community Park.

Trustee Gies reported that he spoke with Andy Hofer at the Richland County Highway Shop to move the Boaz population highway sign, as it is in the middle of the foot of the new driveway at the north end of the park. Approximately 6 more loads of fill will be needed to complete the driveway.

The Board asked Clerk/Treasurer Hauri to acquire an ordinance to repeal the Village ATV/UTV Ordinances and adopt Richland County ATV/UTV Ordinance No. 22-16.

A motion was made by Trustee Gies to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-3 An Ordinance to Repeal an Ordinance of the Village of Boaz, Richland County, Wisconsin, Adopted July 1, 1991, and Related to the Regulation of Dogs; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

After the Board reviewed the Original Alcohol Beverage Retail License Application, Auxiliary Questionnaire, Schedule for Appointment of Agent by Limited Liability Company, certificate for completion of server course, and background check, Trustee Adrian made a motion to issue an original Combined Class "B" and "Class B" Liquor license to Mill Creek Pub & Grill LLC; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

After the Board reviewed the applications, certificates for completion of server course, and background checks, Trustee Gies made a motion to issue Operator's licenses to Mary Ellen J. Haylock and Samantha J. Pinkham of Lonesome Dove Tavern; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Adrian to adopt the 2024 Budget and Tax Levy for the Village of Boaz by Resolution No. 2023-3; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried. A signed copy of the resolution is included at the end of these minutes.

The Board reviewed the Village FYI to be included with the 2023 tax bills. No changes to the document were requested.

Wisconsin Help for Homeowners (WHH) is a statewide program that can help with overdue bills like mortgage payments, property taxes, utilities, and more. The program is open to individuals and families who live in Wisconsin with overdue housing-related bills, both with and without a mortgage, who meet income and other eligibility requirements, and have experienced a qualified economic hardship since January 21, 2020. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri reported to the Board that she signed an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) agreeing to apply any money received by the DOA to the sewer accounts and/or tax bills as directed. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri also gave the Board an insert about WHH that will be included with the 2023 tax bills.

The Board reviewed the 2023 Alliant Energy bills for Boaz Community Park for the summer months. Adequate payments were received for electricity, portable toilet maintenance, and concession stand use from the organizations that hosted large events in the park.

Sewer Update: The pump at Station #39 (Craig rental) was replaced with a rebuilt pump 11-7-23. Boaz Sunrise Septic Service pumped the station so repairs could begin. Rewiring was completed by Ken Nicks, Sr. Mark Anderson said he would take the pump to Area Septic Installation on 11/16 or 11/21. Current inventory: new-style pumps – 3 rebuilt and 1 needing repairs; 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 contacted Mike Marshall to align the Community Building doors and replace the door assists.

Boaz Community Park repairs needed: ball diamond lighting (the proposed lighting information should be given to Clerk/Treasurer Hauri to submit to Focus on Energy to see if rebate(s) apply), dead tree, gazebo, camera installation, concrete work.

The next regular meeting date was confirmed for December 12, 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 7:23 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susan Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer

Resolution No. 2023-3
**A RESOLUTION FOR 2024 BUDGET ADOPTION AND TAX LEVY FOR THE
VILLAGE OF BOAZ, RICHLAND COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed the proposed revenues from all sources and the proposed expenditures for all purposes and has directed that the proposed budget for the year 2024 be adjusted accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on the proposed 2024 budget and levy for the Village of Boaz was held November 7, 2023, proper notice was given, and all interested persons were provided an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was on file and available for inspection at the Village Clerk's office two weeks before the public hearing and was included with the official notice of the public hearing, and


WHEREAS, there is appropriated out of the receipts of the Village of Boaz for the year 2024, including monies received from the general property tax levy, to the various purposes specified in the attached budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby adopts the attached operating budget for the year 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, there is hereby levied the tax levy amount of thirteen thousand five hundred eighty-one dollars (\$13,581.00) on all the taxable property within the Village of Boaz for the uses and purposes set forth in the 2024 budget for the General Account, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to spread this tax on the current tax roll of the Village of Boaz.

Adopted this 14th day of November 2023.



Jean Nicks, Village President

COUNTERSIGNED:



Susan Hauri, Village Clerk