

Village of Boaz
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Boaz Community Building
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: N/A

Others: Carson Hackett (Davy Engineering Co.), Tony Dougherty (Rural Mutual Insurance Co.); 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 <https://boazwi.gov/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.

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

Carson Hackett, Professional Engineer at Davy Engineering Co., provided the Board with an update of water quality treatment projects to offset phosphorus discharged from the retention ponds. A total of 179 pounds of phosphorus was found from six projects. There should be no need to apply for a multi-discharger variance or to complete chemical batch treatments at the ponds. An estimated one-time cost for the project work is \$200,000; Hackett will be seeking grants and no-interest loans to fund the projects. Offsetting phosphorus discharged from the ponds is a requirement for Boaz Wastewater Treatment Facility to be eligible for future Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permits.

Rural Mutual Insurance Co. Agent Tony Dougherty explained the 2024 insurance package to the Board and answered questions.

President Nicks reported that she has been in contact with the insurance claims adjuster about the claim for the light pole at the ball diamond, and that she contacted Alliant Energy to see if they can assist with the replacement. The other five poles will need to be replaced, also.

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.

A public comment slip was forwarded to the Board. Prior to the meeting, President Nicks and Trustee Gies separately viewed the situation. The trench in question was originally created by the Village to divert water away from dwellings on Jefferson Street and has been cleaned out by a landowner. Trustee Gies will speak to the landowner about adjusting the trench farther out. It was reported that the horse manure pile will be sold in the spring.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the December 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 transfer the Boaz Sewer Utility Equipment Replacement Fund (\$85,667.83) from the sewer savings account to a 6-month certificate of deposit at Richland County Bank with the current signers on file; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

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

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue 2023 Debt Margin Report was reviewed. Allowable debt for the Village of Boaz is \$235,950; actual debt is \$0.

Two proposed ATV/UTV ordinances were reviewed for accuracy. A motion was made by Trustee Gies to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-1 Repealing Ordinance Nos. 2017-2, 2018-1, and 2018-2 Related to All-Terrain Vehicle and Utility Terrain Vehicle Operation and Routes in the Village of Boaz; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Trustee Adrian made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-2 Adopting Richland County Ordinance No. 22-16, Entitled "An Ordinance for All-Terrain and Utility-Terrain Vehicle Use in Richland County" in the Village of Boaz; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Gies to enter into agreement no. 2024-1 with Town and Country Sanitation for the collection and disposal of garbage and recycle materials for the next 5 years; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Draft paperwork and attorney opinion were reviewed for a possible disconnection from Boaz Sewer System.

The electrical service for the self-powered pump at Station #39 is not adequate to operate the pump. President Nicks contacted Alliant Energy and an electrician to install a meter to be billed to the Village of Boaz (Sewer).

The pump at Station #39 (Craig rental) was replaced with a rebuilt pump 1-12-24. That pump was then replaced with another rebuilt pump 1-15-24. The pump will not run; the breaker keeps tripping.

Current inventory: new-style pumps – 1 rebuilt, 1 at Area Septic Installation, and 2 pumps to take to Area Septic Installation for repairs; 1 old-style pump.

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. Trustee Gies fixed the leaky spigot on the north side of the Community Building.

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.

No February Primary is needed for the Village of Boaz.

The next regular meeting date is February 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Boaz Community Building with phone conference capability. Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC) will be in attendance to continue work on the Boaz Community Park plan.

The March regular meeting was confirmed for March 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boaz Community Building with phone conference capability.

Trustee Gies made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susan Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer