

Village of Boaz  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 13, 2024  
Boaz Community Building  
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: N/A

Others: Misty Molzof (Assistant Director, Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission), Austin Coppernoll (GIS Planner, Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission), Susie Hauri (Village Clerk/Treasurer)

President Nicks called the meeting to order at 6:02 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Adrian to approve the January caucus minutes; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Adrian to approve the January audit minutes; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Misty Molzof and Austin Coppernoll of Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission attended the meeting to move forward with the Boaz Community Park plan. Coppernoll provided an aerial map of proposed improvements to Boaz Community Park using information gathered at the November 14, 2023 meeting of the Boaz Plan Commission. Molzof facilitated a discussion with the Village Board to determine cost estimates needed for grant writing associated with the park plan while Coppernoll recorded the board members and the pricing each one is responsible for obtaining. Molzof will contact the board members if estimates are not received by March 15, 2024. Molzof will contact Josh Elder for the estimates he calculated for the handicapped-accessible fishing pier and brought to the April 11, 2023 meeting of the Boaz Village Board. Molzof can start the grant applications after all the cost estimates are received.

Trustee Gies made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-1 to Adopt the Amended Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) for the Village of Boaz; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution appears at the end of these minutes. Amendments to the CORP (first adopted November 15, 2022) add the following:

- fencing and subsoil/drainage improvements to the horse arena
- a primitive campground, including emergency evacuation plan, electrical hook-ups with gravel pads, concrete pad for scales for pulling events
- shade trees and up to 8 new light poles for the ball diamond
- a handicapped-accessible fishing pier

Molzof will send color hard copies and an electronic copy of the amended CORP when it is available.

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

Water Quality Trading (WQT) update: Carson Hackett, Professional Engineer at Davy Engineering Co., is working on the WQT report and Final Compliance Alternatives Plan for the Village. President Nicks signed the Notice of Intent form required as part of WQT, and Clerk/Treasurer Hauri scanned and emailed the document to Hackett. So far WQT agreements for Newberry, Halink, Killoy, and Heublein have been signed and are on file in the clerk's office. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri scanned and emailed the agreements to Hackett and Cathy Cooper at Richland County.

President Nicks sent information to the insurance adjuster for the insurance claim for light pole(s) in Boaz Community Park, but she hasn't received a response.

There was no update on the conversion of a self-metered grinder pump station to a Boaz Sewer Utility meter. In January, President Nicks contacted Alliant Energy and an electrician to install a meter to be billed to the Village of Boaz (Sewer).

No disconnection request form has been received for a possible disconnection from Boaz Sewer system.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the financial information and grinder pump kilowatts used to be included in the 2023 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) for Boaz Sewer Utility. A motion was made by Trustee Adrian to accept the figures to be included in the 2023 CMAR; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

The Village of Boaz owes the Town of Dayton for 4 yards of salt/sand. At the next Town of Dayton Board meeting on 2/28/24, the Town Board will discuss if they want to offer the Village of Boaz the opportunity to continue purchasing salt/sand from them. If they do, each year this will be revisited and pricing will be agreed upon by the Town of Dayton Board, before salt/sand is needed. The Richland County Highway Department has approved the sale of salt/sand to the Village of Boaz.

At the next Town of Dayton Board meeting on 2/28/24, the Town Board also will discuss if they want to partner with the Village of Boaz for the May Spring Clean-up scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Park Drive. Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will order 2 50-yard dumpsters from Town and Country Sanitation and will cancel one dumpster if the Town of Dayton chooses not to participate. Trustee Gies will order the metals dumpster from L & M Salvage.

After reviewing the application, beverage server course certificate, and background check, Trustee Gies made a motion to issue an Operator's license to Erika R. Thayer of Lonesome Dove Tavern; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Adrian to contract with Richland County to complete the Wisconsin DOT small bridge/culvert inventory phase; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried. President Nicks completed and signed the form that will be scanned and emailed to the Richland County Highway Commissioner and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Work for Boaz Fun Daze has begun.

Julie from Area Septic Installation told Clerk/Treasurer Hauri that 2 of the 3 grinder pumps were repaired and 1 of them is not repairable. Julie also called Mark Anderson to let him know, and Anderson will pick up the 2 pumps (and the 32-foot cord and quick disconnect that goes with the new pump) next Wednesday.

Current inventory: new-style pumps – 1 new, 1 rebuilt, and 2 rebuilt at Area Septic Installation ready to be picked up; 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. Mike Marshall picked up a key to the Community Building and will align all doors except the office door and replace the door assists.

Trustee Gies made a motion to authorize Mike Marshall to order an ADA operator for the front door of the Boaz Community Building not to exceed \$1,000; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

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, new driveway.

The Board reviewed the approved application for the new driveway to be added at the north end of Boaz Community Park. Requirements include that the driveway is to be gated and used as a one-way connection for events needing additional parking. Also, the driveway connection may be up to 35 feet wide at the highway right of way line, with appropriate return radii. Trustee Gies will speak to Richland County Highway Commissioner Josh Elder about options for the gate.

Jason Edgerly will stop in at the clerk's office to fill out employment paperwork. Linda Schwanz agreed to stock toilet paper in the portable toilets in the park from Memorial Day until the middle of October. Schwanz and Clerk/Treasurer Hauri will meet during the middle of May to inspect each portable toilet to make sure the keys work and that there are enough toilet paper roll holders in each one.

A motion was made by Trustee Adrian to set the hourly pay for park portable toilet maintenance at \$2.00 per hour more than the hourly community building cleaning rate; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources water system report for Boaz Community Park. No issues were identified. Thank you to Kevin Jasper for submitting the water samples.

Diggers Hotline Utility Damage Prevention Meetings via Zoom are scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Gies stated that there are training videos on the Diggers Hotline website and Jason Edgerly should be asked to watch the videos.

Village Attorney Eileen Brownlee will be retiring in May after 40 years of practice. Attorney Brownlee stated in a letter to the Village Board that it currently is planned that the Fennimore office, where Village of Boaz attorney records are stored, will remain in place.

Reminder: The March regular meeting will be March 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boaz Community Building with phone conference capability.

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

April 9, 2024 6:00 p.m. – regular meeting of the Village Board  
May 14, 2024 5:50 p.m. – Board of Review (will be opened adjourned until September)  
May 14, 2024 6:00 p.m. – regular meeting of the Village Board

Trustee Adrian made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susan Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1**

**ADOPT THE AMENDED COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION  
PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF BOAZ**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Boaz has recognized the need to update the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan adopted November 15, 2022, based upon an inventory of outdoor recreation facilities and natural resources within the Village, Richland County, and Southwest Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, the amended plan will serve as a guide for making future decisions related to outdoor recreation in the Village of Boaz and through its adoption will make the Village eligible to participate in state and federal recreation aid programs; and

**WHEREAS** this amended comprehensive outdoor recreation plan has been prepared for the Boaz Village Board by Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; and

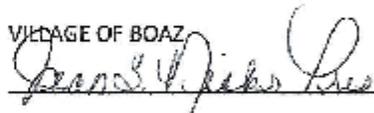
**WHEREAS**, this amended recreation plan is based on sound planning principles and long-range goals and objectives for the Village's recreational development;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board for the Village of Boaz hereby goes on record to adopt the amended Village of Boaz Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan as the Village's guide for future outdoor recreation improvements and development;

**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village board requests the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to provide eligibility to the Village of Boaz for participation in the state and federal cost-sharing programs for an additional five-year period.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

VILLAGE OF BOAZ



Jean Nicks, Village President



Susan Hauri, Village Clerk

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed by the Village Board of the Village of Boaz at the regular meeting thereof held on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.



Susan Hauri, Clerk