

Village of Boaz
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024
Boaz Community Building
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: N/A

Others: Evan Ewing (Richland County Partners 4 Prevention), Gladys Anderson (resident), Kathy Hansen (resident), Donna Hoth (resident), John Jansen (resident and business owner), Micheal Huebner (maintenance and resident), Susie Hauri (Village Clerk/Treasurer)

President Nicks called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 May regular meeting minutes; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Trustee Gies made a motion to approve the May Board of Review minutes; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Evan Ewing, public health specialist, brought a variety of useful laminated signs to reduce underage drinking and overconsumption. The signs were provided from Partners 4 Prevention free of charge, and they will be posted where alcohol beverages are sold in Boaz Community Park.

There were no requests for the scheduling of park events. It was noted that the Boaz Lions Club will have a Grand Opening of the Boaz Mastodon Building June 22, 2024 beginning at 1:00 p.m.

There were no requests for the issuance of Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's Licenses or Temporary Operator's Licenses.

Public comment – Donna Hoth thanked the Board for draining the ditch in front of her home. It was noted that the driveway tube at Welsh's is not free-flowing, and that is causing water to back up instead of moving out of the Village. Kathy Hansen said that she will clean around the release valve on her property. John Jansen wanted to know what can be done about the dogs, cats, and chickens roaming around the Village and the excessive barking of dogs. Jansen also stated that there needs to be an additional stop sign at the intersection of Jefferson and Jackson Streets and that he is willing to donate the sign and put it up.

An insurance claim payment has been received and deposited for the light pole at the ball diamond. President Nicks met with Bill McCormick of McCormick Electric, and the pole installation, new light fixtures, and repair of existing fixtures will be completed before Boaz Fun Daze.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the May 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 \$6,000 to Sewer Utility checking from the 6-month Replacement Fund certificate of deposit (CD) when the CD matures July 19, 2024; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

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

There was nothing new to report for the 9/18/24 Special Park Grants Meeting.

There was nothing new to report on the new driveway in Boaz Community Park.

President Nicks ordered the “No Parking” signs for Dayton Ridge Road from Jefferson Street to B Street.

There was nothing new to report for the 25 MPH speed limit sign on the ground on Jefferson Street by the Lonesome Dove Tavern.

Trustee Adrian made a motion to approve an address change for 17009 Fayette Street to Main Street; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

At the May meeting, Trustee Gies suggested purchasing fiberglass 911 signs. However, at the February 23, 2023 meeting, a motion passed to purchase aluminum signs and steel posts. Trustee Adrian made a motion to rescind the February 23, 2023 motion and instead purchase fiberglass 911 signs; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried. Micheal Huebner is almost finished with the address numbers needed. When the list is complete, he will give the list to President Nicks, and President Nicks will order the fiberglass signs.

There was nothing new to report for exercising valves in the manholes for Boaz Sewer Utility.

Water Quality Trading Update (email from Carson Hackett of Davy Engineering Co.) – There are no major updates at this time. Water Quality Trading projects are still needed, as about 30 more pounds of credits are required. If the Board knows of any more landowners with erosion issues along Mill Creek or tributaries to Mill Creek, the Board should let Hackett know. Trustee Gies stated that he is working on this.

Delmore Consulting completed the WisDOT Small Bridge/Culvert inventory and determined that the Village of Boaz has no structures that qualify. Delmore Consulting will notify Richland County, and Richland County will submit the information to the State of Wisconsin.

The June 8, 2024 Bush Pull started late because of rain but went well.

Trustee Gies made a motion to grant an Operator’s License to Jean S. Nicks; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Trustee Gies made a motion to allow the 6-month certificate of deposit (maturity date 6/28/24) to automatically renew at the rate of 5.10% APY; seconded by Trustee Adrian. Motion carried.

Trustee Adrian made a motion to enter into the 2024-2025 Premier Cooperative Propane Prepay contract for 2,000 gallons at 1.799 per gallon; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Ditch work is needed on Jackson Street. However, water will not flow out of the Village until the driveway drain tile at the Welsh property is free-flowing. A letter will be sent with a completion date of August 5, 2024.

A letter will be sent to the owner of chickens at large in the Village.

The Board reviewed photos President Nicks took of a property with accumulating junk in view.

Clerk/Treasurer Hauri presented the For Your Information summer edition to be included with the June sewer billing. An addition was made by the Board to include that the loud, excessive barking of dogs is by ordinance considered to be a public nuisance. No changes were made to the Grinder Pump Information Sheet that also will be included with the June sewer billing.

The 2024 Maintenance of Effort Report was filed with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, and copies of the report were given to the Board.

The pipe at Station #1 (Mill Creek Pub & Grill/Boaz Utility Building) has yet to be repaired. President Nicks called Wertz Plumbing & Heating to replace the broken section, but they don't meet confined entry requirements. President Nicks then called Rynes/Marshall Plumbing & Excavating. President Nicks was surprised to hear that the pipe is not fixed, and she will call them again. Current inventory: new-style pumps – 2 rebuilt and 2 new; 1 old-style pump.

The only repair needed at the Boaz Community Building at this time is the extension of the rain gutter over the concrete pad at the rear of the building.

Boaz Community Park repairs include placing gravel under the bleachers and ceiling repairs in portable toilets by the pulling track. President Nicks also reported that two portable toilets (one regular and one handicapped-accessible) would cost more than the \$3,000 approved at the May meeting, so it was decided to order only the handicapped-accessible one. The Board reviewed the 2024 water sample results for the park (testing for coliform and E. Coli), and the report indicated that both were absent.

No action was needed by the Board for Boaz Fun Daze. The free 4-yard dumpster has been ordered from Town & Country Sanitation for the event.

The next regular meeting date was confirmed for July 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boaz Community Building. This meeting will have phone conference capability.

Trustee Adrian made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Gies. Motion carried.

Submitted by Susan Hauri, Clerk/Treasurer