

Village of Gilman

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Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 / 6:00 PM
Gilman Municipal Building
385 East Main Street
Gilman, WI 54433

Minutes

Village President Jane DeStaercke called the regular meeting to order in open session at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Jane DeStaercke, Ericka Bertsinger, Mark Person, Cheryl Rosemeyer, John Novitski and Dee Bornheimer. Greg Steinbach was absent. Village Public Works Director Rick Johnson, PW employee Dave Kroeplin, Police Chief Tom Tallier, and Village Clerk Candice Grunseth were present. Along with Star News Reporter Ginna Young was present.

Village Trustee John Novitski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Order of Business-

Immediate Public Concern: Darrell Romig was present to discuss the Public Fire Protection/hydrant Fee charges. The Village currently bills properties with or without water access as long as there is a home. The question is what to do with vacant lots that have a structure on them such as a shed, garage, camper, etc. The board along with the treasurer will be working on this prior to the water rate increase.

Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer made a motion to approve the following minutes and Trustee Dee Bornheimer seconded the motion: Regular Board Meeting August 10, 2022; Tree Board Agenda August 15, 2022; and Finance Committee on September 12, 2022; All were in favor.

A motion by Trustee Mark Person and seconded by Trustee Greg Steinbach approve the vouchers/bills as presented. POOLED CASH for SSCU 32446-32456 & FORWARD 13671-13733, Restricted, CDBG and Journal Entry None. Also, WRS/WDC/TASC/EFTPS/DOR. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Reports:

President Jane DeStaercke presented a written report and discussed the Dollar General having issues getting DOT approval for their access to property. She talked about the PSC and rate increase along with it been 20 years since the last Conventional rate increase. There is a public hearing on Friday September 23, 2022, at 10am and it is virtual.

Treasurer's Report – Fran Prasnicki had a written report that was in the packet for the fund balances for August 11, 2022 through September 13, 2022 for the pooled cash accounts and other accounts. Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Trustee John Novitski seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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Chief of Police Tom Tallier had a written report for the Board. He stated that there was a drug arrest after a car theft so that was a good thing. He stated that he resumed his role for the SRO- School Resource Officer and will not be placing an order for a new squad.

Public Works Director Rick Johnson had a written report in the packet and discussed that Dave is taking his classes for water and sewer and will soon be testing as well. He also worked on the WISLR report and had Dave complete.

Clerk's Report – A copy of the Clerk's report was in the Board packet. Village Clerk Candice Grunseth stated that there was one complaint reported to PSC on the water rate increase as of this time. The resident discussed that were trying to be conservative but the billings were unaffordable now. Candice took that residents last billing and broke it down by month, day, and per person to explain that it was 44 cents per day for water usage for this home if this was a family of four. Candice reminded the Board of the public hearing and anyone can attend by audio or computer as it is in Madison.

The September 14, 2022 budget was is in the Board packet for review and Candice reviewed with the Finance Committee at their meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Village President Jane DeStaercke noted the updates from her president report on Main Street building. The gift shop will open in November and be called Hidden Treasurers on Main and there is office space for rent. Tom Tallier noted that the old Phoenix House will be looking at November to hopefully open. The current owners are remodeling a building in Pepin they purchased currently.

The Volleyball Courts are being looked at for the school and maybe yet this fall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Access to Dollar General Property was on the agenda for review and discussion. Dollar General needs a different access point per their conversations with DOT. They were wondering if the Village would grant this new access. James Hendricks, who owns property west of this, was invited in with his concerns. It was noted that he was concerned if he would be losing his driveway. Trustee John Novitski made a motion to table this agenda item until there is more information and Trustee Mark Person seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Trustee Ericka Bertsinger made a motion to approve the 2023 Assessors Contract and Trustee Greg Steinbach seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer made a motion to approve the Resolution 2022-08 to Exempt the Village of Gilman from Paying County Library Taxes, seconded by Trustee Ericka Bertsinger. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Campgrounds was discussed and if the Village needs an ordinance versus the policies that are in place for the campgrounds along with the parks. This will be sent back to the Parks Committee for review.

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John Novitski has submitted an email for his resignation on October 1, 2022. Trustee Dee Bornheimer made a motion to approve the resignation for October 1, 2022 and President Jane DeStaercke seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Replacement of Official remaining term: since Trustee John Novitski is not resigning officially until October 1 the Board cannot take any action at this time for replacement. The Board can make a motion to approve someone, take a vote, or can leave as is until the next election. It was agreed to send out a questionnaire to each interested candidate to reply prior to the next meeting.

Committee dates were set as follows:

Finance committee on Monday, October 10, 2022 @ 3:00PM

Parks on September 22, 2022 at 6PM

Improvements, Personnel, Tree Board and Public Safety are not scheduled at this time.

Agenda Items: Dollar General, Campgrounds, Official Replacement, Committees, and Tax Roll letter

The meeting adjourned at 6:48PM by motion from Trustee John Novitski and seconded by Trustee Dee Bornheimer. Motion carried all in favor.

Candice Grunseth, WCMC
Village Clerk
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