

Village of Gilman

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Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 / 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 6:00PM. Board members present were Jane DeStaercke, Mark Person, Cheryl Rosemeyer, Russell Baker, Dee Bornheimer, Bob Preston and Ericka Bertsinger. Village Public Works Director Dave Kroeplin, Village Clerk Candice Grunseth and Police Chief Tom Tallier were present. Ginna Young Reporter for the paper was present.

Village Trustee Bob Preston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Order of Business: Oaths- Village Clerk Candice Grunseth swore in Cheryl Rosemeyer, Ericka Bertsinger, and Dee Bornheimer for another two year term.

Special Order of Business: Taylor County First Responder Ashley Dake was present as the Service Director for TC 1st Responders. She stated that this is county wide and she is working on getting a volunteer in each area of the county. She is also working on mutual aid agreements for areas by Jump River and Sheldon and Rib Lake and Spirit area. They are licensed by the state as of 01/01/2024 and will be for two years. She has reached out to Jump River, Stetsonville, and Rib Lake Responder group to work together. They can work mutually, or they can join Taylor County's group. Currently there are 10 active members and hoping to get 6 more on. They are not asking for any agreements or funding at this time. This is a volunteer service and hope to get the word out. The Village Board thanked her for coming and she stated she would come back anytime to provide updates as needed.

Butch Gonia was present to discuss an Immediate Public Concerns. He stated that the Bowling Alley building was a safety concern. He stated that there are parts falling off on the front of the building and also on the back of the building. President Jane DeStaercke stated that she appreciated him coming in with his concern, but at this time there is nothing the Village could do. He said that the soffits/gutters are falling down and could hurt someone. He stated that since the Village made Ray Olejnickak do something why wasn't the Village making the current owner do anything. Trustee Dee Bornheimer(owner of building) responded that she would let Steve Bornheimer know of this concern. Butch also had a concern of the brushing around town especially on 5th avenue north. Public Works Dave Kroeplin addressed this concern and explained why he wasn't brushing the end part due to the tractor couldn't reach there.

Trustee Russell Baker made a motion to approve the following minutes and Trustee Ericka Bertsinger seconded the motion: Regular Board Meeting March 13, 2024 and Finance Committee on April 8, 2024; All were in favor.

A motion by Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer and seconded by Trustee Mark Person to approve the vouchers/bills as presented. POOLED CASH for SSCU 32596-32601 & FORWARD 1460014647 and vouchers V747-781, WRS/WDC/TASC/EFTPS/DOR, Restricted 1036, CDBG 520, JE 0525 and no RLF. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

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Reports:

President Jane DeStaercke presented a report on DOT and the railroad. Police Chief Tom Tallier stated that it is mainly a railroad issue and the Village was just being notified. Jane also discussed the cemetery and that the Town of Aurora is no longer going to be part of the agreement for maintenance. This also means that the rates for nonresidents of Town of Ford and Village will look to be raised due to this change. There will be another cemetery meeting called once more information is pulled together.

Treasurer's Report – Fran Prasnicky had a written report that was in the packet for the fund balances for March 14, 2024 through April 10, 2024 for the pooled cash accounts and the other accounts. She also has updated the CD amounts. Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Trustee Mark Person seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chief of Police Tom Tallier had a written report for the Board and noted the 14 new complaints for the month. Tom stated that since the condition of the bowling alley was noted in public comments, he wanted the Board to know that the Village was notified by our attorney that the public nuisance citation issued to Robert Minor in 2017 (bowling alley building) went to court. He is to pay the fine and is looking to pay \$100 a month to the Village. This public nuisance was started by the Village due to the safety concern of the building having openings in the roof and not being secure. Tom reminded the board even if he gets complaints on public nuisance he cannot initiate investigations without prior Board directive.

Public Works Director Dave Kroepelin had a written report in the packet. He noted the tree trimming around town and the Board stated their concerns of how it looked. Cheryl asked Dave how much he tests and he stated they test twice a week for chlorine and twice a month for Bacti in the water. Trustee Russell Baker also noted that he is still working on the ARIP funding for 1st avenue.

Clerk's Report – A copy of the Clerk's report was in the Board packet for review. Village Clerk Candice Grunseth discussed the reports that were completed this month: there is the liquor license approval for Village Vault. She stated that the final hearing for the Sheriff's sale is April 18 and the Village should receive their funds by the first part of May from the County.

The 2024 Budget was in the board packet for review. Candice reviewed the budget with the Finance Committee at their meeting on Monday. She noted the income and expenses for General, Water and also the Sewer budgets.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Tallier reported that him and Candice met with the developer again and it is noted they had request of the Village that were sent to MSA for review.

Ordinance Review- Trustee Russell Baker and Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer had a couple questions on Chapter 10 ordinance review. There were no motion to change anything. Village Clerk Candice Grunseth will send the next section on Administration.

Sewer Use Ordinance and Rates were not addressed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Russell Baker made the motion to approve the 2024-2025 Committees and Trustee Mark Person seconded the motion. The motion carried all in favor.

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The Improvements Committee met and opened the bids for the 2024 LRIP/MISP work. Trustee Russel Baker made a motion to approve bid for American Asphalt of \$47,656.00 and Trustee Mark Person seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Trustee Russell Baker made a motion to approve Arbor Day Proclamation and Trustee Dee Bornheimer seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0. The Village has been part of Tree City USA since 1989.

President Jane DeStaercke made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 and Trustee Ericka Bertsinger seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer made a motion to approve DNR Recycling Compliance Plan and Trustee Russell Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried, all in favor.

Trustee Russell Baker made a motion to approve Class B Combo Liquor License to Vault Village LCC and Trustee Mark Person seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer made a motion to approve Participation Plan for the Comprehensive Plan and President Jane DeStaercke seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Open book will be looked at to meet on May 8, 2024 at 5:45 and adjourn to September 11, 2024 from 4-6PM.

Committee dates were set as follows:

Finance committee on May 6, 2024 @ 3:00PM

Personnel Committee on May 6, 2024 at 3:30PM

Improvements Meeting on Wednesday May 1, 2024, at 5PM

Parks meeting will be schedule later

Tree Board, and Public Safety are not scheduled currently.

Agenda Items: Ordinance and Sewer Ordinance/Rates

Trustee Ericka Bertsinger made a motion at 7:01 pm to adjourn to closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public fund, or conducting other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and Trustee Russell Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Trustee Ericka Bertsinger made a motion at 7:54PM to return to open session and Trustee Russell Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

President Jane DeStaercke made a motion to give authority to Tom Tallier to explore offer to purchase and Trustee Ericka Bertsinger seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call of 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm motion from Trustee Ericka Bertsinger and seconded by Trustee Dee Bornheimer. Motion carried all in favor.

Candice Grunseth, WCMC
Village Clerk