

Village of Plain

Village Board Proceedings of January 9, 2013

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Plain was held at the Municipal Building on January 9, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Village President Raymond Ring at 7:33 p.m.

Roll Call: Raymond Ring, President; Stephanie Box; John Dischler; Walter Gerber; and Kevin Kraemer, Trustees.

Others present: Marion Copus of the Home News; Carolyn Forde, Library Director; Officer Chuck Schreiber; and, Nick Ruhland, Public Works Director.

Notice of this meeting, along with the agenda, was posted at the following locations in the Village of Plain: the Municipal Building; the Plain Post Office; and The Peoples Community Bank on Monday, January 7, 2013. Notice was emailed to the Home News and the Baraboo News Republic on the same date.

Box motioned to approve minutes from the December 12, 2012 Regular Board meeting. Gerber seconded. Motion carried.

Ring motioned to accept James Liegel's resignation. Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Gerber motioned to accept Raymond Ellenbolt's resignation. Dischler seconded. Motion carried.

The board discussed appointing new Trustees to the two newly opened positions. President Ring indicated that Janet Kraemer has interest in fulfilling Liegel's term ending April 22, 2014. She was nominated as a candidate for Village Trustee at Caucus this evening but liked the idea of having one year instead of two years for a trial to see how she felt about being on the Village Board. Ring motioned to appoint Janet Kraemer to the Village Board in James Liegel's vacated position contingent upon Janet's acceptance of this one year option instead of her option to be a candidate for the April Election. Box seconded. Motion carried with Gerber abstaining because he is unsure who Janet is.

Ring then informed the board that Merry Lynn Riek is also interested in being appointed to the remainder of Liegel's term. Ring motioned to appoint Merry Lynn Riek to James Liegel's vacated position if Janet Kraemer does not accept the appointment. Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

The board agreed not to appoint anyone to Ellenbolt's term ending April 15, 2013.

Police Department Report

Officer Schreiber presented a 2012 yearend report to the board. A total of 1981.25 hours were worked in 302 shifts. The squad was driven 12,205 miles. There were 176 complaints made to the Plain Police Department: 38 ordinance violations, 6 assists for Sauk County Human Services, 34 assists to another agency, 6 warrant arrests, 4 assists to financial institutions, 10 assists motorist/public, 7 narcotics investigations, 6 fraud reports 4 harassment complaints, 4 domestics investigated and 89 traffic citations issued. The end of year mileage on the squad was 58,427 and it is starting to show wear. The board should anticipate a replacement soon. All other police equipment and office equipment looks good. A new part time officer was hired. The ratio is about eight warnings to one citation. The Police Committee will look into a squad car purchase for 2014.

Public Works Department Report

Nick Ruhland reported to the board that he is working on getting a DNR permit for the replacement of the golf course bridge. Ruhland is requesting March 1st start date, but the DNR will most likely say March 15th due to fish spawning in the creek in early March. Ring stated that the Plain Lion's has designated \$3,000 for this bridge project. Any unused amount from the \$3,000 will be allocated to golf cart paths which the Lions have already designated \$2,000 for.

Ruhland has contacted four engineering companies to submit proposals for phosphorus removal consulting. The Utilities Committee will review the proposals.

The Department of Human Health and Services has recommended that the water fluoride level be lowered to 0.7 mg/l. The Village is currently ranges from 0.9 to 1.5 mg/l. Fluoride is used for dental health and kids are getting fluoride from other means. Too much fluoride causes dental problems. Ruhland will research and seek board approval for his findings.

Committee Reports

Building Committee & Fire District – Dischler

No Building Committee report.

The Fire Board has a meeting scheduled for Monday night.

Green TTEC & Parks

The Green TTEC Board met Friday afternoon to discuss the pavilion for the trail project. Green TTEC Board member and River Valley High School Principal, Kim Kaukl, approved for the Industrial Arts class to build the pavilion. It will take a couple of weeks. The project will start in the spring.

The Plain Lions have discussed donating funds to put in a new backstop for the ball diamond at the park. Ring asked Ruhland to get quotes for the Lions to review.

Library, Police & RV Court – Gerber

Carolyn Forde, Library Director, extended an invitation to the Village Board to attend any Library Board meeting. A special gathering may be organized to gather both Boards. Forde will be working on the annual report in February. The Library received a \$400 grant from the Spring Green Area Arts Coalition to install a hanging art system to display one dimensional art. Another grant has been awarded from Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital to continue a popular yoga class that was offered recently. Mazomanie Movements Arts Center will instruct the yoga class. They will also do a circus arts performance and teach a circus arts class for middle school age children. Forde shared useful charts from an economic development book authored by a speaker at a Sauk County Development Corporation lecture on how to revitalize communities. Forde pointed out that the Village of Plain already has positives in the community and indicated the examples of Green TTEC and saving the grocery store.

No Police or RV Court report.

Streets & Utilities – Kraemer

Water Pumpage for December, 2012:

Well No. 1: 561,000

Well No. 2: 1,389,000

Total for December: 1,950,000 gallons, which was 376,000 gallons less than last year.

Two bacteria were sent to the State Lab. Both samples tested safe.

Monthly fluoride average: 1.32 p.p.m. Monthly chlorine average: 0.10 p.p.m.

Wastewater Report for December, 2012:

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 212 mg/l

Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 10 Limit: 15 mg/l

Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 193 mg/l

Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 11 Limit: 20 mg/l

Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia: .3096 p.p.m.

Limit: 20.0 mg/l Monthly, 29.0 mg/l Daily

Total gallons treated: 2,164,600

The Streets Committee will be meeting on January 23rd. Kraemer is meeting with Westbrook Associates on Friday to review the preliminary design for Parkview Avenue and bid specifications. The project will start in early April and be completed before the pool opens. The budget will then be reviewed to determine if another small project can be done in 2013.

The Utilities Committee will be meeting on January 30th to discuss major cost purchases, evaluate equipment and the phosphorus impact.

Kraemer researched comments made at the last Village Board meeting in regards to 1055 Wachter Avenue referred to as the “Rieder Property.” A 3,000 square foot building would occupy 23% of that lot. As a comparison, the library occupies 38% of its property.

Finance & Ordinance

No Finance or Ordinance report.

Pool & Golf – Box

No Golf Course Committee report.

Trustee Box is working on getting proposals for a slide for the pool. There has not yet been any response to the Friends of the Plain Pool & Park sign that was installed last month. The donations will be put towards the Park Master Plan. Awareness of the Park Master Plan needs to be publicized.

Development/Planning – Ring

Development & Planning Commission will be meeting in February to discuss the “Welcome to Plain” signage on the north side. A brick display with the sign is being designed. The Commission will also discuss a sign promoting the available commercial lots in the Honey Creek Business Park. The Green TTEC Board will be invited to collaborate with the sites available sign.

Correspondence

No Correspondence.

Review and Audit of Invoices:

Kraemer motioned to pay Check #18989 payable to L.W. Allen, Inc. in the amount of \$113.55 and a portion of Check #18995 payable to Berry Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$225.00 from the Sewer Replacement Fund. Gerber seconded. Motion carried.

A motion to pay the monthly invoices was made by Box. Gerber seconded. Motion carried.

General Fund	\$461,237.21	Capital Improvements	\$0.00
Library Fund	\$1,457.66	Water Utility	\$3,556.30
Green TTEC	\$1,565.65	Sewer Department	\$4,700.44
TIF #2	\$78.76	Golf Course	\$732.68

Wage Reimbursements: \$20,984.59

Box motioned to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Gerber seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Tafs
Clerk/Treasurer