

Village of Plain

Village Board Proceedings of April 8, 2015

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Plain was held at the Municipal Building on April 8, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Village President Ring at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Raymond Ring, President; Brian Brey; John Dischler; Janet Kraemer; Melissa Kraemer; and, Merry Lynn Riek, Trustees. Trustee Kevin Kraemer was absent.

Others present: Bill Gruber; Shirley Gruber; John Feiner; Scott Ring; Marian Copus of the Home News; Carolyn Forde, Library Director; Holly Breitreutz, Library Board President; Officer 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, April 6, 2015. Notice was emailed to the Home News and the Baraboo News Republic on the same date.

Dischler motioned to approve minutes from the March 11, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. Janet Kraemer seconded. Motion carried with Melissa Kraemer abstaining.

Guest

John Feiner and Shirley Gruber addressed the board regarding the future of the grocery store. A new board will be voted in soon. Feiner reviewed finances of the store. Gruber stressed the importance of a grocery store in a small community. The store is at the break even level. Sales need to increase to repay the loans. If sales do not increase, the store will close.

Police Department Report

Officer Schreiber had no report.

Public Works Department Report

Nick Ruhland informed the board that two malfunctioning valves were replaced on Fairway Circle and Honey Creek Drive. Staab Construction will be assembling the new bearing for the trickling filter for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and that will then be back in operation. The DNR approved the new submersible pump for Well number one. CTW has the pump and are waiting on a couple of other parts. J & J Underground will start construction on Fairway Circle on Monday. The Westbrook Bridge rehabilitation project has been moved up to the fall of 2016. It is hopeful that the golf course will open on Friday, weather permitting.

Committee Reports

Ordinance & Parks – Riek

The Ordinance Committee met last week. There will be a change in meeting location and time. They discussed the subdivision that is an association and are looking at some verbiage. Some ordinances need to be updated due to the purchase of the St. Luke's ball diamond.

The Parks Committee is turning to local carpenters to complete the counter top at concession stand. Also discussed was closing the tennis courts for a basketball tournament on June 14th during the St. Luke's Festival. The Committee discussed volleyball lighting with Travis Studnicka and their fundraising efforts. Scott Ring came to the committee on behalf of the Plain Lions and the Plain Fire Department about installing a permanent stage platform at the pavilion. The Lions and Fire Department are each paying for half. They want it completed before the St. Luke's Festival in June.

Police, Building & Fire District – Dischler

A building permit was issued to Jeremy Kraemer for a deck.

The Plain Fire District Board has a meeting coming up on Monday, April 13th. They will discuss the EMS Chief and the Municipal Building.

No Police Committee report.

Green TTEC & Pool – Melissa Kraemer

The Green TTEC Board met with John Alt and discussed that the Madison College lease will not be renewed. They may rent some of the space. They will be removing their computers at the end of this semester. NAMI was out there the past two days. The heating issue is taken care of. One of the previous contractors set the floor temperature at 110. NAMI reset it back to 70. Ring talked to Katy Prange with Marklein's office to hopefully help find new users.

The Pool Committee needs to hire one more lifeguard. One of the full time guards will not be available and the head guard feels they need one more. Sign-up will be April 25th. With lack of lifeguards available, we cannot open on May 30-31. On June 1st – 4th the pool will be open 4-8pm and full hours starting June 5th.

Streets & Utilities – Kevin Kraemer

Water Pumpage March, 2015:

Well No. 1: 0

Well No. 2: 1,920,000

Total for March: 1,920,000 gallons, which was 1,114,000 gallons, less than last year.

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

Monthly fluoride average: .78 p.p.m. Monthly chlorine average: 0.07 p.p.m.

Wastewater Report for March, 2015:

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 158 mg/l
Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 9 Limit: 15 mg/l
Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 152 mg/l
Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 7 Limit: 20 mg/l
Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia: 4.84 mg/l
Limit: 20.0 mg/l Monthly, 29.0 mg/l Daily
Monthly Average Total Phosphorous: .141 mg/l
Limit: 3.6 mg/l
Total gallons treated: 2,115,100

The Utilities Committee met and reviewed equipment needs for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

There is a state mandated public information meeting on April 28th at 3pm for the Westbrook Bridge project.

Library & Golf – Janet Kraemer

The library checkouts are up 2%. St. Luke's student art is on display.

Golf Course memberships are slightly up but people are waiting for the rate increase because the golf course needs the money. The committee may approach businesses that are on the signs to annually pay for their advertisement. The Plain Lions will be donating bark.

Finance & RV Court – Brian Brey

No Finance Committee report.

No RV Court report.

Development/Planning – Ring

Central Place Real Estate's Free Land sign caught some attention. There have been inquiries. There are no hot prospects but people are talking about it. In about another month we will check in with Jesse for a status update and discuss the next steps.

Jeff Wright lives just outside of Plain. He is the Assistant Superintendent at Sauk Prairie School District and sits on the Sauk Prairie Development Corporation. He got approval to list our land on the SPDC website. He is also interested in helping with park and pool fund raising. He will work with us to come up with a strategy.

Other Business

Riek motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-03: a resolution declaring the Village's intent to exercise special assessment powers for curb and gutter replacement on Fairway Circle. Janet Kraemer seconded. Motioned carried.

Melissa Kraemer motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-04: a resolution opposing elimination of Personal Property Taxes. Brey seconded. Motioned carried.

Riek read the first reading of Ordinance 186-15: Changing the location and time of Village Board Regular meetings.

The board reviewed an agreement with the River Valley School District, which will allow the School District to use the ballpark after the Village purchases it. Ring motioned to approve the agreement. Brey seconded. Motion carried. The Lions are planning to do steps to the parking lot and a concession stand later.

Riek motioned to approve the renewal application for a 6-month Liquor License for Nicholas E. Ruhland for the period April 9, 2015 through October 9, 2015. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motioned carried.

Library Board recommends Dustin Myers and school district representative Heather Meixelsperger for the Library Board. Janet Kraemer motioned to appoint Dustin Myers and Heather Meixelsperger to Library Board. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried with Riek abstaining.

Melissa Kraemer motioned to set the Board of Review for Wednesday, May 20, 2015 from 6pm-8pm. Dischler seconded. Motioned carried.

Melissa Kraemer motioned to hire Allison Schluter for a summer lifeguard. Brey seconded. Motioned carried.

Melissa Kraemer motioned to hire Thomas Bernards as the Public Works Summer Helper. Brey seconded. Motioned carried.

Correspondence

Todd Novak responded to our County Assessment resolution. He is actively working on removing it from the state budget.

Ring publicly thanked the Galarnyk family for recognizing the Plain Pool for donations in lieu of flowers.

Review and Audit of Invoices:

Janet Kraemer motioned to pay the bills as presented. Dischler seconded. Motion carried.

General Fund	\$18,958.65	Capital Improvements	\$23.29
Library Fund	\$3,130.83	Water Utility	\$7,398.21
Green TTEC	\$2,444.44	Sewer Department	\$6,372.54
TIF District	\$78.76	Golf Course	\$7,912.96

Wage Reimbursements: \$13,727.12

Riek motioned to adjourn to close session at 9:30 p.m. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Ring - Yes; Brey - Yes; Dischler – Yes; Janet Kraemer - Yes; Melissa Kraemer – Yes; and, Riek - Yes.

Sheila Carver
Clerk/Treasurer