

Village of Plain

Village Board Proceedings of February 10, 2016

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Plain was held at the Municipal Office Building on February 10, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Village President Ring at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Wendy Klicko, Circuit Court Judge Candidate; Scott Klicko; Dan McGuire; Charles White; Marian Copus of the Home News; Officer Schreiber; and, John Ruhland, Assistant Public Works Director.

Notice of this meeting, along with the agenda, was posted at the following locations in the Village of Plain: the Plain Municipal Office Building; the Plain Post Office; and The Peoples Community Bank on Monday, February 8, 2016. Notice was emailed to the Home News and the Baraboo News Republic on the same date.

Riek motioned to approve minutes from the January 13, 2016 Chicken Ordinance Public Hearing. Kevin Kraemer seconded. Motion carried with Brey abstaining.

Dischler motioned to approve minutes from the January 13, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried with Brey abstaining.

Public Comment

Wendy Klicko, Circuit Court Judge Candidate for Sauk County introduced herself to the Board.

Dan McGuire spoke on behalf of the residents of Village of Lone Rock supporting our resolution for opposition of closing the Lone Rock Elementary school.

Committee Reports

Streets & Utilities – Kevin Kraemer

No Streets Committee report.

The sludge pumps that were ordered were installed today. Nick met with General Engineering to discuss phosphorus. They have structured chemical usage to satisfy the current permit law. It is a progress matter and will escalate as we go. Other communities are starting to succumb to the law so issues are starting to present themselves elsewhere. Hopefully, the law will change before we have to succumb to the law. Our Wastewater Treatment Plant does handle it better than other locations. Technology might make this issue a little less painful.

Water Pumpage January, 2016:

Well No. 1: 759,000

Well No. 2: 853,000

Total for January: 1,612,000 gallons, which was 276,000 gallons less than last year.

Two bacteria samples and two well samples were sent to the State Lab. All samples tested safe.

Monthly fluoride average: .97 p.p.m. Monthly chlorine average: 0.24 p.p.m.

Wastewater Report for January, 2016:

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 188 mg/l

Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 5 Limit: 15 mg/l

Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 174 mg/l

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

Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia: .1710 mg/l

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

Monthly Average Total Phosphorous: 1.768 mg/l

Limit: 3.6 mg/l

Total gallons treated: 2,211,046

Library & Golf – Janet Kraemer

No Library report.

The Golf Course Committee had a meeting. Public Works is starting to take down Ash trees. The committee figured 10-15 trees can be replaced this year. They also are looking into purchasing hole cutter, chemicals for the creek and flags. The Finance Committee allotted a budget to the golf course to purchase trees and other needed items. It will be put on future agendas before purchases are made. The Golf Course Committee along with the Westbrook Hills Men's League are researching doing a chicken dinner and a few other fundraising possibilities.

Finance & RV Court – Brian Brey

The Finance Committee met to decide on amounts to transfer to sinking funds. There was \$8,000 required for the Sewer Replacement Fund, Police Squad Sinking Fund \$5,000, Green TTEC Building Fund \$4,200, Village Building Maintenance Fund \$4,200 and Golf Course \$5,000 for improvements. Marketing the Village of Plain already had \$2,500 budgeted, so no further funds were allocated to this project.

No RV Court Commission report.

Police, Building & Fire District – Dischler

No Police Committee report.

No Building Committee report.

The Plain Fire District Board will meet this Monday to interview three individuals for the open position for EMS Chief. There are some specific qualifications the board is looking for. Terms for the EMS Chief are not limited; it is whenever they step down.

Ordinance & Parks – Riek

No Ordinance Committee report.

No Parks Committee report.

Riek attended Spring Green Area CARE meeting on January 14th. CARE stands Community Activated Recovery Enhancement. Sauk County received a three million dollar grant for 3 years. The group is looking into drugs, specifically heroin, coming into our communities. Types of things discussed are; how are these drugs getting here, community involvement, parent awareness. Riek extended an invitation to anyone else that is interested in attending. The next meeting is tomorrow at the Spring Green Fire Station from 1:30pm to 3pm. Riek explained how heroin works. Fifty percent of the people that try heroin get addicted the first time of usage. Each time someone uses it, they have to take a higher dose for it to work which leads to all of the heroin overdoses. Kids that are 11-12 year olds are being introduced to drugs. They typically start out with marijuana, then prescription drugs, which then leads to heroin because cost becomes an issue. The group wants to bring recognition to parents to recognize signs.

Green TTEC & Pool – Melissa Kraemer

Green TTEC building has been having HVAC issues, but they have been taken care of as of now. The issues appear to be starting back up.

The Pool Committee received six applications for lifeguard positions. The board will approve at next board meeting.

Development/Planning – Ring

The Plain Area Advisory Committee will meet February 17th at 7pm. The agenda was sent out to members for the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. The group is exploring opportunities for improvement for the Plain area. Their objective is brainstorming and looking for solutions.

There was an SCDC meeting Monday night. They have an Advisory Committee set up to see how SCDC will look in the future.

Police Department Report

Officer Schreiber had no report. There are no recent issues with snow parking.

Public Works Department Report

John Ruhland had no report. The sludge pump is now in service. It will be finalized on Saturday. Public Works started cutting Ash trees down. The ones that were dropped so far are weak but no signs of the ash borer at this point. The brush is going to the dump and the wood is going to a resident with a wood burner. The Library clock had a new controller installed with Kraemer Brothers assistance. Public Works can manually override the clock's time for the daylight savings issue. This is cheaper than buying the part to update it.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

Sheila Carver reported:

- The Auditors were here at the end of January. A few items were discussed that they have always done that Carver can do instead to help keep their cost to the Village down. Once they have their adjusting journal entries completed, Budget Comparisons for 2015 will be finalized.
- Carver completed the annual report for the U.S. Census Bureau for the number of new housing units, unfortunately 2015 was the eighth year in a row that it was a zero report.
- Carver completed a data collection report required every three years for the Economic Development Corporation in regards to the grant received for the Green TTEC project. They are ultimately looking for job creation and job retainage from their investment in Green TTEC.
- Tax collection files were turned over to Sauk County last week. Carver collected \$1,316,055.08 in taxes. This is 74% of total taxes.
- With Brey's help, Carver ordered the prints of old-time Plain for the Village Office walls at a third of the cost of the previous quote. Brey helped with discounts through a company that is owned by his employer called Amanti Art.
- Carver recently completed other options for the furniture for the conference area of the Clerk's office.
- Carver was recertified for Board of Review last Friday. One board member needs to also get certified for this year. The last certification has expired. Whoever gets certified has to attend Board of Review.
- Next week Tuesday is the Spring Primary Election. There is only one contest on the ballot for a Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice. The top two with the most votes will then face each other in the April Spring Election. The public test will be conducted this Friday at 10 a.m. Carver found that the printer stopped working on the new election equipment, so the company is sending out a technician to fix it.
- Carver will be on vacation the entire week of February 22nd-26th, so the Village Office will be closed that week.

Other Business

There was a lot discussion regarding the resolution in opposition to close Lone Rock Elementary. This issue is about preserving the River Valley School District, this option being premature, the outlying communities are fighting for survival when promoting their community for new residents, a community does not look as enticing if there is no elementary school, River Valley would lose its identity as a school district. Ring motioned to adopt Resolution #2016-02; a resolution to oppose the closing of Lone Rock Elementary. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Nick Ruhland stepped up when home talent needed a coach approximately five years ago. Ring would like to applaud nick on what he has done for the team.

Review and Audit of Invoices:

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

General Fund	\$499,687.06	Debt Services	\$33,851.66
Library Fund	\$19,177.33	Water Utility	\$33,695.36
Green TTEC	\$6,781.81	Sewer Department	\$13,138.35
TIF District	\$136,957.51	Golf Course	\$611.78
		Capital Improvements	\$147.87

Wage Reimbursements: \$14,075.70

Kevin Kraemer motioned to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,
Clerk/Treasurer