

## **Village of Plain**

### **Village Board Proceedings of March 9, 2016**

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The Regular Monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Plain was held at the Municipal Office Building on March 9, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Village President Ring at 7:02 p.m.

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

Others present: Jim Neider; Charles White; Marian Copus of the Home News; 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 Plain Municipal Office Building; the Plain Post Office; and The Peoples Community Bank on Monday, March 7, 2016. Notice was emailed to the Home News and the Baraboo News Republic on the same date.

Riek motioned to approve minutes from the February 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Brey seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Public Comment**

Jim Neider addressed the board regarding the Village Board supporting local grocery store to set a good example for other residents. He stated if everyone shops there, it will keep it open. Ring questioned why Neider is thinking the board is not supportive. The store keeps statistics on the dollar amount on what each member spends. They do not keep track of what you buy. Ring stated most people would have a hard time knowing they are tracking them. None of the board members want the store to close. We all need to bond together to keep it going. It is still estimated that people should spend \$50 a week to keep the store viable. The memberships are now going to be an annual renewal.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Streets & Utilities – Kevin Kraemer**

No Streets Committee report.

A fire hydrant was replaced today at Westbrook Drive and Wildwood Drive. A sewer pipe was lined between Oak Street and Cherry Street.

##### **Water Pumpage February, 2016:**

Well No. 1: 749,000

Well No. 2: 651,000

Total for February: 1,400,000 gallons, which was 321,000 gallons less than last year.

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

Monthly fluoride average: .86 p.p.m. Monthly chlorine average: 0.25 p.p.m.

Wastewater Report for February, 2016:

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 171 mg/l  
Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 5 Limit: 15 mg/l  
Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 189 mg/l  
Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 12 Limit: 20 mg/l  
Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia: 1.005 mg/l  
Limit: 20.0 mg/l Monthly, 29.0 mg/l Daily  
Monthly Average Total Phosphorous: .729 mg/l  
Limit: 3.6 mg/l  
Total gallons treated: 2,226,000

**Library & Golf** – Janet Kraemer

No Library report.

No Golf Course Committee report.

**Finance & RV Court** – Brian Brey

The Finance Committee met and decided to use sinking funds in the Water Utility Investment to pay the Well House loan down to \$100,000. That amount will be refinanced over four years at 2% interest. After the loan is paid in full, that loan payment amount will be budgeted to building the Water Utility Investment back up. This will save the Water Utility almost \$80,000.

No RV Court Commission report.

**Police, Building & Fire District** – Dischler

No Police Committee report.

No Building Committee report.

The Plain Fire District Board elected a new EMS Chief. Kay Feiner will take over on July 1, 2016.

**Ordinance & Parks** – Riek

No Ordinance Committee report.

No Parks Committee report.

Riek attended the most recent CARE meeting. The group is still in the growing stages. The next meeting is March 31st at 1:30pm at Green TTEC.

## **Green TTEC & Pool – Melissa Kraemer**

The Green TTEC HVAC system needs a pump replaced. Affiliated Engineers visited and gave input on the ongoing HVAC issues. Fitness Center discussions will begin again.

The Summer Sign-up is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> at Green TTEC. The notice will be in the Home News and flyers are being sent home with the school kids.

## **Development/Planning – Ring**

The Plain Area Advisory Committee met on February 17<sup>th</sup>. They are a nongovernmental body. At the last meeting they gathered thoughts as to where they think our challenges and issues are. They brainstormed on key areas of focus to start prioritizing. The group will rank the items to help achieve their goals. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Jesse Schluter started his own real estate company. Our contract will stay with the original company. The contract was for two years. There were people inquiring, but never went to the next step.

## **Police Department Report**

Officer Schreiber will try to get the radar trailer to Plain. There were a few vandalism issues. Schreiber is working with an adult human services worker about the issue.

## **Public Works Department Report**

Nick Ruhland continued from the Police report to state there were nuts and bolts dumped around the number eight green. It was a mess. The Ash trees that have been removed on the golf course so far have no evidence of emerald ash borer. Well House #1 will soon have a new meter that totalizes the flow numbers. The Wastewater Treatment Plant has an issue with a sludge recirculating pump. It appears to be a lemon and the companies involved are dragging their feet.

## **Clerk/Treasurer Report**

Sheila Carver reported:

- We had 51 voters for the Spring Primary. We will have the Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote on April 5th. Kevin Kraemer questioned absentee process.
- The Auditors finalized adjustments for 2015, so the final numbers were sent out.
- An individual on the verge of putting in an offer on the brick building on the corner of Highway 23 and B, contacted the Village Office last week. His last hurdle before entering an offer was to make sure the Village was OK with keeping the building as multi-family use when it is zoned commercial. Carver informed him that the building has been used as multi-family for many years and the Village Boards have never had an issue with it. His plans are to do a complete renovation of the property improving the esthetics of the building as a whole. Carver told him improvements of that building will be welcomed by the Village and assured him he would not have any issues. He was told the process of rezoning, but was informed that a precedent had already been set by another property on Main Street with the same exact situation where the board wanted to keep that area zoned Commercial even though the multi-family use exists.

**Other Business**

Carver explained how the Local Government Property Insurance Fund was increasing rates by 60%. The League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance has created the same coverage for only a 10-15% increase. Melissa Kraemer motioned to withdraw from the Local Government Property Insurance Fund and place all insurance with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance. Kevin Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Melissa Kraemer motioned to hire pool staff: Head Lifeguard - Cody Diehl; Assistant Head Lifeguard - Molly Schluter; Lifeguards - Allison Schluter; Rachel Liegel; Brittany Pulvermacher; and, Laura Erickson. Brey seconded. Motion carried.

Two options were presented for conference furniture for the Clerk’s office. The Clerk prefers Option one, which is four chairs, a coffee table and an end table. Option two is a table and four chairs. Melissa Kraemer motioned to go with Option one. Janet Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

No Correspondence.

**Review and Audit of Invoices:**

Kevin Kraemer motioned to pay Check #21688 payable to L.W. Allen, Inc. in the amount of \$31,398.00 from the Sewer Replacement Fund. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

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

General Fund	\$22,151.11	Water Utility	\$3,610.23
Library Fund	\$5,003.29	Sewer Department	\$35,278.21
Green TTEC	\$3,762.50	Golf Course	\$3,853.14
TIF District	\$78.76	Golf Course	\$3,853.14

Wage Reimbursements: \$14,638.54

Kevin Kraemer motioned to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:02 p.m. Riek seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Ring - Yes; Brey - Yes; Dischler – Yes; Janet Kraemer - Yes; Kevin Kraemer – Yes; Melissa Kraemer – Yes; and, Riek - Yes.

Sheila Carver,  
Clerk/Treasurer