

Village of Plain

Village Board Proceedings of November 13, 2013

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Plain was held at the Municipal Building on November 13, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Village President Raymond Ring at 7:30 p.m.

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

Others present: Mitch Gilbertson; John Ruhland; Robert Kraemer; Phil Studnicka; Chief Kevin Wilkins; Marion Copus of the Home News; 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, November 11, 2013. Notice was emailed to the Home News and the Baraboo News Republic on the same date.

Dischler motioned to approve minutes from the October 9, 2013 Regular Board Meeting. Janet Kraemer seconded. Motion carried with Box abstaining.

Guest

The Development & Planning Commission held a Public Hearing earlier in the evening in regards to rezoning Parcel #171-0066-00000 located at 1075 Cedar Street, owned by the John and Kathryn Straka, from its present classification of Residential/Prospective Business District to Business/Commercial District. Ring summarized the discussion from the Public Hearing. The Commission recommended rezoning the property. Janet Kraemer thinks it is a great thing for the Village to have a business expanding. It is hopeful that Straka will work with the Mondellos in regards to green space, to incorporate landscaping to help offset. Ring motioned to approve rezoning. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee met earlier in the evening with Jim Mann from Ehler's. Mann presented options regarding the TIF District. The Finance Committee voted to table it and look at the options in the beginning of the year. There is time unless laws would change. There is a lot of information to digest.

The Fire Department would like to build a chicken barbeque structure behind left field by the home run fence and Bridge Road. There was a smoke concern with it being near the pavilion which is near residential homes. It will be a basic structure with the end wall facing the ball diamond matching the existing pavilion. Picnic tables could be placed in the building to be used by volleyball players. The Village would be given ownership of the structure. The Fire Department will maintain the building. The Fire Board's insurance coverage will take care of construction. Janet Kraemer motioned to approve the plans. Riek seconded. Motioned carried with Dischler abstaining.

Police Department Report

Officer Schreiber had no report.

Public Works Department Report

Nick Ruhland reported that the creek on the golf course is going to be dredged yet this year. The contractor is waiting for the ground to freeze. The creek was declassified from a trout stream. The donation for the project has been received.

The ball diamond infield was rebuilt. Lime was brought in and The Kraemer Company leveled it with their grader. The Plain As donated \$500 towards the project. Ring thanked the Plain A's.

Committee Reports

Ordinance & Parks – Riek

The Ordinance Committee would like to remind the public to have their noxious trees trimmed ten feet from the ground otherwise the Village will do it and charge the resident.

The Parks Committee was disappointed to find out that they did not get a grant for the tennis court resurfacing because it is not the right size. There is still a possibility of getting it done in 2014.

Building Committee & Fire District – Dischler

No Building Committee report.

The Fire Board will meet in January.

Police & RV Court – Melissa Kraemer

No Police Committee report.

No RV Court report.

Streets & Utilities – Kevin Kraemer

No Streets Committee report.

New water rates can be implemented January 1st as well as an increase to sewer rates of 3%.

Water Pumpage for October, 2013:

Well No. 1: 416,000

Well No. 2: 1,577,000

Total for October: 1,993,000 gallons, which was 226,000 gallons less than last year.

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

Monthly fluoride average: 1.17 p.p.m. Monthly chlorine average: 0.23 p.p.m.

Wastewater Report for October, 2013:

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 209 mg/l
Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 7 Limit: 15 mg/l
Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 277 mg/l
Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 10 Limit: 20 mg/l
Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia: .3599 mg/l
Limit: 20.0 mg/l Monthly, 29.0 mg/l Daily
Monthly Average Total Phosphorous: 3.1 mg/l
Total gallons treated: 2,080,000

Library & Golf – Janet Kraemer

The Library Board reported bussing 86 children for the Pre-K program every other week which is being paid for by the Friends of the Library. The library is hosting do-it-yourself sessions. The Library Board is concerned about furnace maintenance and whether it should be inspected annually.

The Golf Course Committee met to talk about raising rates.

Finance & Pool – Box

The Finance Committee met several times. The last meeting approved their version of the budget. The budget will go to public hearing in December.

The Pool Committee received two quotes for repairs needed.

Development/Planning & Green TTEC – Ring

The Green TTEC Board is in the closing stages of the rec trail project. There was a private donation for a picnic table and bench.

No Development & Planning Commission report.

Other Business

A police vehicle is purchased every seven years and 2014 is the year to make the purchase. The Police Committee feels the 2014 Ford Interceptor SUV is the vehicle to purchase. The budget is \$24,000, plus a grant for \$4,000 and trade-in allowance of \$3,000; totaling \$31,000. Price comparison between the sedan and the SUV is \$1,500-\$3,000. Gas mileage and maintenance of the vehicles were looked at. The SUV gets 16/24 and the sedan gets 17/24. It will be all city mileage in Plain, so it is only a one mpg difference. Tires are both 18". Insurance will increase regardless of model. The SUV has more interior capacity, more storage and a larger back seat. An officer can enter and exit the SUV faster. Spring Green has an old cage that can be modified for the SUV for \$250. A new one would need to be purchased for the sedan for \$1,300. Other items would need to be purchased; light bar, decals, auxiliary lighting, blue tooth and other equipment transferred. At the end of the next seven years, the SUV trade-in value will be higher than the sedan. The preference of the officers is the SUV. An SUV purchase will be within the

\$31,000 budget. Once the board makes a decision, some items could be ordered this year yet. There is a concern of the community thinking the SUV is more a luxury vehicle. It is the exact same chassis and drive train, just a different body. The SUV is more comfortable and it has more space. Melissa Kraemer motioned to approve the purchase of a 2014 Ford Inceptor SUV not to exceed \$31,000. Janet Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Riek motioned to approve the Johnson Block contract with the increase of 2.5%. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

The board discussed the real estate contract with Driftless Area which is up for renewal. There is limited interest in commercial property. They recently installed the lots available signs. Many different options were discussed on changing the verbiage of the contract; from earnings percentage to length of contract. Development & Planning Commission will need to discuss the details with Ted Greenheck.

Box motioned to approve the liquor license for Honey Creek Market Cooperative, Agent: Tegan Krueger, expiring June 30, 2014. Janet Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Box motioned to charge no fee for Honey Creek Market Cooperative liquor license expiring June 30, 2014. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

Box motioned to approve the Operator’s License for Kelsie Faber. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

The board discussed golf course membership rates. There is a concern of subs for Men’s League not being required to be a member. A lot of memberships were lost when Men’s League changed that rule. The Golf Course Committee can discuss that issue. The committee needs to work together with Men’s League for the best of the golf course. Box motioned to approve the golf membership increases. Riek seconded. Motion carried. The rates including sales tax are as follows:

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
SINGLE	\$205.00	\$245.00
HUSBAND & WIFE	\$255.00	\$295.00
FAMILY**	\$300.00	\$345.00
STUDENT**	\$80.00	\$80.00

Box motioned to place special assessments on the 2013 tax roll for curb/gutter in the amount of \$267.18 on parcel # 171-0168-00000 and sidewalk/driveway in the amount of \$79.61 on parcel # 171-0041-00000. Janet Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Ring discussed the overall finances of the rec trail project now that it is complete. The project ended with a deficit of \$20,033.38. The paver sales essentially broke even. Some of the deficit was paid for last year. The punch list was approved. Ring motioned to pay Meise Construction rec trail project payment in the amount of \$59,072.25. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

The Wisconsin Department of Administration is questioning the grant for the Green TTEC project. There needs to be training for low to moderate income people and that is not happening. MATC does not apply. We will draft some language to respond. The issue will be discussed at subsequent board meetings. The attorney may be called.

Review and Audit of Invoices:

A motion to pay the monthly invoices was made by Ring. Janet Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

General Fund	\$32,130.34	Capital Improvements	\$3,365.54
Library Fund	\$2,813.27	Water Utility	\$8,142.72
Green TTEC	\$6,918.97	Sewer Department	\$2,707.02
TIF #2	\$68,614.27	Golf Course	\$242.86

Wage Reimbursements: \$13,881.58

Riek motioned to adjourn to closed session at 9:34 p.m. Ring seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Ring - Yes; Box - Yes; Dischler - Yes; Janet Kraemer - Yes; Melissa Kraemer - Yes; and, Riek - Yes.

Sheila Tafs
Clerk/Treasurer