

Village of Plain

Village Board Proceedings of September 14, 2016

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Plain was held at the Municipal Office Building on September 14, 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; and, Merry Lynn Riek, Trustees. Trustee Kevin Kraemer was absent.

Others present: Marian Copus of the Home News; Officer Andy Kurek 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, September 12, 2016. Notice was emailed to the Home News and the Baraboo News Republic on the same date.

Janet Kraemer motioned to approve minutes from the August 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Riek seconded. Motion carried with Brey abstaining.

Committee Reports

Streets & Utilities – Kevin Kraemer

Water Pumpage August, 2016:

Well No. 1: 1,114,000

Well No. 2: 1,125,000

Total for August: 2,239,000 gallons, which was 330,000 gallons more than last year.

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

Monthly fluoride average: .90 p.p.m. Monthly chlorine average: 0.13 p.p.m.

Wastewater Report for August, 2016:

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 172 mg/l

Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 3 Limit: 15 mg/l

Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 202 mg/l

Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 10 Limit: 20 mg/l

Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia: .42893 mg/l

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

Monthly Average Total Phosphorous: 0.7894 mg/l

Limit: 3.6 mg/l

Total gallons treated: 2,186,500

The annual crack filling was completed around Green TTEC as well as on Nachreiner Avenue and Cherry Street. The bridge pre-conference meeting is set for September 29th. The work will be done in October. The drain pipe repair on the golf course is tentatively scheduled for next week.

The Streets and Utilities Committees will be meeting next week.

Library & Golf – Janet Kraemer

The Library Board is working on their budget. The EIFS and tile were repaired. The color copy charge was increased to cover the printing cost. The new charge is corresponds with other libraries.

The Golf Course Committee met to do the budget. The committee is recruiting volunteers for October 8th for a fall clean up. There will be more than one day. Next year blades will be sharpened and a new lawn mower needs to be purchased.

Finance & RV Court – Brian Brey

The Finance Committee met last night to do employee evaluations. Another meeting is scheduled to go over evaluations with employees. The Village Board will approve 2017 wages at the next meeting. After that, the budget process will start.

No RV Court Commission report.

Police, Building & Fire District – Dischler

No Police Department report.

Building permits are up to ten.

The Fire District Board met last Monday night. The mil rate was set at .85. Last year it was .76. They need to repair the roof of the entire building. They are putting insulation in with the project. The roof will be under warranty for 22 years.

Ordinance & Parks – Riek

No Ordinance Committee report.

The Parks Committee met earlier this evening. There was vandalism at park last month. Chuck made contact with the juveniles and they apologized to Nick. They were expelled from the park until September 17th. The committee revisited the idea of cameras and decided against it due to probable cost. They may get trail cameras.

Green TTEC & Pool – Melissa Kraemer

The Green TTEC Board will meet next week.

The pool closed on September 2nd. The committee is scheduled to meet next week. Melissa Kraemer still needs to finalize one evaluation. Nick reported that the pool is still leaking but not a tremendous amount. He will discuss it at the committee meeting.

Development/Planning – Ring

Lighthouse real estate put together marketing materials for the business park land sale and Green TTEC space lease. On Monday, they started filming the area for marketing. The new sign will be up soon. He sent the script for the video, it was very well done.

Ring showed a video of pictures of Leavenworth, Washington, a community that changed their look to a mock Bavarian community. This effort has revitalized the economy of the community drawing many tourists. Ring would like to make this change to the Village of Plain. The board would set a policy in the Village. Buildings would be remodeled to German type stucco. Any improvements to properties would have to move along with the new idea. The board would take a leadership role by starting with street signs with the German tag name e.g. Strasse for Street or Allee for Avenue. Any visitors would still know the street by keeping the main name. Father John was part of discussion and is already changing things at the church. Plain Fest could be changed to Strasse Fest meaning Street Fest. Father John grew up in Indiana that had a town that had a similar event that had a German parade and a event Prince and Princess. Over time, their leaders started wearing the colors. The town started growing just because of this. In Spring Green there could be a sign to see the local German village. The change would happen slowly and there would be marketing and positioning. The library building could be changed to the German look for \$2,000 with boards and flower planters. Gani from Blackhawk Palace has interest already and is willing to be the first building to start changing in that direction. Any posted signs need to be German font. This may be the spark this village needs to be unique. This could be a stopping point for people. Ring would like the Village Board to be excited as well to pursue. Ring plans to visit Leavenworth. He would like to talk to the Advisory Panel to get their insight. Janet Kraemer likes it. She does not want our town to die, we need to start something. Melissa Kraemer agreed. The German heritage is because this town is German. Brey stated that we have to go full boar or nothing. Riek suggested that we first start by talking to businesses about little details they can start doing. If everyone is in agreement, Ring would like to move forward. If we want to be a community that survives, we have to do more. The board was in agreement.

Police Department Report

Officer Andy Kurek reported that last month there were extra hours due to a search warrant with a lengthy investigation.

Public Works Department Report

Nick Ruhland reported that storm sewer project will take place next week. They are behind because of all the rain. Pepsi took the pop machine from the golf course because we do not sell enough products. He is close to having the utility mapping done.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

Sheila Carver reported:

- The Department of Revenue changed the way the Expenditure Restraint Payment form needs to be submitted. It used to be just the General Fund Expenditures that were reported that we could only increase by a specified percentage determined by the DOR.

Now they want the entire tax levy reported. There was a significant increase to the tax levy this year, but debt payments can now be deducted from any of the affected budgets. Since our debt payments are so significant this year because of the TIF District, it actually brought our percentage of increase to a negative percent. We will still receive the Expenditure Restraint Payment in 2017. This payment is significant. The payment this year was \$20,591.84.

- The annual DOT report was completed and submitted which informs the state of our street improvements for the year, which was just crack sealing this year. This reporting requirement ties into the state transportation aids received by the Village.
- Carver attended election training last week, so she is current on all of the recent law changes.
- We took the Plain Fest float through the Loganville Parade. We were very well received there. It was a dreary day, so they did not have a big crowd.
- Two lucky winners at Plain Fest for the free raffle will be the proud owners of an iPad Pro. They were purchased with funds donated by local businesses. The drawing will be at 3pm that day and you have to be present to win.

Other Business

Chief recommended Officer Andy Kurek to be the next Officer in Charge. Kurek told the board about his background and history. Dischler motioned to hire Officer Andy Kurek as the Officer In Charge for a six month trial term. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Janet Kraemer motioned to adopt Resolution #2016-06; a resolution exempting the Village from County library tax. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Ring motioned to approve the closing of Cedar Street from the Fire Department driveway to St. Luke's Avenue, on Saturday, October 1st for the Plain Fest event that is scheduled from 11am-5pm. Closing the street will be from 8am-8pm to encompass set-up and clean-up. Janet Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Brey motioned to set the Budget Hearing for Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 7pm. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

Janet Kraemer informed the board that the library roof needs to be repaired. It is still leaking. The problem was more in depth than the repair that was done. Nick detailed the problem which is causing the paint to bubble in the interior. Kevin Kraemer feels it needs to be budgeted for. Janet Kraemer said it is a big deal. Ring would like to see an estimate. We need someone who has dealt with commercial buildings. Nick was directed to get quotes.

The board discussed the recent vandalism at the park. Ring believes we should recover the cost. The board agreed that the village should seek restitution. Invoices will be sent to the vandalizers.

Correspondence

Greg and Janet Kraemer sent a thank you for our condolences for Janet's father.

Review and Audit of Invoices:

Melissa Kraemer motioned to pay Check #22154 payable to L.W. Allen, Inc. in the amount of \$615.15 from the Sewer Replacement Fund. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

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

General Fund	\$61,024.56	Water Utility	\$2,177.62
Library Fund	\$2,989.30	Sewer Department	\$2,517.70
Green TTEC	\$2,194.24	Golf Course	\$1,304.42
TIF District	\$78.76		

Wage Reimbursements: \$20,124.75

Riek motioned to adjourn to closed session at 8:23 p.m. Dischler 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