

## **Village of Plain**

### **Village Board Proceedings of December 14, 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 December 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; Kevin Kraemer; and, Merry Lynn Riek, Trustees.

Others present: John Bettinger, River Valley School Board Member; Marian Copus of the Home News; Chief Kevin Wilkins; 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, December 12, 2016. Notice was emailed to the Home News and the Baraboo News Republic on the same date.

Melissa Kraemer motioned to approve minutes from the November 9, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Dischler seconded. Motion carried with Janet Kraemer abstaining.

Riek motioned to approve minutes from the November 30, 2016 Budget Hearing. Janet Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Kraemer motioned to approve minutes from the November 30, 2016 Special Board Meeting. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Guests**

Chief Kevin Wilkins presented the contract for police services for 2017 with Spring Green. One change from last year is the increase of administrative fees from \$5.05 to \$5.25. Kevin Kraemer motioned to approve the contract for police services for 2017 with Spring Green. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

The Police Committee recommends to purchase two solar powered speed radar signs with the \$4,000 traffic grant for Police Department. This would require the Police Department to cover \$1,200 of the total purchase. After much discussion, it was thought it would be best to get one speed sign and one pedestrian sign and see what works best. Kevin Kraemer motioned to approve the purchase of one speed sign and one pedestrian sign with the traffic grant funds. Janet Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

John Bettinger, River Valley School Board Member, addressed the board regarding concerns of the Village of Plain of reconfiguring the elementary schools. The school referendum in November failed. Last Thursday the school board voted to close the Lone Rock and Arena elementary schools starting next year. The plan for Plain is to house 4K and 5K students. Fifth graders would move to the Middle School. It is hopeful of the school board to sell the Lone Rock and Arena elementary school buildings after they close. There is no legal documentation that requires the schools to stay open. Bettinger stated that it is not financially feasible to keep the schools open. Plain has had a constant dialog on how to sell us and revitalize our downtown.

When people move to a town, the first thing they do is look at the schools. We are disappointed that we will not be able to sell our town because of not having a school. Government, school and business are the basis for any community. When you take one away, it has a significant impact. Bettinger stated that the school district has zero responsibility for making this community successful. That is the responsibility of the leaders of the community.

Ring said he would challenge that thought process. We need to work together. This decision has a greater positive economic impact on the hub town. It is only benefiting one of the communities. There will be another referendum even though the schools are closing.

The board then considered Resolution 2016-08; a resolution to oppose River Valley School Closures and Class Changes Proposal. After discussion, Brey motioned to adopt Resolution 2016-08. Motion failed for lack of second. Revisions were made as a group and read aloud by Ring. Riek motioned to adopt the revised Resolution 2016-08. Brey seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Ring – Yes; Brey - Yes; Dischler – Yes; Janet Kraemer – Yes; Melissa Kraemer – Yes; Kevin Kraemer – Yes; and, Riek – Yes.

### **Committee Reports**

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

The Streets Committee will be meeting in January to discuss the street project for 2017. There was some discussion on how streets should be repaired. Just doing an overlay does not fix the street for very long.

The Sewer Department has a pump replacement scheduled for next year.

#### **Library & Golf – Janet Kraemer**

No Library Board report

No Golf Course report.

#### **Finance & RV Court – Brian Brey**

No Finance Committee report.

No RV Court Commission report.

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

No Police Department report.

Building permits are up to thirteen for the year.

The next meeting for the Fire District Board is January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Ordinance & Parks – Riek**

No Ordinance Committee report.

No Parks Committee report.

**Green TTEC & Pool – Melissa Kraemer**

No Green TTEC Board report.

No Pool Committee report.

**Development/Planning – Ring**

The Advisory Panel is scheduled to meet on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30p.m.

**Police Department Report**

No Police Department report.

**Public Works Department Report**

Water Pumpage November, 2016:

Well No. 1: 987,000

Well No. 2: 879,000

Total for November: 1,866,000 gallons, which was 333,000 gallons more than last year.

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

Monthly fluoride average: .90 p.p.m. Monthly chlorine average: 0.21 p.p.m.

Wastewater Report for November, 2016:

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 157 mg/l

Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 4 Limit: 15 mg/l

Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 175 mg/l

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

Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia: .6054 mg/l

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

Monthly Average Total Phosphorous: .9229 mg/l

Limit: 3.6 mg/l

Total gallons treated: 2,246,600

Public Works recently hauled out the year's recycling items. They had 42 TVs, eight computer monitors and four printers. This cost \$550. Also, from the past three months there were seven Freon appliances and that was only \$70 due to scrap metal sale with it.

There was one sidewalk in town that Public Works had to shovel. The resident was billed \$50 and if it continues it will be \$100 for each time to follow according to Ordinance. There was also a complaint about a resident shoveling their snow into Village streets which is also against Ordinance. Nick gave the resident a warning. It will be \$75 for Public Works to remove the snow if it happens again.

The Wastewater permit is set to expire in September 2017. It will continue to be a limit of 3.6 mg/l for phosphorus for another five years. After that the goal will be .75 mg/l unless there are changes. Ring talked with State Senator Howard Marklein who talked to Senator Ron Johnson in regards to phosphorus removal cost concerns. Johnson talked to the EPA and the problem is being recognized.

### **Clerk/Treasurer Report**

Sheila Carver reported:

- After the Budget Hearing Carver filed the Levy Limit document, TIF taxes calculation and the Statement of Taxes with the state. The General Fund budget was submitted to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, which is a requirement of the TIF General Obligation Bonds, and the Tax Roll Certificate to the county. Residents received their tax bills last week and there have been no complaints so far.
- The presidential recount for Sauk County was finished last week. The Village of Plain's count was exact. However, the Sauk County Clerk is still holding our records due to multiple, extensive open records requests that are coming in from national organizations. Carver thanked the Village's Poll Workers for their professionalism and conformity to the electoral process making the Village's outcome precise.
- Gani from the restaurant contacted Carver regarding wanting only one address for both of his buildings at 1150 & 1170 Main Street. He was informed that it is OK for him to use one address but if he wants it officially done he needs a surveyor to create a Certified Survey Map to merge the two parcels into one parcel. Each parcel is required to have its own unique address. This is needed for Sauk County records as well as utility companies. If he does proceed, the Development and Planning Commission would review the Certified Survey Map and make a recommendation to the Village Board for final approval.
- Today, Carver gave a tour of Green TTEC to the Continuing Education Director for UW-Baraboo/Sauk County and UW-Richland colleges. They are looking at the potential to hold classes or lectures at Green TTEC for the public. They feel Plain is a nice middle location for both of their locations. She will be in touch.
- With the end of the year approaching, the Auditors are starting to request information to prepare for the annual audit. The audit is scheduled to start January 25th.

**Other Business**

Ring motioned to set the 2017 January Caucus at January 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Kraemer read the second reading of Ordinance 189-16; to increase sewer rates for 2017. Kevin Kraemer motioned to adopt Ordinance 189-16. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

There is a concern of line of site from the stop sign on Cedar Street and Wachter Avenue. In the summer, the foliage grows up and a car at the stop sign cannot see what is coming from the north on Highway 23. There have been many safety improvements including changing speed limits by Kraemer Avenue and Leed Parkway and the new solar powered speed limit sign and pedestrian sign. The Police Committee will meet to discuss the concern.

**Review and Audit of Invoices:**

Kevin Kraemer motioned to pay Check #22352 payable to General Engineering Co. in the amount of \$1,007.50 from the Sewer Replacement Fund. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

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

General Fund	\$25,276.56	Water Utility	\$2,993.30
Library Fund	\$7,764.61	Sewer Department	\$7,313.15
Green TTEC	\$1,336.58	Golf Course	\$27,556.15
TIF District	\$78.76	Capital Improvements	\$0.00

Wage Reimbursements: \$22,547.50

Dischler motioned to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,  
Clerk/Treasurer