

## **Village of Plain**

### **Village Board Proceedings of November 8, 2017**

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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 November 8, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Village President Ring at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Dennis Polivka, Sauk County Board Supervisor; Marian Copus of the Home News; Officer Sean Kibler; Officer Andrew 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, November 6, 2017. Notice was emailed to the Home News and the Baraboo News Republic on the same date.

Riek motioned to approve minutes from the October 11, 2017 Animal Ordinance Public Hearing. Dischler seconded. Motion carried.

Melissa Kraemer motioned to approve minutes from the October 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Brey seconded. Motion carried with Ring abstaining.

#### **Guests**

Dennis Polivka, Sauk County Board Supervisor, updated the board on Sauk County issues. The County Board will pass their budget on Tuesday. There is a 2.03% increase in the tax levy with a decrease in the mil rate due to an increase in Equalized Value. There is more dependency on levy due to cuts in aid and grants. Also, the county's fund balance has been reduced significantly where there is not as much interest revenue. The sales tax revenue is up almost 1% over last year. The fund balance is healthy. That gives them flexibility for updating equipment and a \$2 million upgrade at the campus. If a department does not spend their budget money, then it goes into their fund balance. They maintain 25% in working capital fund balance.

At the end of October the first phase of the trail opened. The next phase will be started next year. Drug court had graduated the first three participants. These are success stories from heroine. They are hoping for two more graduates next year. There is meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> to address the risky behavior of young people.

Polivka sits on board of the health care center. There is a concern about the number of Baby Boomers retiring. Also, a bigger problem is the 25-45 year olds that have destroyed their lives from drugs. Sauk County is in a consortium with other counties where those types of people can be sent. A neighboring county that is not a part of the consortium has a person that is costing them \$1,300 a day.

There is a new Highway Commissioner by the name of Patrick Gavinski. He was an Engineer with the DOT. He is certified to inspect bridges.

Ring asked about sales tax. The money goes into the General Budget. Polivka believes there is no expiration on the sales tax. Also, Ring was reading about the Sauk County Health Care Center. About 80% of the people there are from Reedsburg. Polivka stated that the center costs the county about a \$2 million tax levy. The new Administrator has trimmed some expenses. They do have over \$700,000 in revenue from Medicare and Medicaid. The county is considering constructing an assisted living that generates revenue. If we do not house them in Sauk County, they will go elsewhere. Ring questioned the reason for so many Reedsburg residents. Spring Green, Sauk City and Baraboo have private nursing homes. The big factor is location. The county nursing home is not profitable like private homes are. The county takes more Medicaid patients that private facilities will not take.

The county is in the process of hiring a Placemaking person that will be on board by February. If Placemaking is going to work in the county, we need input from everyone. Sauk County is innovative in Placemaking. No other county has done this.

### **Committee Reports**

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

Westbrook Engineers are designing St. Luke's Avenue. Conversations are still ongoing with the Park Avenue contractor. The street lights will be scheduled to be installed after they arrive by the end of the week.

No Utilities Committee report.

#### **Golf & Building – Janet Kraemer**

No Golf Course Committee report.

No Building Committee report.

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

The Finance Committee had a couple of meetings for Public Works Assistant interviews and budget meetings. They met with committees and reviewed their budgets with no major changes. The budget is set to be approved on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December.

No RV Court Commission report.

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

The Police Committee is looking into putting snow tires on the squad for winter and store the others until spring. The squad recall was taken care of. Officer Kurek thinks it could be an ongoing issue with the exhaust.

The Library Board is getting bids for replacing some lights.

The Fire District Board met October 16<sup>th</sup> to order a new chassis for a 2019 unit. It will be done after the first of September next year. The truck should last 30 years.

### **Ordinance & Parks – Riek**

No Ordinance Committee report.

Mark Alt is still planning on doing playground equipment border this fall yet.

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

No Green TTEC Board report.

The Pool Committee will be meeting on Wednesday next week to discuss a potential referendum for the future of the pool.

### **Development/Planning – Ring**

No Development & Planning Commission report.

### **Police Department Report**

Officer Andy Kurek introduced new officer Sean Kibler to the board.

### **Public Works Department Report**

#### Water Pumpage October, 2017:

Well No. 1: 1,050,000

Well No. 2: 915,000

Total for October: 2,287,000 gallons, which was 458,000 gallons more than last year.

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

Monthly fluoride average: .80 p.p.m. Monthly chlorine average: 0.22 p.p.m.

#### Wastewater Report for October, 2017:

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 178 mg/l

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

Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 153 mg/l

Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 9 Limit: 20 mg/l

Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia: .0917 mg/l

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

Monthly Average Total Phosphorous: 1.182 mg/l

Limit: 3.6 mg/l

Total gallons treated: 2,353,000

## **Clerk/Treasurer Report**

Sheila Carver reported:

- Carver is on the committee for the Local Road Improvement Grant to help to decide the grant recipients for the 2018-19 grant cycle. The application for the St. Luke's Avenue project has been submitted.
- The Village Board will be hosting the Budget Hearing on December 6th at 7pm. Packets will be sent to the board once all of the numbers are in from the state. Everything Carver has gathered so far signifies that there will be a slight decrease in taxes.
- Because some of Carver's time is worked outside of the Village Office hours there are various Friday afternoons that she is not in the office. To lesson confusion for residents, it was decided to change the official office hours on Fridays to 8am-Noon. This will alleviate any anguish of residents visiting the Village Office on Friday afternoons when she is not in the office. Carver's work schedule will not change, just the official office hours. Any hours that she is not in the office during official hours will be posted on the door as always but they will now be on the event's calendar on the village website as well.

## **Other Business**

Kevin Kraemer motioned to place the following special assessments on the 2017 tax roll:

Parcel # 171-0332-00000 curb/gutter in the amount of \$297.62

Parcel # 171-0337-00000 curb/gutter in the amount of \$331.66

Parcel # 171-0421-00000 delinquent utilities in the amount of \$418.18

Brey seconded. Motion carried.

Melissa Kraemer motioned to approve applications for Operator's licenses in the Village for the period ending June 30, 2018 for Adelina Ahmetaj and Arianne E Woller working for Blackhawk Palace dba Schnitzelbank. Kevin Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Kraemer read the first reading of Ordinance 193-17; to increase sewer rates for 2018.

Kevin Kraemer motioned to hire Joshua Sandberg as the full time Public Works Assistant. Dischler seconded. Motion carried.

## **Correspondence**

Kris Stoddard responded from the last board meeting in respect to what took place and to apologize. She said she will do a better job in regards to next year's event getting posted.

**Review and Audit of Invoices:**

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

General Fund	\$34,234.69	Water Utility	\$1,212.12
Library Fund	\$4,286.70	Sewer Department	\$2,113.96
Green TTEC	\$910.50	Golf Course	\$1,867.99
TIF District	\$7,250.00	Capital Improvements	\$84.00

Wage Reimbursements: \$16,430.25

Kevin Kraemer motioned to adjourn to close session at 7:46 p.m. Dischler seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Ring – Yes; Brey - Yes; Dischler – Yes; Melissa Kraemer – Yes; Kevin Kraemer – Yes; and, Riek – Yes.

Sheila Carver,  
Clerk/Treasurer