

Village of Plain

Village Board Proceedings of March 14, 2018

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Plain was held at the Municipal Office Building on March 14, 2018. 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; Kevin Kraemer; Melissa Kraemer; and Merry Lynn Riek, Trustees.

Others present: Dennis Polivka, Sauk County Supervisor; Marian Copus of the *Home News*; Officer Andrew Kurek; and John 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 12, 2018. Notice was emailed to the *Home News* and the *Baraboo News Republic* on the same date.

The February 14, 2018 board meeting was canceled due to that day being Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day, along with hectic schedules.

Brey motioned to approve minutes from the January 10, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Dischler seconded. Motion carried.

Guest

Dennis Polivka, Sauk County Supervisor, informed the board that Sauk County has hired a Placemaking liaison that will start April 2nd. Sauk County has been invited to be a part of the Future Regions Initiative with Eau Claire and Racine counties administered by the Local Government Institute. Jessica Peters, a renowned futurist, will lead the initiative. They would like involvement from all of the communities. Each community will keep their own identity. It is important to keep our young people in Sauk County. Ring questioned who the new Placemaking Liaison is. He is Jared Pinkus, originally from Wisconsin, but is currently living in Denver, CO. He has been working as a planner for the City of Denver, creating a sense of place in Denver. Sauk County expects him to reach out to all of the communities. He will be involved in the Future Regions Initiative.

The Aging & Disability Resource Center has teamed up with Schnitzelbank to provide breakfast to anyone over the age of 60 on Thursday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. This is available to all of Sauk County.

The rail bridge in Sauk City should be completely removed by the end of the month. A group of organizations is looking into another bridge in order to extend the bike and snowmobile trails into Dane County.

Bug Tussel Wireless updated 14 towers within the county to 4G and 5G capabilities. They have six sites that they have added for broadband. They have two more sites under construction and five additional sites they plan to update. They have added AT&T and T-Mobile to their towers as well. They currently have 27 towers in Sauk County and are expanding into Richland and Iowa counties.

Jeff Jelinek, Sauk County Emergency Management Director, is expanding training sites with the county for ALICE, Active Shooter Response Training.

After former Sauk County Highway Commissioner Steve Muchow's retirement last year an anonymous letter was received with accusations against Muchow. The Administrative Coordinator brought in a Forensic Attorney that reviewed all of the books and found no wrongdoing. The Sheriff's Department then reexamined and their findings agreed with the Forensic Attorney. A conflict of interest between Muchow and Sheriff Meister then sent the case to the Wisconsin Department of Justice, which also found no misconduct.

Ring questioned the discussion about adding assisted living to the nursing home. Ring wonders if there are other options being considered since the nursing home operates in the red. Polivka stated that there is an ad hoc committee researching that situation. Typically, a County would start with an assisted living then do a nursing home. There are people in the nursing home that could be in an assisted living which is not as costly. The nursing home receives over \$700,000 annually from Medicaid and it goes into the General Fund. The new administrator in the nursing home is working hard on efficiencies. Ring struggles with the County providing a nursing home when there are private facilities available. Those funds could be directed to help subsidize those people staying in their own homes. Polivka stated that the County does help. The nursing home provides Meals on Wheels to those that are homebound. It is more cost effective to keep people in their homes. The County nursing home loses money because they are required to take Medicaid patients. Kevin Kraemer questioned how many assisted living units they were looking to do. Polivka stated 24 units.

Riek questioned the impact to Sauk County with the integration of U.W. Platteville and U.W. Baraboo. The County will not be impacted. They are independent through the university system. U.W. Baraboo will offer some four year degrees. They will remain similar to what they are now.

Committee Reports

SGACC Report – Emily Stienmetz

No SGACC report. Riek inquired if our representative is attending SGACC board meetings. She does attend their board meetings. If she has appointments, she is not available for our board meetings. If we have something pressing, she will come. Ring is happy that we have a representative now. She is still learning.

Streets & Utilities – Kevin Kraemer

Kevin Kraemer reported that the street project bids were opened on Monday.

No Utilities Committee report.

Golf & Building – Janet Kraemer

The Men's Golf League will be doing the Chicken BBQ fundraiser on April 22nd at 10:30 a.m. The tree by Fairway Circle will be cut up when there is time.

No Building Committee report.

Finance & RV Court – Brian Brey

No Finance Committee report.

RV Court Commission reported for August-December 2017. There were 14 defendants; fines totaled approximately \$1,084.

Police, Library & Fire District – Dischler

No Police Committee report.

The library finished painting inside. There will be some work outside as well when it warms up.

The Fire District Board is working on EMT sleeping quarters. That project should finish at the end of April. The new Peterbilt water truck will be here in September. The 1988 Mack will be sold then.

Ordinance & Parks – Riek

The Ordinance Committee has an amendment to the ATV/UTV ordinance because the state opened up their highways.

Letters were sent out for the park outfield signs. There were also eight new prospects that received letters. Twelve payments have been received so far.

Green TTEC & Pool – Melissa Kraemer

There is an interested party in the Green TTEC incubator space. They want build offices and put walls up. There may be an issue with the in-floor heating. Options are being worked out.

The public wanted to keep pool open so the Village advertised for lifeguards. One lifeguard application was received. Letters were then sent out to residents asking for help to find staff and invited them to another public meeting. There was potential interest for the lifeguard positions. We have a Pool Manager and four potential lifeguards. More lifeguards are still being pursued. If we open, swim lessons will be offered through Swim Reedsburg. John has been working with Badger Pools in regards to repairs. The committee worked on decreasing expenses to accommodate wages increases. Bill Gruber donated funds to help with lifeguard wages.

Development/Planning – Ring

The Development & Planning Commission was approached by the American Legion in regards to the disposition of the building. They met and discussed strategies by both parties. There will be another meeting on March 21st to discuss items desired by both sides. There was a meeting tonight to discuss starting points in order to come to an agreement. There is no proposal yet. There are a lot of details to work out. They only have eight active Legionnaires. At the next meeting there will be a petition to rezone a property.

Police Department Report

Officer Andy Kurek reported on a dog bite in the village. A dog attacked another dog unprovoked and an individual in the household stepped in and got bit. Kurek wants direction from the board if it should be declared vicious or not since it was within the same household. The Police Department was notified by the hospital because it was a dog bite. It would cause problems if the board would pick and choose what dogs to declare vicious. This decision will set a precedent. Kurek questioned if it mattered that the incident happened within the same household. The ordinance needs to be followed. It was an unprovoked attack; therefore, the dog needs to be declared vicious per ordinance. Officer Kurek was directed to declare the dog vicious.

Public Works Department Report

Water Pumpage January, 2018:

Well No. 1: 1,116,000

Well No. 2: 647,000

Total for January: 1,763,000 gallons, which was 30,000 gallons more than last year.

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

Monthly fluoride average: .82 p.p.m. Monthly chlorine average: 0.21 p.p.m.

Wastewater Report for January, 2018:

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 188 mg/l

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

Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 129 mg/l

Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 12 Limit: 20 mg/l

Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia: .9952 mg/l

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

Monthly Average Total Phosphorous: 1.5083 mg/l

Limit: 3.6 mg/l

Total gallons treated: 2,382,000

Water Pumpage February, 2018:

Well No. 1: 916,000

Well No. 2: 714,000

Total for February: 1,630,000 gallons, which was 64,000 gallons less than last year.

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

Monthly fluoride average: .74 p.p.m. Monthly chlorine average: .24 p.p.m.

Wastewater Report for February, 2018:

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 175 mg/l

Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 7 Limit: 15 mg/l

Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 131 mg/l

Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 12 Limit: 20 mg/l

Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia: .941 mg/l

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

Monthly Average Total Phosphorous: 1.585 mg/l

Limit: 3.6 mg/l

Total gallons treated: 2,297,000

Public Works Director, John Ruhland, addressed the board regarding phosphorus. The previous permit expired on September 30, 2017. A draft of the new permit was received in January 2018. The new permit would lower the phosphorus limit from 3.6 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l. The phosphorus engineer reviewed the draft and sent requests to the DNR to not lower the limit. Unfortunately, the new permit was left at the 1.2 mg/l limit. With adding ferric alone, the level is only reduced to 1.6 mg/l. To reach the new limit, polymer needs to be added as well. It is a huge expense to attain the new limit. This new permit is for five years. In 2023, the permit limit will be reduced to .075 mg/l. Every fall the engineer has to submit a progress report. A separation area is needed for phosphorus by 2021 that will be created in the old chlorine building.

The street lights plaques and banners are on the new poles. A new post was ordered for some of the signage. There were requests for light poles in two other areas of the village. There is also an individual interested in buying three of the old light poles. Ruhland would like some spare poles as well. John will do some further assessment about the selling price of the poles and report back to the board. There was discussion about placing old poles on American Legion Drive and Oakwood Circle. John will begin looking into placement. Ring commended Ruhland on a good job with the new street lights.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

Sheila Carver reported:

- The tax collection was turned over to the county. Carver collected \$1,394,024.14.
- The 2017 audit was finalized; final budget comparisons were sent out. The Auditors are finishing up their filings with the state.
- Carver completed the annual report for the U.S. Census Bureau for the number of new housing units. The year 2017 was the 10th year in a row that it was a zero report.

- The Spring Primary was held on February 20th. There was one race on the ballot for State Supreme Court Justice. There were 67 voters. The Spring Election is on April 3rd which includes the local election on the ballot.
- Eric Kleven would like to do the Board of Review on Wednesday, May 23rd from 6pm-8pm. Open Book now has to be a different day, so he will be here for that on May 16th from 1pm-3pm.
- Carver will be helping the United States Census Bureau again with their 2020 census. They are gearing up for it and the documents were received to verify addresses. The documents are much more intricate and secure than they were for the 2010 census. It seems much more complex than it needs to be with a 142 page guide for just what they need the Village to do. Carver will be working on that when time is available.
- Before next month's meeting there will be a rezone public hearing for 1040 Cedar Street which is currently zoned Single Family Residential. The owners are requesting it to be changed to Multiple Family Residential. This public hearing is hosted by the Development & Planning Commission. There will also be a special assessments public hearing for the St. Luke's Avenue project hosted by the Village Board.
- Carver will be out of the office the next two days for training.

Other Business

Riek motioned to adopt Resolution 2018-01 to finance the 2007 GMC Sierra 2500HD 4x4. Janet Kraemer seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Ring - Yes; Brey - Yes; Dischler - Yes; Janet Kraemer - Yes; Kevin Kraemer - Yes; Melissa Kraemer - Yes; and Riek - Yes.

Riek read the first reading of Ordinance #194-18: An ordinance encompassing Highway 23 into ATV and UTV routes and removing Liegel Avenue and Clover Street.

Riek read the first reading of Ordinance #195-18: An ordinance changing the Green TTEC Board to a committee.

Melissa Kraemer motioned to dissolve the Green TTEC Budget as of December 31, 2018 and adding the revenues and expenditures to the General Fund Budget. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

Kevin Kraemer motioned to approve the bid from Meise Construction, Inc. for the St. Luke's Avenue Reconstruction and Nachreiner Avenue Resurfacing project in the amount of \$347,789.95. Brey seconded. Motion carried. There is a benefactor that will be paying for the Nachreiner Avenue portion. The Village will only be responsible for St. Luke's Avenue.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Review and Audit of Invoices:

Brey motioned to pay the bills as presented from the past two months. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

General Fund	\$542,965.08	Water Utility	\$40,411.58
Library Fund	\$28,294.84	Sewer Department	\$13,457.12
Green TTEC	\$6,445.38	Golf Course	\$1,129.39
TIF District	\$89,734.00	Capital Improvements	\$10,369.98
Debt Services	\$116,469.17		

Wage Reimbursements: \$31,446.83

Kevin Kraemer motioned to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,
Clerk/Treasurer