

# **Village of Plain**

## **Village Board Proceedings of July 11, 2018**

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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 July 11, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Village President Ray Ring at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Ray Ring, Village President; Brian Brey; John Dischler; Janet Kraemer; Melissa Kraemer; Robert Neuheisel and Merry Lynn Riek, Trustees.

Others present: Keith Hackl; Rebecca Hackl; Ben Limmex; Natalie Limmex; 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, July 9, 2018. Notice was emailed to the *Home News* and the *Baraboo News Republic* on the same date.

Brey motioned to approve minutes from the June 13, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Neuheisel seconded. Motion carried.

### **Guests**

Rebecca Hackl addressed the board regarding replacing a retaining wall. They have found many areas in Wisconsin that have used the retaining block they plan to use. They believe it will not diminish the property values around them. They have tried to do the project all summer but weather has delayed the project. They were surprised in May when they heard from the neighbors to the south objecting the wall since they were notified last fall before the project was started. The blocks will be three blocks high. Melissa Kraemer questioned why they choose this type of block. These blocks will outlast them. Rebecca stated that their plans will be pleasing to the eye. They can stain the blocks if necessary. Rebecca reassured the board it will look nice. They are 3,500 pound blocks and locked into each other so there is no concern of them tumbling down the hill. They will be set back from the lot line at least five feet.

Natalie Limmex talked about their fence plans as the same neighbor has complained about their plans. They had their survey done today to confirm where their lot lines are. They are concerned about placing their fence over the sewer lines in their backyard. They need to call Diggers Hotline. They just wanted to confirm that nothing was going to change before they did any work.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Streets & Utilities – Robert Neuheisel**

The Streets Committee met on Monday night. Nachreiner Avenue was discussed about changing it to a one-way. All residents are for it flowing to the north. They feel it would be much safer to make the change. They would like to see it done this year before school starts. The school bus company has no issues with the change. Nachreiner Avenue is scheduled to be reconstructed in 2022.

A preliminary walk through was done on the St. Luke's Avenue project. A punch list was created. There will be a final walk through when the list is completed.

The committee also discussed Clover Street going into Meise Construction and Bridge Road going into the Kraemer shops. Both roads have heavy equipment going in and out. The road needs to be built strong enough to handle the equipment. The committee is hoping for a joint venture to fix both areas. It would not happen until 2024-25.

There is no sidewalk going to the pool from the south side of Highway B. It was suggested to paint an area in the street. Andy will check into street regulations.

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 will begin the budget process in mid-August.

No RV Court Commission report.

**Police, Ordinance & Library** – John Dischler

Dischler is researching options for the police squad. The squad has 60,000 miles on it.

No Ordinance Committee report.

The Library Board put a survey out in regards to statistics about users.

**Fire District & Parks** – Merry Lynn Riek

The Fire Board met on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The new fire truck was put in service on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Fire Chief John Ruhland gave Fire Board a tour. They are looking in to the best way to sell the old fire truck. The building generator needs to be replaced. It enables overhead doors to operate. They are also looking to hook up to new area to the generator. EMS Chief Kay Feiner reported that there has been 94 calls year-to-date. This is up from 81 from last year at this time. The EMTs are continuing recruitment efforts for new EMTs. There is a class starting at Madison College in Reedsburg. The ambulance was out of commission for a week for a repair. Thank you to Spring Green for allowing Plain to use theirs. EMS hosted a spaghetti supper where proceeds went to scholarships. They are looking into increasing transportation care costs for the ambulance. Stephanie Nachreiner is researching. The Fire Board toured the new EMT rooms. It is close to completion. There was discussion to do an open house during the Fire & EMS Celebration.

Firefighter Justin Anliker would like to do a dodgeball tournament on the tennis courts during the Fire & EMS Celebration. Donors towards the tennis court renovation are fine with the tournament. Tennis shoes only should be required, no spikes. The nets would be removed and maybe the posts if they are removable.

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

Green TTEC had a joint meeting with the Development & Planning Commission. That will be discussed later in closed session.

Pool Manager Lisa Ladsten has created a Facebook page for the pool. She posts closings and hour changes. We sent out a letter in June to the community asking for help by buying a pool pass, donations or donating time. Pool passes sold are at 47, up by 11 from last year. There were 732 users in June and was closed four days. There are a few open spots for swim lessons, so lots of participation in lessons. The pool is looking for donations or fundraisers for lounge chairs and umbrellas. They are considering open swim or lap swim for adults. They want to do a teen event. Donors from the June letter are: \$100 from Bob & Betty Kraemer, Dave Zwettler of Rural Insurance, Bob & Jane Elmer, and Duane & Gwen Kraemer; \$500 from Kraemer North America; and \$1,000 from Straka Meats and The Kraemer Company. Straka Meats hung a nice sign that says they proudly sponsor the pool. Any of the donors are welcome to hang a sign. Melissa Kraemer is so happy about the accomplishments of the pool this year. Thank you to Lisa Ladsten and the lifeguards.

### **Development/Planning – Ray Ring**

The Development & Planning Commission held a joint with Green TTEC Committee.

### **Police Department Report**

Officer Andy Kurek reported that two new summer tires were replaced on the squad. The department is looking forward to Plain Fire & EMS Celebration.

### **Public Works Department Report**

The Water/Wastewater Treatment report reflected heavy rains in June along with the sewer issue on Park Avenue. The phosphorous level was over but has since been corrected.

Public Works Director John Ruhland informed the board that the pool was state inspected today. They temporarily closed the slide until proper paperwork was retrieved. The pH level in the baby pool was low, that was corrected. There were no other issues. Otherwise, the pool is running good. The pool cover is working well when used.

The sewer work is complete on Park Avenue. The repair has helped with inflow at the plant plus it has been dry.

D.L. Gasser waited for Park Avenue to be done to do all of the utility cut paving. They will be here the end of this week or early next week.

The dirt work on St. Luke's Avenue was finished today along with the sod and seeding. The Fire Department's tanker truck was used for watering and it will be used again. Public Works just needs to paint crosswalks and install signs then the project will be complete. Nachreiner Avenue is complete. Meise just has their punch list left. The final inspection will be soon.

There are issues with the loader. It will need to be repaired.

Water Pumpage for June, 2018:

Well No. 1: 1,000,000

Well No. 2: 1,044,000

Total for June: 2,044,000 gallons, which was 468,000 gallons less than last year.

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

Monthly fluoride average: .71 p.p.m. Monthly chlorine average: .16 p.p.m.

Wastewater Report for June, 2018:

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.: 170 mg/l

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

Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 161 mg/l

Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.: 14 Limit: 20 mg/l

Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia: .1038 mg/l

Limit: 4.3 mg/l Monthly-October thru April; 8.0 mg/l Monthly-May thru September  
20.0 mg/l Daily

Monthly Average Total Phosphorous: 1.87 mg/l

Limit: 1.2 mg/l

Total gallons treated: 2,583,000

**Clerk/Treasurer Report**

Sheila Carver reported:

- Judy Stauffacher will be having three free sessions of Yoga on August 15th, 22nd & 29th. Her plan is to start another six week session in September.
- I received the annual dividend check from our insurance company in the amount of \$4,599, up from \$2,935 last year.
- The Department of Revenue Equalization Staff Appraisers will be conducting a field review in Sauk County beginning this month and it will last until February. Most reviews are conducted at the side of the road taking data and photos. They like everyone to be aware because it could be perceived as suspicious behavior by residents.
- The Strassenfest mugs have arrived. They are \$10 a piece. There is a \$2.50 profit that will be applied to paying for entertainment. Thank you to Lisa Price for organizing.

**Other Business**

Brey motioned to adopt Resolution 2018-04: a resolution levying special assessments against benefitted property for authorized public improvements. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

The amount submitted by Westbrook Associates for the Meise Construction payment was supposed to reflect a 5% retainage being held. Their amount was incorrect. The correct amount was \$169,618.45. Melissa Kraemer made a motion and Neuheisel seconded that did not carry so a clarification could be made. Brey motioned to disburse funds for Pay Request #2 for Meise Construction in the amount of \$169,618.45 to reflect a 5% retainage until the punch list is complete. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

Correspondence was received from the Hackls that was already discussed earlier.

**Review and Audit of Invoices:**

Neuheisel motioned to pay Check #23663 payable to General Engineering Co. in the amount of \$873.75 from the Sewer Replacement Fund. Brey seconded. Motion carried.

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

General Fund	\$211,161.52	Water Utility	\$2,328.59
Library Fund	\$3,408.54	Sewer Department	\$23,771.90
Green TTEC	\$2,752.69	Golf Course	\$2,574.18

Wage Reimbursements: \$22,666.21

Melissa Kraemer motioned to adjourn to close session at 8:31 p.m. Ring seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Ring – Yes; Brey - Yes; Dischler – Yes; Janet Kraemer – Yes; Melissa Kraemer – Yes; Neuheisel – Yes; and Riek – Yes.

Sheila Carver,  
Clerk/Treasurer