

Village of Plain

Village Board Proceedings of January 8, 2020

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Plain was held at the Municipal Office Building, located at 510 Main Street, on January 8, 2020. 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; Andrew Kraemer; Melissa Marx; Merry Lynn Riek; and, Steve Whitford, Trustees.

Others present: Sandy Ruhland; Cheri Carpenter; Tracey Brent; Tammy Diehl; Dwayne Faber; Carl Oppert; Constance Taylor; Nicole Feiner; Cecelia Feiner; Bruce Ballweg; Kim Ballweg; Lynn Erickson; Rebecca Richards; 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: Plain Municipal Office Building; Plain Post Office; and The Peoples Community Bank on Monday, January 6, 2020. Notice was emailed to the *Home News* and the *Baraboo News Republic* on the same date.

Riek motioned to approve minutes from the December 11, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. Marx seconded. Motion carried.

Marx motioned to approve minutes from the December 18, 2019 Budget Special Meeting. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 204-20: Restricting Designated Offenders

A public hearing was held earlier this evening for Ordinance 204-20: Amending the Code of the Village of Plain to Create Zoning and Other Regulations for Restricting Designated Offenders.

This ordinance was mimicked from the City of Reedsburg. Riek questioned if the current residents are grandfathered in. They are grandfathered in as long as they stay in their current location, they will keep their grandfathered status. Riek was concerned of minors moving in. Brey motioned to allow Bruce Ballweg to speak. Marx seconded. Motion carried. Bruce said there are only one-bedrooms, so an adult and a minor would most likely not locate there. If the ordinance is in place, new offenders would not be allowed unless they went through the process to do so. Marx questioned if the Police Department is required to notify residence. The process would not change from its current status, which is no notification. Andy pointed out the subsection regarding the grandfathered status. Brey questioned attorney involvement. Ring recommends the motion has final review from the attorney to further clarify.

Marx motioned to adopt Ordinance 204-20: Amending the Code of the Village of Plain to Create Zoning and Other Regulations for Restricting Designated Offenders upon review of attorney and any suggested changes would come back for board approval. Brey seconded. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Ring - Yes; Brey - Yes; Dischler - Yes; Kraemer - Yes; Marx - Yes; Melissa Riek - Yes; and, Whitford- Yes.

Guest

Nicole Feiner thanked the board members for their service and commented that it is a thankless job.

Committee Reports

Streets & Utilities – Steve Whitford

The Streets Committee met on December 18th to review engineering proposals for the Nachreiner Avenue project. The committee felt Strand was best for the job because of the complexity of the project. They had ideas to save the Village money on the construction side of the project. There is a likelihood that it would be less hours, so the cost of engineering could be less than quoted. Also, their historical change order ratio was extremely low, which also is a savings. It will be an expensive project in general. The year completed, 2021 or 2022, will depend on grant funding.

The Utilities Committee was notified on Clean Water Fund program. The DNR has allotted \$300,932 principal forgiveness for the sewer plant upgrade. The remaining amount will be a low interest rate loan.

Golf – Andrew Kraemer

There has been work done at the golf course. Behind hole #1 and the fairway on #2, the drain tile has been installed. There was also clean up adjacent to the creek. The warm weather is making it too wet so work has halted. They will proceed when the ground is frozen again as long as there is not any snow. They have gone with what has worked in the past for drainage. There was a lot of rain last year, so anything is going to help. It is hopeful that rainfall will reduce to normal levels going forward.

Finance & RV Court – Brian Brey

No Finance Committee report.

RV Court reported since last April: 2 defendants in April collecting \$273 in fines; May, 10 defendants for \$387; June, 9 defendants for \$296; July, 6 defendants for \$218; August, 8 defendants for \$268; September, 2 defendants for \$10; October, 2 defendants for \$30; and, November, 3 defendants for \$20. This is only traffic violations in Plain. The higher amounts are speeding or driving after suspension. The lower ones are seat belt violations or no proof of insurance according to Officer Kurek. Municipal court does not appear on CCAP. Court is being held in Plain from November-February.

Police & Library – John Dischler

No Police Committee report.

The library is pricing for chairs and tables.

Fire District & Parks – Merry Lynn Riek

The Parks Committee met on December 16th. Lee Recreation was asked to modernize the current rendition. He Willow Street sent back to the drawing board after viewing the first versions. He is still working on that. The committee hopes to conclude in January for what is wanted and get an estimate. They would then would reach out to local businesses to help, for example, a reduced price for rock. The Plain Lions is organizing a comedy night to take place on January 21st. The proceeds will be donated to the playground equipment. Ticket sales for the event are up from last year.

The Fire Board will meet on January 13, 2020.

Pool & Ordinance – Melissa Marx

The Pool Committee will be looking into lifeguard postings soon. Marx will reach out to Lisa to make sure she is still interested in the Pool Manager's positions. As well as, having Lisa contact last year's Lifeguards and new potential interest. The committee is still looking for ideas to reduce the deficit for the pool.

Regarding Ordinance, the Village Board earlier this evening passed 204-20: Amending the Code of the Village of Plain to Create Zoning and Other Regulations for Restricting Designated Offenders; and, have the second reading and possible action later this evening for 203-19: to increase snow/ice removal fees for properties in violation.

Development/Planning – Ray Ring

The board has been involved in the negotiation process of the Green TTEC building. Driftless Extracts is the new tenant. They have started moving in. They are very excited to work with us. Ring, Sheila and John have been involved in inspections regarding the changeover. There is work that needs to be done. A commercial cleaner was contracted to clean that will be deducted from the security deposit of the previous tenant. There is some painting that needs to be done to freshen up the building. There are drywall issues that will be repaired due to the shifting of the building. The geothermal HVAC system will be monitored more closely now with more presence in the building to adjust for considerable changes in temperature.

Julie Jensen, Executive Director for Spring Green Area Chamber of Commerce, was going to try to come to this meeting, but could not make it. Jensen wants more outlying communities involved. Ring needs to find someone interested in serving on the Spring Green Chamber Board. Ring asked for input by January 15th from the board for ideas from Plain. Their website will be updated to recognize the area communities. Ring provided them a document to help them with their Plain page.

Police Department Report

Officer Kurek is purchasing new equipment after last month's approval of purchases as well as grant purchases. The new speed signs are working well.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

Carver submitted reports to the county for December tax collections. She collected 39% of total taxes in December. That percentage does not include postmarked payments processed in early January, that only includes collections in hand as of December 31st. You'll see payments to Sauk County, River Valley and Madison College tonight for their portions of December collections. The new website went live last week. If you haven't had a chance to check it out, please do so: www.villageofplain.com. Carver is always extremely busy in January, but this is the busiest January ever experienced. She is still working on end of month, end of quarter and end of year requirements. There have been so many other issues going on that have not allowed time to do the regular routine. She has just been prioritizing to make sure everything is still timely. Once caught up, she will then prepare for the annual audit which will take place from January 22nd - 24th.

Other Business

Marx motioned to approve Operator's licenses for Rebecca J Statz and Margaret Jewell, working for I-Diehl Tap for the period ending June 30, 2020. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

Marx read the second reading of Ordinance 203-19; to increase snow/ice removal fees for properties in violation. Riek motioned to adopt Ordinance 203-19. Kraemer seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Ring - Yes; Brey - Yes; Dischler - Yes; Kraemer - Yes; Marx - Yes; Riek - Yes; and, Whitford- Yes.

Correspondence

A resident sent a letter to the board regarding local businesses providing the appropriate services to the Village in order to succeed.

Review and Audit of Invoices:

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

General Fund	\$34,931.26	Water Utility	\$7,794.31
Library Fund	\$14,258.48	Sewer Department	\$12,561.35
Capital Improvements	\$5,166.74	Golf Course	\$6,370.19
TIF District	\$157.52	Green TTEC	\$3,483.65

Wage Reimbursements: \$26,893.50

Brey motioned to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,
Clerk/Treasurer