

Village of Plain

Village Board Proceedings of August 11, 2021

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 August 11, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Village President Ray Ring at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Village President Ray Ring; Tracey Brent; Brian Brey; Melissa Marx; Merry Lynn Riek; Steve Whitford; and, Kelly Yanke, Trustees.

Others present: None

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 Kraemer Library & Community Center on Monday, August 9, 2021. Notice was emailed to the *Home News*; *Valley Sentinel*; and, the *Baraboo News Republic*.

Marx motioned to approve minutes from the July 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Brent seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Streets & Utilities – Steve Whitford

On Nachreiner Avenue, the valley gutter was removed and some sidewalk was repoured but has to be redone due to the heavy rains undercutting it. There is a tentative pavement date of August 19th. There is a short punch list yet. These changes are approved under the grant.

The committee also discussed Honey Creek Drive. They had a price to do an overlay for \$24,000. Due to a lot of heavy traffic in years to come for housing construction, they directed John Ruhland to get prices to excavate the turn-in to the new street and to have three-inch stone, gravel and a thicker blacktop. To just do a thin blacktop coat, it will be nice for only about a year. Riek thinks it would make more sense to do everything all at once. Whitford explained that the street does not have the proper base and other with deteriorated components, it does pay to put money into the top of it without fixing everything which is estimated to cost \$340,000.

Ring noted the silt fence in the new subdivision does not appear to be set up correctly. There is mud collecting in the street and he is concerned that the drain would be silted in. Whitford will ask John about it.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant is doing good. They are using a different ferric mixture using four gallons, down from seven gallons which is a significant savings. The digester is not good, it is plugged. They are currently having the sludge tank pumped out. Once it is empty, they can inspect the equipment. They may also clean the clarifier. General Engineering said it needs to be pumped every five years. We do not know that it has ever been done. This fix will cost \$37,000.

Prairie Plumbing & Heating did rehabs on two manholes in the last two days. Funds are limited so if it works it will be a good fix for it.

All of the water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer are done in the new subdivision. All of the compaction tests passed. Some of the breaker has been done.

Every other year the water rates are raised which is an application process through the PSC. This has been the Village's procedure for many years. Once filed, they typically allow a 3% increase.

The system has enough capacity to handle the 47 new residential lots.

Pool & Ordinance – Melissa Marx

The Board toured the pool tonight. Everything has been going well. There have been a couple of incidents. We ask that all patrons to follow posted rules and be respectful of others. If the rules are not followed, there will be consequences. The Village supports the staff at the pool and feel that all incidents have been handled appropriately. The closing date is not set yet. There will be a meeting after the pool closes to discuss budget, bonuses and maintenance. Lisa is coming back next year. Riek would like to see the stone power-washed.

There was no Ordinance Committee meeting. Yanke was approached by residents in regards to close calls with children on bicycles shooting streets without stopping at stop signs. Thankfully nothing has happened yet. There is an Ordinance on bicycle registration with the Village. It may be more of a police issue with the registration and the safety of the children. The Ordinance may need to be updated. Brent will contact Chief Stoddard to discuss.

Parks & Fire Emergency District – Merry Lynn Riek

There was a disturbance in the park area where the Park and Pool Committees will reevaluate protocol for the safety of our youth. Ray did a memorial dedication to Travis Studnicka at the volleyball courts in July. Riek talked to Rec Director Marissa Anderson. The children adore Marissa.

The Fire Board's next scheduled meeting is September 1st. The ambulance will arrive soon. Brent plans to have an open house.

Finance & Golf Course – Brian Brey

The Finance Committee met in July to set the budget schedule. Employee evaluations will be on September 21st and 29th. Committee budgets are due to the Village Clerk by September 29th. The Village Board will have a closed session on October 13th for employee evaluation approvals. The Committees will present budgets to the Finance Committee on October 19th. The Finance Committee will have their final review of budgets on October 27th.

The Golf Course Committee looked at two mowers and will decide which one to purchase at the next meeting. They will be meeting on August 31st to discuss flag advertising and pricing, hole sponsorship and pricing, 2022 fees, golf cart fees, continuation of the Golf Course Superintendent and the 2022 budget. There are water issues on number four that will be addressed. The number four green should be playable next year. The status of that tee box is unknown.

Library & RV Court – Kelly Yanke

Yanke reported that Library Board met on July 27th. Loren Glasbrenner, River Valley School Superintendent, introduced himself to the Library Board. Masks are recommended, but not mandated. Next month they will do a performance evaluation for the Library Director. There were 1,200 visitors in July to date and 1,331 total visitors in June. There were 9,569 check-outs year-to-date in July. They are now open on Saturdays from 10am-2pm. They received two new computers. Johnson Control is still investigating if the security and fire systems can work together. Tagging is being updated. They interviewed two candidates for the open position. There were 24 people that attended the last event in park. Their next event is August 12th in the park. Nick pointed out that with budgeting the roof needs to be addressed.

No RV Court report.

Police – Tracey Brent

The Police Department had 10 incidents in July. The officers logged 124 hours.

Development/Planning – Ray Ring

Ring announced that Strassenfest is still a go. New this year is a 30K and 50K benefit bike ride the morning of Strassenfest. Sauk Prairie Healthcare is assisting with the bike ride. It would be helpful if Board members assist with set-up and help with the silent auction. The rain art is on the sidewalks now. Tokens will be hid around town again for prizes to be redeemed.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will do an assessment on Highway 23. They are looking at different options: controlled intersection; flashing lights; overhead stop signs; and, speed changes. Ring questioned the DOT representative on what is the difference between Loganville and Plain in regards to the speed limit with Loganville having the 25 MPH speed limit that Plain desires. They are determining a meeting date.

Individuals will meet on October 7th with the coordinators of Fermentation Fest for 2022 artwork in the Village of Plain.

Police Department Report

No Police Department reports.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

Strassenfest posters are in. Strassenfest metal can coolers have been received; the sale price is \$10.00. Carver had help from three volunteers to complete the rain art. It was done two years ago which was a very rainy year. It has been a dry year and after the rain art was complete, it has not stopped raining. There is a code in the rain art that people can enter into a special drawing at Strassenfest. Carver submitted the Recycling Grant application with the DNR to ensure we receive funds in 2022. Sauk County is hosting their fall Clean Sweep on Saturday, September 25th from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at the Old Sauk County Landfill in Baraboo.

Public Works Department Report

Water July-21

Pumpage for Well No. 1	1,585,000	gallons	
Pumpage for Well No. 2	<u>1,467,000</u>	gallons	
Total Pumpage for Month	3,052,000	gallons	
Total Pumpage for the Month Last Year	2,767,000	gallons	
	This is 285,000	gallons	more than last year.
Monthly chlorine average	0.22	ppm	

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

Wastewater July-21

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.	217	mg/l	
Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.	7	mg/l	Limit: 15 mg/l
Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.	484	mg/l	
Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.	21	mg/l	Limit: 20 mg/l
Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia	0.464	mg/l	
Limit: 4.3 mg/l Monthly: October-April 8.0 mg/l Monthly: May-September 20.0 mg/l Daily			
Monthly Average Total Phosphorous	0.706	mg/l	Limit: 1.2 mg/l
Total Gallons Treated	2,203,000	gallons	

Other Business

Marx read the second reading of Ordinance #216-21: An Ordinance to not allow parking on the south side of Cherry Street from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Marx motioned to approve Ordinance #216-21. Yanke seconded. Motion carried.

Riek motioned to set the Budget Hearing for December 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Marx seconded. Motion carried.

Riek motioned to approve a temporary liquor license for St. Luke's Catholic Congregation for their Sommerfest event on September 12, 2021. Brent seconded. Motion carried.

Whitford motioned to approve Pay Application No. 2 for Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$87,165.38 for the Nachreiner Avenue Reconstruction Project. Brent seconded. Motion carried.

Whitford motioned to approve Pay Application No. 3 for Gerke Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$53,315.21 for the Nachreiner Avenue Reconstruction Project. Brent seconded. Motion carried.

Whitford motioned to approve Pay Application No. 6 for MZ Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$25,038.86 for the Sewer Headworks Project. Brent seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Review and Audit of Invoices:

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

General Fund	\$192,735.14	Water Utility	\$18,698.20
Library Fund	\$3,585.38	Sewer Department	\$37,680.23
Capital Improvements	\$1,558.17	Golf Course	\$2,454.46
TIF District	\$24,083.76	Debt Services	\$27,967.88

Wage Reimbursements: \$26,175.00

Brent motioned to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Marx seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,
Clerk/Treasurer