

Village of Plain

Village Board Proceedings of January 12, 2022

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 12, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Village President Ray Ring at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Mike Stoddard, Chief of Police; 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 Kraemer Library & Community Center on Monday, January 10, 2022. Notice was emailed to the *Home News*; *Valley Sentinel*; and, the *Baraboo News Republic*.

Marx motioned to approve minutes from the December 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Brent seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Streets & Utilities – Steve Whitford

There have not been a sufficient number of target surveys returned for the Cedar Street/St. Luke's Avenue project. We may have to knock on a few doors.

No Utilities Committee report.

Pool & Ordinance – Melissa Marx

The Pool Committee will be advertising for lifeguards the weeks of January 17th and 24th with an application deadline of February 10th. Lifeguards can be 15-years-old as long as they are working with an adult. Lifeguard certifications can be obtained through the Symon Center in Richland Center.

No Ordinance Committee report.

Parks & Fire Emergency District – Merry Lynn Riek

The Parks Committee will be advertising for a Rec Director due to Marissa Anderson not returning. However, she will help the new Rec Director get started. There are also letters being sent to area teachers that were mentioned during a previous meeting that would be a good replacement.

The Fire Board meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for January 24th.

Finance & Golf Course – Brian Brey

No Finance Committee report.

The Golf Course Committee met to discuss the bridge repair. They will be replacing the deck with wood. The boards have been ordered and will be stored at Kraemer Brothers. The Men's Golf League is paying for the materials. Greg Kraemer is volunteering his time to do the construction in April. The greens and tee mowers had substantial repairs that were unexpected. The bill was received for the rough mower repair, but that expense was expected anticipated.

Library & RV Court – Kelly Yanke

Yanke reported that the Library Board met on December 27th. Members of the Friends of the Library presented to funding they help with and programming opportunities. The mask policy is still recommended. The visitor numbers keep growing. There were 13 seniors for the December Senior Luncheon. The next one is January 20th. The coffee group still meets every Friday.

No RV Court report.

Police – Tracey Brent

In December, the Police Department logged 89.5 hours and had 7 incidents.

Development/Planning – Ray Ring

We are working with the Wormfarm Institute on their Farm Art Tour this fall and Plain will be a trailhead. There were three additional members that were added to the planning committee. The plan to meet again on January 18th to finalize the plans. It will be a large puppet display with a farming theme. River Valley, St. Luke's and the Lions have said they would be involved.

Police Department Report

Chief Mike Stoddard announced that Bethany Tate has resigned to take a full-time position. Her husband, Matt, is working on joining our part-time staff. He needs approval from his full-time employer, the Sauk County Sheriff. Stoddard pointed out that the incidents that Brent reports are case numbers, it does not account for the activity that does not create a case file. The Lexipol policy is coming along good. They are anticipating a completion date of late March or early April. There have been issues at a property on Plainview Road of delivery packages being stolen. The Police Department is hopeful that the situation is under control. Marx questioned how the new speed limits are working out. There have been no issues with that.

Public Works Department Report

Ruhland informed the board of water main breaks on Cherry Street and last Monday on Spruce Street. On Monday, Prairie Plumbing was not available. Public Works had to fix it themselves even though it was not safe. There is a water leak on Willow Street. A leak detector company will pinpoint the leak's exact location. There was wind damage last month. A large pole at park went down that needs to be replaced. A tree by Meise Construction came down and damaged a fence. The plant had siding damage and there were branches in the streets. Pump maintenance at the plant has started. They are taking some trees down at the golf course. Ruhland is working on the water audit that will take place next week. There are still issues with homes not having numbers which is against ordinance. It needs to be pursued.

Review and Audit of Invoices:

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

General Fund	\$376,502.33	Water Utility	\$7,223.43
Library Fund	\$6,206.96	Sewer Department	\$7,607.12
Capital Improvements	\$1,561.91	Golf Course	\$970.49
TIF District	\$78.76		

Wage Reimbursements: \$32,341.95

Yanke motioned to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Brent seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,
Clerk/Treasurer