

# **Village of Plain**

## **Village Board Proceedings of February 9, 2022**

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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, located at 510 Main Street, on February 9, 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; Merry Lynn Riek; and, Kelly Yanke, Trustees. Trustee Steve Whitford was absent.

Others present: Duane Meise; 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, February 7, 2022. Notice was emailed to the *Home News*; *Valley Sentinel*; and, the *Baraboo News Republic*.

Marx motioned to approve minutes from the January 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Yanke seconded. Motion carried with Riek abstaining.

### **Guest**

Duane Meise addressed the board regarding the issues with Clover Street going into Meise Construction. The State is planning reconstruction of Highway 23 in either 2023 or 2024. They are planning on changing the entrance into that area at that time. Meise asked if there could be a temporary fix. Ruhland suggested it be discussed at a Streets Committee meeting. Ring ensured Meise that the Streets Committee will address the issue.

Meise would like to build a garage on his vacant Oak Street lot. He would put a trailer there so there is living quarters in order to build a garage. Both items would require a variance. Ring explained ordinances and how Sauk County is very similar in requirements. If neighbors object to variance requests, typically the Development & Planning Commission listens to the neighbors. Meise was directed to file for a variance request. The Utilities Committee would have to approve utilities set up for the lot since it currently does not exist.

There is a tree at the Veteran's Memorial by the cannon that Meise would like removed. The Village owns the property. It will be the Village's decision as to what happens with the area. The Board will review the area.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Streets & Utilities – Steve Whitford**

No Streets Committee report.

No Utilities Committee report.

### **Pool & Ordinance – Melissa Marx**

The lifeguard applications are due tomorrow. There have not been any applications received yet. Lisa is returning as Pool Manager. Only two lifeguards are returning, so more lifeguards are needed. Ring inquired if maintenance work needs to be done this year. There is some painting that needs to be done as well as exterior concrete repairs. Riek asked if the discolored concrete will be addressed. It could be power washed and treated.

No Ordinance Committee report.

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

The Parks Committee will be meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. A pole came down in the park that held an electrical box. Riek would like to see the dugouts elevated and this may be the time to do it. There was a request for funds from the Plain A's. They would also like to see some improvements to the ball diamond. Everything will be addressed at the meeting. There was a \$2,000 gift received from the Duane Meixelsperger estate for playground maintenance. Thank you to the family. The Rec Director position is being advertised.

The Fire Board met on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The financials were reviewed. The Length of Service Awards program for the volunteers was reviewed. After review, the program will continue. Items will be stored at Jason Schluter's new storage unit. The furnace needs to be repaired. There will be tile replacement in a storage area and a polishing of the meeting room floor. A garage door needs to be replaced that will be covered by insurance. The ambulance will be serviced at 5,000 miles and then yearly after that. Last year EMS had 170 calls and the Fire Department had about 60 calls. EMS had \$34,824 in donations.

### **Finance & Golf Course – Brian Brey**

The bids for the refinance of the TIF bond was sent to six area banks. The approvals are later in the agenda. It is a lower interest rate and money was saved on the refinance costs.

The Golf Course Committee will be meeting next week.

### **Library & RV Court – Kelly Yanke**

Yanke reported that the numbers up. Last year had 2,000 more checkouts than 2020, but 2019 had 10,000 more checkouts. Only ten seniors attended last month's lunch and a movie, but there ended up being a funeral at the same time. The next get-together will be in March. Berry Electric fixed a light motion sensor. There was a concern of a water leak, but was later determined that it is the humidifier every time the furnace runs. They are doing some inventory. The Library Director is gone from February 6th-19th. They are replacing the alleyway drop box.

Yanke attended court last month. They had two cases.

### **Police – Tracey Brent**

No Police Committee report.

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

There was a meeting with the Wormfarm Institute. The puppet project is progressing well. There are many area businesses involved as well as the schools and organizations. The first construction period will be scheduled in May. There will be a session in July as well as late September. They are also looking for community members to help create under the artist's direction.

## **Police Department Report**

No Police Department report.

## **Public Works Department Report**

Ruhland informed the board of water main breaks on Spruce and Liegel as well as one service leak on Willow Street. There were also a couple of broken hydrants. There has been a little bit of snow and a lot of trees cut on the golf course. The water leak on Willow Street was approximately happening for the last 6-8 months. There is all clear stone underneath and the entire area was full of water. Public Works is still doing random inspections for illegal sump pumps in homes.

### Water      January-22

Pumpage for Well No. 1	1,043,000	gallons	
Pumpage for Well No. 2	<u>1,361,000</u>	gallons	
Total Pumpage for Month	2,404,000	gallons	
Total Pumpage for the Month Last Year	2,192,000	gallons	
	This is 212,000	gallons	more than last year.
Monthly chlorine average	0.18	ppm	

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

### Wastewater      January-22

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.	259	mg/l	
Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.	6	mg/l	Limit: 15 mg/l
Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.	236	mg/l	
Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.	10	mg/l	Limit: 20 mg/l
Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia	0.139	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	0.343	mg/l	Limit: 1.2 mg/l
Total Gallons Treated	2,046,000	gallons	

**Clerk/Treasurer Report**

Carver turned the tax collection over to the county. A total of \$1,307,242.84 was collected, which is 73% of total taxes. There is no Spring Primary next week. Carver will be on vacation at the end of February.

**Other Business**

Brey motioned to approve the original application for a Liquor License, Class "A" fermented malt beverages and "Class A" intoxicating liquor, for Straka Meats, Inc., dba Block 23, 1050 Wachter Avenue, Agent Caitlin K. Straka, for the period March 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

Marx motioned to adopt Resolution #2022-01; Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012A, Dated July 12, 2012. Brey seconded. Motion carried with Riek abstaining.

Brey motioned to approve the bank proposal from Royal Bank for the refinance of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2012A in the amount of \$1,445,000. Marx seconded. Motion carried with Riek abstaining.

Marx motioned to adopt Resolution #2022-02; a resolution to refinance the General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2012A in the amount of \$1,445,000 with Royal Bank. Brey seconded. Motion carried with Riek abstaining.

Marx motioned to approve the Golf Course Independent Contractor agreement as presented. Yanke seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

No correspondence.

**Review and Audit of Invoices:**

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

General Fund	\$425,713.81	Water Utility	\$29,812.99
Library Fund	\$19,880.42	Sewer Department	\$8,009.18
Capital Improvements	\$1,561.91	Golf Course	\$7,075.25
TIF District	\$94,483.76	Debt Services	\$97,681.25

Wage Reimbursements: \$17,517.21

Yanke motioned to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Brent seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,  
Clerk/Treasurer