

# **Village of Plain**

## **Village Board Proceedings of May 11, 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 May 11, 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; Brian Brey; Melissa Marx; Wade Neubauer; Merry Lynn Riek; Steve Whitford; and, Kelly Yanke, Trustees.

Others present: John Ruhland, Public Works Director; and, Chief Mike Stoddard.

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, May 9, 2022. Notice was emailed to the *Home News*; *Valley Sentinel*; and, the *Baraboo News Republic*.

Marx motioned to approve minutes from the April 13, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Yanke seconded. Motion carried with Neubauer abstaining.

### **Committee Reports**

Marx motioned to accept the committee recommendations from the Village President. Whitford seconded. Motion carried.

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

The Streets Committee was just awarded grant funding of \$175,720 with the total project cost estimate of \$219,650 for the reconstruction of Bridge Road. Construction will take place in 2023. Carver and Ruhland worked together to submit three applications for Federal grant funding. We have not heard word on the other two yet. Delta 3 Engineering has already engineered the project. Public Works fixed up the Clover Street area that had issues with compacted recycled black top. There will be alley seal coats to be done as well.

No Utilities Committee report.

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

Pool Manager Lisa Brown had a meeting with the lifeguards to review the handbooks. John will fill the pool once it is painted. Josh cleaned the concrete today. Tomorrow, Badger Basement Repairs will jack up the settled concrete and caulk. The pool will open on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

No Ordinance Committee report.

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

The Parks Committee submitted Big Dig Grant with help from Ray Ring, Bob Jewell, Dustin Myers and Sheila Carver for ball diamond improvements and/or dug out replacement. The Rec Program sign-up will be on June 4<sup>th</sup> from Noon-2pm. The program starts on June 6<sup>th</sup>. It will be in the Home News. The program is open to all area children 4-14. Ray created a handbook for the Rec Directors.

The Fire Board will meet on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

Brey attended the Library Board meeting to discuss the roof replacement project.

The Golf Course Committee met earlier this evening. They discussed the pricing structure for closing the golf course for a tournament. For Men's League only, they reduced the fee. They also approved website advertising with GolfNow as long as the fee is no more that \$40.00 annually. The irrigation is finished for the four and five tees. The committee would like the bridge sealed every two years. Trees were planted. There are a couple of other donated trees that will be planted in the fall. They discussed using some of the BBQ funds to extend cart paths.

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

Yanke reported on the Library Board meeting from April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Library Board approved \$20,000 towards the roof replacement project. The numbers are still on rise. The last senior lunch and a movie will be on May 26<sup>th</sup> and then they will take a break until fall. Summer programs are unknown at this time. The library will be a trailhead for Fermentation Fest again. The Library Board chose a brown shade.

No RV Court report.

### **Police – Wade Neubauer**

No Police Committee report.

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

Work continues on the puppet project. A considerable amount of work has been done already. Next week will start the rest of the construction of the puppet. River Valley students will be doing some weaving. Puppet shows will be on the Farm Tour weekends of October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> as well as the Strassenfest weekend of October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Clerk/Treasurer Report**

A reminder that the Board of Review is Wednesday, May 25th from 5pm to 7pm. Neubauer will be getting certified. We had almost 50 water/sewer customers sign up for the newly offered paperless billing. We also added on an additional 12 auto-pay customers. Both options save the utilities time and money. Thank you to all participants.

## Police Department Report

Mike Stoddard hired Officer Chad Kanable and he is doing a good job. In April, the department had 25 contacts which generated four incident reports. There were 100.5 hours logged. There was a citizen complaint on Highway 23 traffic speed and jake braking. There is a squabble on Spruce Street in regards to a curb cut for a driveway, but there is no driveway. The law states that a person cannot park in front of a driveway, so the question is whether or not it is a driveway. The Village Ordinance requires driveways to be paved or concrete and this is just grass. Ring stated that they would need to blacktop or concrete the area to claim it as a driveway. It was concluded that this is not a driveway so people can legally park there.

## Public Works Department Report

John Ruhland, Public Works Director reported that hydrants have been flushed, the water reservoir was drained and inspected, and the park wind damage was repaired but just waiting on lights for the pole. The pavilion is cleaned. Kraemer Brothers replaced some wood on the pavilion, painted doors and they are looking at replacing a concession stand door.

### Water      April-22

Pumpage for Well No. 1	713,000	gallons		
Pumpage for Well No. 2	<u>1,924,000</u>	gallons		
Total Pumpage for Month	2,637,000	gallons		
Total Pumpage for the Month Last Year	2,364,000	gallons		
	This is 273,000	gallons	more	than last year.
Monthly chlorine average	0.21	ppm		

Two bacti samples and two well samples were sent to the State Lab. All samples tested safe. High water usage was from draining, cleaning and refilling water reservoir; every 10 years.

### Wastewater      April-22

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.	199	mg/l		
Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.	7	mg/l	Limit: 15 mg/l	
Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.	231	mg/l		
Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.	13	mg/l	Limit: 20 mg/l	
Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia	0.586	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	0.745	mg/l	Limit: 1.2 mg/l	
Total Gallons Treated	2,085,000	gallons		

## **Other Business**

Brey motioned to adopt Resolution #2022-03; a resolution to finance the library roof replacement project. Riek seconded. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Ring - Yes; Brey - Yes; Marx - Yes; Neubauer - Abstain; Riek - Yes; Whitford - Yes; and, Yanke - Yes.

Marx motioned to approve a temporary liquor license for St. Luke's Catholic Congregation for the St. Luke's Parish Festival event on June 12, 2022. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the option of changing all parking on Main Street to parallel parking as discussed and recommended by the Streets Committee. Whitford stated that this is a sensitive issue that had extensive dialogue at the last Village Board meeting. Ring stated that he received opposition from The Peoples Community Bank, Sam's Place, Roarin' 20s, Tom Kraemer and Dawn Williams. Marx received disapproval from Darrell & Mary Kraemer, Chelsey Kraemer and Nate Fitzsimmons. Riek questioned what the comments were. Ring stated that it has always been diagonal parking and there has not been accidents. There is concern of eliminating parking spots. New businesses like Roarin' 20s are just starting up and we would be taking parking spots from them. There are quite a few people that cannot parallel park. Marx received a comment that people may start parking in front of people's houses and that may upset them. Yanke found two cars last week that were parked three feet from the curb, infringing them farther into the lane of traffic. Then there are trucks that are parked at the curb and are still encroached into the street. Yanke is concerned for emergency vehicles getting through without issue. At the stop sign at St. Luke's Avenue entering Main Street from the north, if there is a vehicle parked there, it is impossible to see oncoming traffic. Neubauer stated that the argument of "this is the way we have always done it" is a poor way of looking at any topic. With the statement of people having issues with parallel parking, it is part of the driving test and anyone that has difficulty maybe should work on it. Neubauer does not want to put the safety of the general public underneath someone's ability to parallel park. As far as people being driven away from a small business because of the change in parking, he feels that if the business is worth going to then the inconvenience of where you park probably would not be that big of a hurdle. Ring stated that at shopping malls people drive around for half an hour to find something closer and this works in the same principle. Ring cannot argue with Neubauer's comments on someone's ability to parallel park, but there are people that are challenged with the task. Ring stated that the Board should seek people's input and not make the decision on their own. Neubauer is open to variations to the proposed lay out, but the lane of travel cannot be maintained if there are cars parked on that stretch. Yanke noted that the proposed parking stalls are laid out to be larger than a standard parallel parking stall. Marx is open to other options to make the corners safer. Ruhland stated that crossing the center line is the biggest issue. The restaurant is only busier later in the week. During the day, there is not much activity. Ruhland just witnessed a near accident with a car pulling out of St. Luke's Avenue. Only doing a few parallel at the end is not enough because of the cars parked further down still blocking visibility. Ruhland has cars parked in front of his house that are restaurant patrons and he does not mind. He stressed the safety factor. We cannot just say this is the way it has always been so there is no reason for change, because the restaurant used to be a hardware store. Ruhland is concerned of someone getting hurt and the Board had a chance to change it. Marx questioned if the center line could be moved. Bob Neuheisel talked to the County a few years ago about that but the request was denied by the County. The road is narrow to begin with. Ring suggested signage stating no large trucks parking in the diagonal parking stalls. Riek pointed out that there is parallel parking on Highway 23 and everyone still went to The Palace. Marx indicated that part of the visibility problem is the hills.

Chief Stoddard stated that cars are illegally parked if they are not pulled up to the curb and he sees it here all the time partially because of spoilers underneath the car. If an accident was caused because of that, that illegally parked car would be a part of the accident report. When Whitford took his driver's test, if a person could not parallel park, they immediately failed the test. Yanke asked when every stall was filled in the entire business district. Ring stated it is starting to happen due to the success of Roarin' 20s. Riek inquired if blinking light signs could be installed and liked the idea of no truck parking in diagonal stalls. Ring asked about the tighter angle. Ruhland said it would gain about a foot, but would still lose parking stalls. Marx questioned if there are consultants that would do a study in that area. Neubauer stated only ten entities felt compelled to give input out of the entire Village. We are here to represent the Village as a whole. Riek also asked her husband and he thought a sharper angle is not going to make a difference, the problem is the long trucks. Chief Stoddard commented that you take your constituents opinions into consideration, but at the end of the day the responsibility is to the safety of the community. He lives by the saying if it is predictable, it is preventable. If you are predicting that something could happen, then you need to take measures to prevent it ahead of time. Ring has been fighting the State of Wisconsin about the safety of kids crossing Highway 23 with no luck. He said it just does not work that way. Neubauer motioned to accept the Streets Committee recommendation to change the parking to parallel on Main Street. Whitford seconded. Motion carried with Ring and Marx voting no and Riek abstaining due to not doing enough research.

Marx read the second reading of Ordinance #217-22: An Ordinance to Amend Section 7.16 of the Village Ordinances Prohibiting Unauthorized All-Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicles from Being on the Golf Course and in the Parks. Marx motioned to approve Ordinance #217-22. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

No correspondence.

**Review and Audit of Invoices:**

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

General Fund	\$29,579.99	Water Utility	\$15,187.16
Library Fund	\$2,779.06	Sewer Department	\$7,137.32
Capital Improvements	\$1,672.07	Golf Course	\$1,115.45
TIF District	\$78.76		

Wage Reimbursements: \$18,833.67

Yanke motioned to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Marx seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,  
Clerk/Treasurer