

## **Village of Plain**

### **Village Board Proceedings of June 8, 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 June 8, 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, June 6, 2022. Notice was emailed to the *Home News*; *Valley Sentinel*; and, the *Baraboo News Republic*.

Marx motioned to approve minutes from the May 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business**

Whitford motioned to reconsider parallel parking on Main Street. Neubauer seconded. Motion carried. The majority of attendees at a Streets Committee meeting held last week was in opposition of parallel parking. Whitford believes we can come up with a different solution. Parallel parking could create more problems than what we already have. A safety correction without doing parallel parking would be making St. Luke's Avenue a one-way.

Marx pointed out other options; no left-hand turn coming out of St. Luke's Avenue or reducing the sidewalk width in front of the restaurant. Whitford explained how reducing the sidewalk would be an expensive project with a lot of factors involved. It is not just cutting concrete; it is a major project. Ruhland explained that the streets budget is tight where spending it on a project like this does not make sense when other streets are falling apart. Neubauer pointed out that if the sidewalk was reduced, but it was not the right decision, then that is \$100,000 mistake. He believes the first options that should be explored should have minimal cost. Marx mentioned starting a donation fund to do the sidewalk reduction option.

Chief Stoddard asked if a four-way stop has been considered since that would slow drivers down. Riek suggested signage or flashing lights to slow people down. Ring mentioned that a four-way stop at that intersection would help with individuals having to stop again at Highway 23. Ruhland stated that it may require an overhead stop sign since cars parked at the restaurant would block a standard stop sign. The County may have to do a study for a four-way stop sign.

Riek discussed a conversation she had with Sheriff Chip Meister about a small town with the same situation that did the 27-degree angle parking and it helped with their issue. Parking stalls would still be lost with that concept.

Riek received a letter indicating that the Board was not in favor of businesses surviving and taking away their livelihood. She wanted it known that is not the Village's intention. The Village is trying to prevent an accident from happening or a child from getting killed. Just because it has never happened, does not mean that it could not happen.

Neubauer asked Stoddard if Stop Ahead was painted in the lane of travel and a vehicle is blocking the stop sign, is the Stop Ahead sufficient. Stoddard said they would have that defense, but ultimately it is up to the judge to decide. Parking stalls need to be 15 feet away from a crosswalk; therefore, the stop sign may not be totally obstructed. The stop sign could be installed at a higher level. Neubauer expressed that we could remove one parking stall by St. Luke's Avenue to give the stop sign more visibility. Ruhland mentioned eliminating the crosswalk on the east side of that intersection to force people to use the safer crosswalk on the west side.

The Streets Committee will research the options suggested and bring a recommendation back to the Board. There was *not* a first reading of Ordinance 218-22: an ordinance designating St. Luke's Avenue a one-way street, due to the Streets Committee investigating other alternatives.

### **Committee Reports**

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

The Streets Committee was notified that the grant funding of \$175,720 was pulled for the reconstruction of Bridge Road due to issues on the DOT side.

Black top patching for water main breaks is complete. They are still waiting for the seal coating of the alleys.

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

The pool opened on June 4<sup>th</sup>, but weather has been a hinderance. There have been 19 pool passes issued. There are nine lifeguards with three new and six returning. The first session of swim lessons will start next week with 22 kids signed up. The second session has 29 kids signed up. If anyone else is interested, they can go to the "Plain Pool and Summer Rec Program" Facebook page to sign up. That page also has daily updates. Water aerobics begins tomorrow and runs Monday-Thursday 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

No Ordinance Committee report.

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

The Parks Committee will be setting up a meeting. The Rec Program had 50 kids signed up before the first day.

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

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

No Finance Committee report.

Golf Course memberships are down. The WCCU advertising is in the golf holes for the month of June. The flag advertising is still being investigating.

**Library & RV Court – Kelly Yanke**

Yanke reported on the Library Board meeting from May 23rd. The numbers keep going up every month. This month, the library is celebrating 20 years of being in this building. They elected officers with Linda Paulus being the new president. On their website, there is a calendar of all summer library programs in the River Valley area.

No RV Court report.

**Police – Wade Neubauer**

No Police Committee report.

**Development/Planning – Ray Ring**

The cropland lease with Driftless Extracts is executed.

**Police Department Report**

The squad may need some brake work. Stoddard is still looking for part-time help. Officer Chad Kanable is now limited due to accepting a full-time job in Avoca. Neubauer inquired if there is anything that could be done to influence people to work. Pay is a factor. Officers have to be law enforcement certified and those individuals are going to seek a full-time position. When their department offers overtime, they are going to take that over a part-time position. Every department is short staffed.

**Public Works Department Report**

John Ruhland, Public Works Director, reported that a water leak on Oak Street was repaired. There was leak studies and detections done. There were new valves installed on Oak Street and Reservoir Avenue to help with isolation. The eaves were installed on the pavilion and concession stand in the park. A couple valves were replaced at the pool. The street was repaired exiting Lombardi Lane. The no truck sign on Honey Creek Drive will be removed now that the new subdivision is complete.

Water      May-22

Pumpage for Well No. 1	1,054,000	gallons		
Pumpage for Well No. 2	<u>1,314,000</u>	gallons		
Total Pumpage for Month	2,368,000	gallons		
Total Pumpage for the Month Last Year	2,939,000	gallons		
	This is 571,000	gallons	less	than last year.
Monthly chlorine average	0.21	ppm		

Two bacti samples were sent to the State Lab. Both samples tested safe.

## Wastewater May-22

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.	211	mg/l	
Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.	8	mg/l	Limit: 15 mg/l
Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.	280	mg/l	
Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.	14	mg/l	Limit: 20 mg/l
Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia	0.670	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	1.025	mg/l	Limit: 1.2 mg/l
Total Gallons Treated	2,046,000	gallons	

## Clerk/Treasurer Report

The Board was given the list of Operator's Licenses being issued for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The number is significantly down, mainly due to I-Diehl Tap closing. It was a struggle getting applications this year, so there may be more Operator's License applications submitted. I-Diehl Tap is keeping their liquor license. The Village is limited to five bar licenses and there are none available.

## Other Business

Yanke motioned to appoint Oxana Peper to the Library Board. Brey seconded. Motion carried.

Marx motion to approve Liquor Licenses in the Village for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Brey seconded. Motion carried.

### **Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages And "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor**

Jennings-Kraemer Post No. 398 of the American Legion, Agent Brian Pulvermacher, 1225 American Legion Dr.  
Roarin 20s, LLC, Agent Janet E Haight, 1150/1170 Main St.  
Emil P. Diehl, dba I-Diehl Tap, 1090 Main St.  
Leroy Gruber, dba Sam's Place, 1085 Main St.  
Allen Ring, dba Ring's Bar, 950 Alma Ave.

### **Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverages And "Class A" Intoxicating Liquor**

Plain One Stop, Agent Shankar Kharel, 1125 Wachter Avenue  
Straka Meats, Inc., dba Block 23, Agent Caitlin K. Straka, 1050 Wachter Avenue  
Country Crossroads Floral and Gifts, LLC, Agent Carrie Walsh, 1030 Wachter Avenue

### **Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverages**

Plain Kwik Stop, Inc., Agent Tiffany Faber, 995 Wachter Avenue

Yanke motioned to approve a temporary liquor license; four temporary operator's licenses; and, an extended hours permit for Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> for the Plain Fire & EMS Celebration. Neubauer seconded. Motion carried.

Marx motioned to adopt Resolution #2022-04, Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. Yanke seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

There were a handful of letters received in opposition of parallel parking.

**Review and Audit of Invoices:**

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

General Fund	\$42,881.27	Water Utility	\$11,130.58
Library Fund	\$2,957.92	Sewer Department	\$10,661.42
Capital Improvements	\$1,561.91	Golf Course	\$7,598.96
TIF District	\$78.76		

Wage Reimbursements: \$18,919.79

Brey motioned to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Yanke seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,  
Clerk/Treasurer