

Village of Plain

Village Board Proceedings of July 13, 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 July 13, 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 via Zoom; Wade Neubauer; Merry Lynn Riek; Steve Whitford; and, Kelly Yanke, Trustees.

Others present: Nic Studnicka and Barb Studnicka

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, July 11, 2022. Notice was emailed to the *Home News; Valley Sentinel*; and, the *Baraboo News Republic*.

Brey motioned to approve minutes from the June 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Yanke seconded. Motion carried.

Guests

The Development & Planning Commission held a public hearing before the regular board meeting to consider the petition from Jason Schluter for a variance to divide parcel #171-0283-20000 into two parcels. The Commission recommends approving the division of the parcel. Marx motioned to approve the division of parcel #171-0283-20000. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

The Parks Committee met with Nic Studnicka in regards to the memorial bench in the park for his brother Travis Studnicka. They have a bench that matches the rest of the benches in the park because that was required by the Village. There is another memorial bench that was placed at the same time that does not match. Riek reviewed the timeline via email correspondence on both benches being ordered and then the other party not going with the Village benches. After much debate, Riek motioned to reimburse the \$300 paid for the original bench that the Village would take back and run the upgraded bench order through the Village for tax exempt status. Brey seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Streets & Utilities – Steve Whitford

The Streets Committee met to discuss the safety issues on Main Street. They had discussed different angled parking, a one-way street and four-way stop. The different angles and one-way street did not seem feasible. The County will do a study for the four-way stop option. Public Works will start painting lines next week the way they are currently. Minor curb & gutter projects were completed. An incident with a semi at the corner of Plainview Road and Westbrook Drive created an insurance claim for a light pole and a fire hydrant. Yanke questioned moving the Wachter Avenue flashing speed sign further south to slow traffic coming into town. Ring discussed the Highway 23 project redoing speed signs and crosswalk signs as an option.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant had work done on the tertiary filter along with replacement of external plumbing.

Pool & Ordinance – Melissa Marx

The Pool Committee met on June 23rd to discuss maintenance items. The pool was leaking but is fine now. The roof is leaking in the mechanical room. John got a bid from Hasheider Roofing for \$8,100 to repair. He is going to get other bids. They are removing the lifeguard chair and may get a different style. There are 45 pool passes. In June, 770 attended afternoon swim, 226 attended night swim and 85 people have attended water aerobics. A few days in July will be closed or reduced hours due to staffing issues. There were 24 kids in swim lessons in June. July has 30 kids signed up and August has 14, but they are still taking sign-ups. They are looking at purchasing some sort of shade covering to help better shade the baby pool area. Nate Frank Heating and Cooling will donate \$500 to help cover the cost. Ice cream continues to be a hit.

No Ordinance Committee report.

Parks & Fire Emergency District – Merry Lynn Riek

The Parks Committee met on June 23rd to discuss the Studnicka bench. The Rec Program is going good with lots of kids. They just had a field trip to White Mound.

The Fire Board met on July 11th. They disconnected the Spectrum TV to save money. Travis Nachreiner is resigning the treasurer/secretary position of the Fire Department, effective in one year. They will be replacing a furnace. They decided against new flooring in the EMS supply room. The tile floors are scheduled to be cleaned for up to \$2,500. The garage door repair was completed. The sidewalk on the south side is having issues. The wish list has a sensor for garage doors for safety. Installation of beam sensors of four doors was approved not to exceed \$4,000. No action on new fire engine. EMS had 92 year-to-date calls. Mike Bernards is resigning as of August 26, 2022. There is an EMS class scheduled for fall. Insurance reviewed driving records of EMS with no concerns. They applied for a flex grant. The EMS wish list is for a defibrillator and a blanket warmer. Nominations to the Fire Board remain same. The next meeting is September 12th.

Finance & Golf Course – Brian Brey

The Finance Committee met last night. The budget schedule was set and they discussed equipment needs. Carver will send the schedule. Employee evaluations will be on September 28th and October 3rd. Committee budgets are due to the Village Clerk by October 3rd. The Village Board will have a closed session on October 12th for employee evaluation approvals. The Committees will present budgets to the Finance Committee on October 25th. The Finance Committee will have their final review of budgets on November 1st. The Budget Hearing will be December 7th. The library roof is done. They requested a 90% payment at this time. John will do a “walk-thru” with the contractor within a couple of weeks. Due to the bad condition of the roof, we are lucky we did it now.

The Golf Course Committee will meet soon for budgeting. There was a large donation for removing the dead trees. John wants to remove 10 late this summer. There are 32 dead trees total. He thinks he can have all the trees tore out by spring. A new website was created for advertising through an NBC website. There could be a night golf outing coming up.

Library & RV Court – Kelly Yanke

Yanke reported on the Library Board meeting from June 27th. While the roof was getting done, there were some leaks with the rains. They have to replace 10 ceiling tiles inside due to the leakage. The numbers keep going up. There have been eight summer programs with 225 attendees. The next ones are: July 20th shark tank show for 100 people; July 27th is music by Bubble Wonders. There were 13 attendees for the June music performance. They are looking for a summer helper to do book shelving, Monday through Friday for two hours a day.

No RV Court report.

Police – Wade Neubauer

No Police Committee report.

Development/Planning – Ray Ring

No Development & Planning Commission report.

Public Works Department Report

Water June-22

Pumpage for Well No. 1	961,000	gallons		
Pumpage for Well No. 2	<u>1,145,000</u>	gallons		
Total Pumpage for Month	2,106,000	gallons		
Total Pumpage for the Month Last Year	3,425,000	gallons		
	This is 1,319,000	gallons	less	than last year.
Monthly chlorine average	0.19	ppm		

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

Wastewater June-22

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.	208	mg/l		
Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.	5	mg/l	Limit: 15 mg/l	
Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.	340	mg/l		
Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.	10	mg/l	Limit: 20 mg/l	
Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia	0.458	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	0.789	mg/l	Limit: 1.2 mg/l	
Total Gallons Treated	2,185,000	gallons		

Police Department Report

No Police Department report.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

Carver submitted the annual filing of liquor licenses to the state after they were approved at the June meeting. The audit paperwork for the annual Worker's Compensation policy was submitted. This submission helps the insurance company determine if we get a partial refund or have to pay an additional premium. It also assists them in determining next year's rate. The August Partisan Primary is August 9th.

Other Business

Ring received correspondence asking if the Village plans to do anything in recognition of the closing of I-Diehl Tap and all of the accomplishments, charity and generosity that Emil Diehl has done. Ring and likely all of the Board would like to do something specific. It is important to note that there are so many recent businesses that have also closed or sold. Just to name a few: Linda Paulus, Jim Liegel, Gani, Dwayne Faber, Greg Kraemer, The Kraemer Company, Consumer's Co-op, The Cheesemaker and more. I-Diehl Tap and the companies such as these bestow Plain as a great place to enjoy, live and work. It is often said that change is difficult to accept, but we all know that change is inevitable. Another saying is that when one door closes another one opens. Plain has been very fortunate to have so many businesses started in this little town that we are all thankful for. Over the past 10+ years, the Village has welcomed new businesses by sending them a plant from the Board. This is an example of starting something new. It seems appropriate to start recognizing the contributions of business owners that have closed or sold. This has not been done in the past, but Ring feels it makes sense to start doing a recognition. The parameters for doing such a resolution should consider things such as tenure; charitable contributions; Village support through time, talent and donations; more so measuring the value of the business brought into the community. This would demonstrate how much the Village appreciates the businesses that were and are an integral part of the community. Ring would like to recommend this first resolution of this sort to the Board. Brey pointed out starting something new with the welcome packets given to new homeowners. This precedent is not retroactive, we are starting this now and moving forward. Whitford pointed out that change is growth. Riek pointed out that Ring was approached to do this and the Board maybe would not have thought about it, but it does make sense. Ring wishes he would have thought about it sooner. The entire Board thinks it is a great idea.

Brey motioned to adopt Resolution #2022-05, a Resolution recognizing Emil Diehl for contributions made to the community during his 44+ years in business. Neubauer seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Review and Audit of Invoices:

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

General Fund	\$39,499.81	Water Utility	\$28,244.05
Library Fund	\$6,006.23	Sewer Department	\$11,835.72
Capital Improvements	\$90,751.91	Golf Course	\$6,725.14
TIF District	\$108.44		

Wage Reimbursements: \$26,328.24

Brey motioned to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Whitford seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,
Clerk/Treasurer