

# **Village of Plain**

## **Village Board Proceedings of August 9, 2023**

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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 August 9, 2023. 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; Terry Drone; Melissa Marx; Wade Neubauer; Merry Lynn Riek; Steve Whitford, and, Kelly Yanke, Trustees.

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, August 7, 2023. Notice was emailed to the *Home News*; *Valley Sentinel*; and, the *Baraboo News Republic*.

Marx motioned to approve minutes from the July 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Yanke seconded. Motion carried with Riek abstaining.

### **Committee Reports**

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

We received notification on the CDBG application that it was denied. It only changes where the funds are going to come from. There will be budgeted funds as well as the sinking fund. There is a very small chance that some funds could be redistributed if other communities decline their funds. We are still waiting for word on a couple of other grants. They are a sewer grant and a water grant. If a portion of the project was removed, there would be more engineering costs.

A failed fire hydrant was replaced on Meadow Lane. It was an original fire hydrant that was installed when the subdivision was constructed.

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

Yanke reported on the Fire Emergency District Board meeting that was held on July 24<sup>th</sup>. They are looking at doing downspouts for the building to provide solutions for ice dams. A buckling sidewalk on the south side was taken care of by Mark Alt. The A/C in the dispatch room stopped working. Nachreiner Heating submitted a quote for \$5,000 but has not been replaced yet. The garage door sensors were installed by Berry Electric. The chassis for a new fire truck was approved. The one available was a demo, so the cost is lower. The new truck is budgeted for. The total truck cost will be presented at the next meeting. The annual service was completed on the jaws of life. There was a DNR grant submitted to replace the coveralls. The grant will cover 50% of the cost. There were lighting issues with the rescue squad, the entire system will be redone for \$7,700. EMS reported 74 year-to-date calls. They changed their supply vendor which had reduced costs and more availability. The inverter on the ambulance has been faulting out. it is under warranty. The EMS roster has 22 individuals. There were resignations as well as additions. There are also five people attending classes. All fall classes are full and there is a waiting list.

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

Marx will have July and August numbers at the September Board meeting. The pool will close on either August 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. River Valley is starting school on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, so it will be limited hours from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the closing date.

No Ordinance Committee report.

### **Finance & Golf Course – Terry Drone**

Budget spreadsheets are in board folders. When budget meetings are scheduled, request how many hard copies and if an Excel spreadsheet is needed. Budgets are due by the October Board meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. On October 25<sup>th</sup>, each committee will present their budgets to the Finance Committee. If the Finance Committee needs to make cuts, they will meet on November 8<sup>th</sup>, before the Regular Board meeting.

The Golf Course Committee met to discuss the year-to-date activity. Greens fees are already at budgeted revenues as of the end of July and we still have August and September. The lack of rain helped with greens fees but more watering had to be done. Fairway #5 has thin grass and is rough. They are looking at options to help the grass. The concrete settled on the #8 bridge. Nick has since put some cold patch on it. The committee will meet in September to discuss the budget.

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

The Rec Program has had a good turnout. They had a couple of field trips to a splash pad and White Mound. August 18<sup>th</sup> will be the last day with prizes and treats. The three-day celebration was in the park at the end of July. It was a huge success. They sold out with 630 chicken dinners on Sunday. Sue Bindl had a great year with concessions. All ball games are done.

The library numbers are up by over 1,500 from last year. The Mid-Morning Matinee will resume in September on the third Thursday of the month. An A/C compressor went out and has been approved to be replaced. The budget is on track. They did a performance evaluation for the Director. Whitney Bindl is joining the Library Board as the school representative. The next meeting will be on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

No RV Court report.

### **Police – Wade Neubauer**

Neubauer has not received any correspondence about any issues. A meeting will be set up for the budget. There is extra money coming from the state that has restrictions on how the money is used. There is an emphasis on employment opportunities and can also be used for equipment. Shared revenue is increased that also has strict rules. Traffic stop numbers have increased with the addition of Kim Ready and Alex Ziemke working more hours. That is a direct result of the increase in pay during the last budgeting season.



No Police Department report.

**Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Report**

Carver informed the board that there was a complaint from Tammy Walsh about having to pay for the use of the pavilion. Carver recommended to Committee Chairs to request a current budget comparison when they have their budget meetings.

**Other Business**

Marx motioned to approve a temporary liquor license for the Plain Lions for the Lions Golf Tournament event on September 9, 2023. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

Marx read the first reading of Ordinance 221-23: an ordinance regulating open-air fires.

Marx read the second reading of Ordinance 222-23: an ordinance updating Village Park use. Yanke motioned to adopt Ordinance 222-23. Marx seconded. Motion carried.

Drone motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-07: a resolution supporting Project Hero and their Great Lakes Challenge. Neubauer seconded. Motion carried.

Yanke motioned to appoint Whitney Bindl to the Library Board. Whitford seconded. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

No Correspondence.

**Review and Audit of Invoices:**

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

General Fund	\$37,354.14	Water Utility	\$11,409.60
Library Fund	\$4,698.28	Sewer Department	\$5,891.00
Capital Improvements	\$1,565.24	Golf Course	\$683.74
TIF District	\$78.76	Debt Services	\$41,875.98

Wage Reimbursements: \$29,548.22

Neubauer motioned to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Drone seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer