

Village of Plain

Village Board Proceedings of January 10, 2024

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 January 10, 2024. 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.

Others present: Jennifer Klaas; John Ruhland, Public Works Director; and, Mike Stoddard, Chief of Police.

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, January 8, 2024. Notice was emailed to the *Home News*; *Valley Sentinel*; and, the *Baraboo News Republic*.

Marx motioned to approve minutes from the December 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Whitford seconded. Motion carried.

After discussion, Riek motioned to accept the recommendation for the Development & Planning Commission and approve the petition of the Village of Plain to re-zone Parcel #171-0185-30000, from its present classification of Public District to Business/Commercial District; Parcel #171-0185-40000, from its present classification of Industrial District to Business/Commercial District; Parcel #171-0185-52000, from its present classification of Industrial District to Business/Commercial District; Parcel #171-0185-70000, from its present classification of Industrial District to Public District; and, Parcel #171-0185-60000, from its present classification of Industrial District to Agricultural District. Marx seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Jennifer Klaas is opposed to Dollar General. She is from Minnesota and has been in this area for three years. She does not want to see change and finds them to be a slumlord store. She had called on the land to start a men's catholic trade school, but her calls were not returned by the realtor.

Committee Reports

Streets & Utilities – Steve Whitford

No Streets & Utilities reports.

Pool & Ordinance – Melissa Marx

The Pool Committee will be advertising for lifeguards once the advertisement is reviewed with Lisa.

The Ordinance Committee would like to remind residents of the snow ordinances that were posted on the Village Facebook page today.

Fire Emergency District – Merry Lynn Riek

The Fire Emergency District Board met on January 8th. Rural Mutual reviewed the current insurance policy with the Fire Board. The Fire Department got a new laptop. The new engine is slated for the spring of 2025. They discussed the 2024 Cedar Street project for the fire station. They would like to see some estimates and for it to be an alternate bid option. EMS had 137 calls in 2023. Wade Neubauer gave a presentation to the Fire Board on Project Lifesaver. John would like him to do a presentation to the Fire Department as well. The next meeting is scheduled for April 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Finance & Golf Course – Terry Drone

No Finance Committee or Golf Course Committee report.

Park, Library & RV Court – Kelly Yanke

No Parks Committee report.

The Library Board met on January 8th. There were 21 attendees at the December Mid-Morning Matinee. There are 18 signed up for the January 18th movie. The January 18th Family Fund Night is paint and sip hot cocoa and mocktails. The next one will be February 15th. There is Lego Builder's Club on February 5th. Service Electric is going to start updating the lighting in stages throughout the year. Fifteen new chairs were ordered for staff and conference area for \$3,017.94. The River Valley area libraries will be meeting to discuss summer programming. Storytime is returning on January 23rd and will run through March 12th. The next meeting is scheduled for February 26th.

RV Court had seven citations with four appearances.

Police – Wade Neubauer

No Police Committee report.

Development/Planning & Personnel – Ray Ring

No Development & Planning Commission or Personnel Commission report.

Police Department Report

No Police Department report.

Public Works Department Report

Public Works will have a DNR water audit right before the annual financial audit. There is a problem with the sludge recirculating pump. The tertiary filter valves will be fixed next week. They fixed some water leaks and did a manhole replacement.

Review and Audit of Invoices:

Whitford motioned to pay check #27893 payable to Sabel Mechanical, LLC in the amount of \$15,296.91 from the Sewer Replacement Fund. Yanke seconded. Motion carried.

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

General Fund	\$462,588.48	Water Utility	\$10,995.31
Library Fund	\$1,597.98	Sewer Department	\$29,404.88
Capital Improvements	\$1,703.97	Golf Course	\$734.40
TIF District	\$10.00		

Wage Reimbursements: \$37,040.83

Neubauer motioned to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Yanke seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer