

Village of Plain

Village Board Proceedings of April 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 April 10, 2024. Village President Ray Ring called the meeting to order 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: John T. Feiner; Phil Studnicka; Nic Studnicka; and, Jay Salinas

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

Ring thanked Merry Lynn Riek for her years of service. Congratulations to Wade and Steve on their re-election and to John Feiner as a newly elected member of the Board.

Riek motioned to approve minutes from the March 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. Marx seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Phil Studnicka asked about Dollar General's status. Ring stated that they would like to be open by mid-August.

Jay Salinas of Wormfarm Institute addressed the Farm Art DTour will come through this area again for the third time. Plain will be a trail stop at the library. This will be the last DTour to come through Plain. Marx is on the planning committee. This helps promote Plain and its businesses. The puppet display on Highway 23 from the last DTour is very rewarding for Wormfarm.

Committee Reports

Streets & Utilities – Steve Whitford

The street project has started. They are currently working from Main Street to Alma Avenue. Alliant and Intercon installed a new four-inch gas main from Wachter Avenue to Alma Avenue. They are trying to keep one lane open. Every attempt will be made to notify residents when they will be affected.

A 30-foot section of sewer line was replaced in the alley north of Cedar Street.

Police – Wade Neubauer

No Police Committee report.

Pool & Ordinance – Melissa Marx

The Pool Committee met on April 4th. They viewed the windows at the bathhouse. The roof was leaking and since then has been repaired by Feiner Construction. They are going to hold off on new windows at this time. There are three returning lifeguards and two new lifeguards. They are hoping a couple other returnees will come back. Opening day will be June 1st. The pool hours will be the same as last year. Swim lessons and water aerobics will be coming back. The cost of pool passes are being increased and they are also going to charge for baby pool use. They created an all-day pass as well.

No Ordinance Committee report.

Fire Emergency District – Merry Lynn Riek

The Fire Emergency District Board met on April 8th. There are two Certificate of Deposits that are coming due that will be applied to the new fire truck. An overhead door was repaired. They may repair the steps. Plain A's wants to repurpose the District's flag pole to be over by the scoreboard at the park. The Fire Department received a DNR grant for supplies. They reviewed the bylaws. They may increase pay for officers. EMS served 230 spaghetti dinners. The Board reimburses EMS costs when an EMT stays on for one year. Chief evaluations will take place at the next meeting on July 8th.

Finance & Golf Course – Terry Drone

No Finance Committee report.

The Golf Course is open. Clean-up day is April 27th. They will replace mulch and seed the areas affected by the irrigation line improvements.

Park, Library & RV Court – Kelly Yanke

The Parks Committee met on April 9th. They approved \$2,000 for the Plain A's and \$1,500 for the River Valley Little League from the sign advertisement account. Plain A's will be purchasing supplies and hats and paying umpire fees. The Little League program has never asked for a donation before, which will go towards credit card fees and needy families with children who want to play but are unable to pay. Plain A's will be taking care of the flag. There will be a full summer of ball. The High School baseball team may need to use our field for some make-up games. Susan Bindl plans to run the concession stand. The Plain A's would like to widen the warning track in the fall. They discussed the Rec Directors. The Rec Program will be from June 10th to August 16th. Sign-up will be coming in May. Public Works is getting estimates to upgrade the Arborvitae trees.

The Library Board met on March 25th. The lighting replacement is continuing. March numbers were down compared to a year ago. They had 17 March Mid-Morning Matinee attendees. They had 33 attend the pizza fun night. They are planning for the summer program. On April 18th will be the Mid-Morning Matinee as well as the Family Fun Night. They are still looking for a library assistant. Storytime started this week and will go through May 14th. The Library Board will have expiring terms. April 29th is the next meeting.

No RV Court report.

Development/Planning & Personnel – Ray Ring

The Development & Planning Commission met earlier for a setback variance. When developing the Honey Creek Business Park, the lower land was elevated out of the floodplain to make the lower lots buildable. This was approved and filed with the DNR. However, it was not filed with FEMA. The FEMA map still showed a portion of the Green TTEC and Dollar General lots still in the floodplain. The Village needed to submit an application with verification to FEMA for them to approve the removal of the lots from the floodplain. This was necessary to sell the property. FEMA approved this on Monday. Development & Planning Commission met on April 3rd and approved Dollar General’s building plans.

No Personnel Commission report.

Police Department Report

No Police Department report.

Public Works Department Report

Water

March-24

Pumpage for Well No. 1	742,000	gallons		
Pumpage for Well No. 2	<u>713,000</u>	gallons		
Total Pumpage for Month	1,455,000	gallons		
Total Pumpage for the Month Last Year				
	1,894,000	gallons		
	This is 439,000	gallons	less	than last year.
Monthly chlorine average	0.06	ppm		

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

Wastewater March-24

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.	201	mg/l		
Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.	3	mg/l		
Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.	679	mg/l		
Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.	8	mg/l		
Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia	3.515	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	0.185	mg/l		
Total Gallons Treated	1,736,000	gallons		

Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Report

There were 266 voters for the Spring Election, down from 319 last year. The Assessor scheduled the Board of Review for Wednesday, May 22nd, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. John T. Feiner was given materials to be certified this year. Drone and Carver are also certified. The Village’s property insurance was reappraised in March. There was an overall 28% increase in value. The new policy starts June 1st, so rates will be adjusted at that point to match the new values.

Other Business

Yanke motioned to approve a liquor license for Pat Mahoney at the Plain Community Park for the period April 11, 2024 through October 11, 2024. Whitford seconded. Motion carried.

Marx motioned to approve the petition from Donald Ring for a variance from the residential setback requirements for the purpose of a deck at 1675 Honey Creek Circle. Riek seconded. Motion carried with Ring abstaining.

Drone motioned to adopt Resolution 2024-01: A resolution declaring the Village’s intent to exercise special assessment powers for curb and gutter replacement on St. Luke’s Avenue from its intersection with Main Street through the intersection with Cedar Street, and Cedar Street from its intersection with Wachter Avenue through the intersection with St. Luke’s Avenue as determined in the project plans and specifications. Whitford seconded. Motion carried.

Yanke motioned to hire Cecelia Feiner and Jennifer Judd as Rec Directors for the 2024 Rec Program. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

Marx motioned to hire Maci Schluter and Kylie Killoy as new 2024 Lifeguards. Riek seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Review and Audit of Invoices:

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

General Fund	\$36,667.08	Water Utility	\$9,553.99
Library Fund	\$2,847.59	Sewer Department	\$53,239.71
Capital Improvements	\$1,703.97	Golf Course	\$884.74
TIF District	\$3,278.76		

Wage Reimbursements: \$19,503.48

Riek motioned to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Neubauer seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer