

Village of Plain

Village Board Proceedings of May 8, 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 May 8, 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; John T. Feiner; Melissa Marx; Wade Neubauer; Steve Whitford; and, Kelly Yanke, Trustees.

Others present: Duane Meise; Dennis Polivka; and, Mike Stoddard, Police Chief; John Ruhland, Public Works Director.

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, May 6, 2024. Notice was emailed to the *Home News; Valley Sentinel;* and, the *Baraboo News Republic*.

Marx motioned to approve minutes from the April 10, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. Neubauer seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Duane Meise addressed the Board regarding the condition of the Clover Street extension going back to the Meise Construction shop. Meise commented that if the Village does not take care of it, he will do it and bill the Village. Ring explained how it does not work that way. John Ruhland informed Meise that it had to be postponed due to needing to know exactly how the Highway 23 project would lay out. Ruhland had this conversation with Dan Meise two weeks ago. Meise asked for the street to be graded weekly. The issue can be discussed at a Streets Committee meeting.

Dennis Polivka, Sauk County Board Supervisor representative, addressed the board. Things have been going smoothly in the county. The committees were reorganized going from 13 committees down to seven. The Executive & Legislative Committee it now made up of the Chair, Vice Chair and the Chairs of the seven committees. Polivka is the Chair of the Aging & Disability Resource Committee and is Vice Chair of the Land Resources & Environment Committee. Carver is the Chair of the Law Enforcement & Judiciary Committee and she is on the Finance Committee. The biggest issue right now is the sale of the Sauk County Health Care Center in Reedsburg. Polivka opposed the sale of it because he disagreed with the process. He has not seen concrete figures. He has received 12 calls from people opposed to selling the nursing home. The County Board appropriated \$50,000 in September to do a study of the entire continuum of care in Sauk County. In December, the majority of the County Board voted to sell the nursing home. In January, they hired a real estate firm to look at it. It was approved to entertain an offer at a special meeting in March. We all need more answers and information. We are not going to lose a nursing home if we sell it. A referendum would need to be approved by the Board. Ring believes the County does not need to be in the nursing home business. The county is looking to purchase a new mobile command center. The current unit is 21 years old with old technology and has reached the end of its service life. A Wisconsin company makes the units.

Committee Reports

Neubauer motioned to accept the committee recommendations from the Village President. Drone seconded. Motion carried.

Streets & Utilities – Steve Whitford

The Cedar Street/St. Luke's Avenue project is going good. The underground work is done. Meise is working on finish grading. They will be pouring curb & gutter next week. The state did some saw-cutting for the Highway 23 project.

A cracked pipe was replaced on a tertiary at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Public Works had to remove a section of sidewalk to find I-Diehl Tap's water shut-off .

Pool & Ordinance – Melissa Marx

Marx reported that Badger Pool needs a week of dry weather to complete the caulk. Public Works will be doing some painting. They are planning to open June 1st.

No Ordinance Committee report.

Finance & Golf Course – Terry Drone

Drone reported that the golf course had their clean-up day. They planted grass and did some mulching. The walk-ons are at a good level so far this year. Ring reported that the Lions will be installing a new sign on hole number one.

No Finance Committee report.

Park, Library & RV Court – Kelly Yanke

Yanke met with both Rec Directors to review the inventory. The Rec Program sign-up was posted online yesterday, and 15 kids have already signed up. Yanke is also looking into painting the pavilion poles.

Yanke reported that the Library Board met on April 29th. The last Mid-Morning Matinee will be in May and start back up in September. The April Mid-Morning Matinee had 16 attendees. They had worm races for Family Fun Night with 14 attendees. The Summer Program will be from June 10th to August 10th, with the first event being Zoozort on June 17th. They are no longer getting Saturday's Wisconsin State Journal due to price increases and they do not receive it before they close. The last story time will be May 14th.

No RV Court report.

Police & Fire Emergency District – Wade Neubauer

The Village has recently experienced a serious violation of an ordinance that necessitated police intervention. Neubauer thanked village residents who expressed their concern and ensured the Village was aware of the situation. Prompt action by Chief Stoddard and Officer Ziemke resulted in a safe resolution. Neubauer reminded village residents of a few important items: Anyone in the community can report concerns that they have observed. If you feel more comfortable coming forward anonymously, you may do so. To address a situation, it is recommended to contact the respective committee members who can handle it effectively. Village Board Trustee's contact information and committee assignments are listed on the Village's website. If you notice a non-emergency law enforcement issue during business hours, please get in touch with the Spring Green Police Department at 608-588-2125. If you cannot reach the Police Department during their hours of operation, or if it is outside of their hours, you can contact the Sauk County Sheriff's Office at 608-356-4895. For all emergency calls, dial 911. The Plain Police Department has primary jurisdiction as it relates to village ordinance violations. The Sheriff's Office does not enforce village ordinances, although they may respond to calls for service. In case you witness a law enforcement issue, the best course of action is to become an effective witness. Contact law enforcement immediately and provide a detailed description of the incident, including any license plates or vehicle descriptions. Do not attempt to intervene, keep yourself safe. The Village of Plain is a wonderful community that represents the positive impact of working together. The old "It takes a Village" cliché is still very true. All village residents are responsible for caring for, maintaining, and improving the place we call home.

No Fire Emergency District report.

Development/Planning & Personnel – Ray Ring

The land sale is final with Dollar General with the Village receiving \$97,748. Development & Planning Commission met for a fence variance.

The Personnel Commission will meet and start the review process. Last year, there was a lot of learning. The committee can have John and/or Sheila sit in to help design the process.

Police Department Report

Chief Stoddard echoed Neubauer's comments. Officer Andy Kurek is scheduled to be gone for six to eight weeks. A new hire is starting the Police Academy in June. Neubauer suggested the officer introduce herself to the Board.

Public Works Department Report

Public Works replaced the storm sewer that was in the entrance to the medical clinic. The bathrooms are open in the park and on the golf course. The pavilion is ready to be used. There is high usage scheduled this month. They started working on the pool. John has been on the street job quite a bit. Meise is hoping for asphalt by Memorial Day weekend. They will prepare for curb & gutter by the end of the week.

Water April-24

Pumpage for Well No. 1	874,000	gallons		
Pumpage for Well No. 2	<u>753,000</u>	gallons		
Total Pumpage for Month	1,627,000	gallons		
Total Pumpage for the Month Last Year	1,938,000	gallons		
	This is 311,000	gallons	less	than last year.
Monthly chlorine average	0.29	ppm		

Two bacti samples and two well samples were sent to the State Lab. All samples tested safe.

Wastewater April-24

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.	162	mg/l
Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.	6	mg/l
Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.	542	mg/l
Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.	9	mg/l
Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia	1.392	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	0.158	mg/l
Total Gallons Treated	1,830,000	gallons

Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Report

Dollar General officially owns their parcel and the building permit has been issued. Carver reminded the Board that Board of Review is Wednesday, May 22nd from 5-7pm. Carver distributed informational materials on the sale of Sauk County Health Care Center: a budget snapshot, subsidized bed mix and rent comparison. The approved resolution was also provided, which lists the strict expectations of the County Board for a potential buyer.

Other Business

Ring motioned to approve the fence variance at 725 Westbrook Drive for Teriana Keaton-Jones under the following conditions: 1.) The fencing must be maintained aesthetically. 2.) The fencing and its location cannot be altered from what was approved. 3.) The fencing base must be well groomed of grass and weeds as per ordinance. 4.) The property owner must remove the fencing within two weeks of any changes, such as ownership or residents, or if the children with disabilities no longer reside there. 5.) Any fees associated with the variance and legal filings will be at the expense of the property owner. 6.) If the conditions are not met, the fencing must be removed within 30 days at the property owner's expense. Marx seconded. Motion carried.

Whitford motioned to approve Pay Request #1 for Meise Construction for \$324,123.27. Yanke seconded. Motion carried.

Marx motioned to approve a liquor license for Prosper Investment and Management, LLC, Patel Nikeskumar, Agent, dba Plain One Stop at 1125 Wachter Avenue for the period May 9, 2024 through June 30, 2024. Neubauer seconded. Motion carried. TENT

Marx motioned to approve a Temporary Class B Retailer's license for malt beverages for St. Luke's Catholic Congregation for the St. Luke's Parish Festival event on June 22, 2024. Whitford seconded. Motion carried.

Yanke motioned to approve a Temporary Class B Retailer's license for malt beverages and an Extended hours permit for Friday, July 26th and Saturday, July 27th for the Plain Fire & EMS Celebration. Neubauer seconded. Motion carried.

Marx read the first reading of Ordinance #223-24: an ordinance required by the state of Wisconsin to allow a reduction in the frequency of fire inspections.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Review and Audit of Invoices:

Whitford motioned to pay check #28106 payable to Sabel Mechanical, LLC for \$17,018.91; check #28110 payable to SJE for \$544.36; and, check #28114 payable to Westech Engineering for \$2,923.00 from the Sewer Replacement Fund. Ring seconded. Motion carried.

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

General Fund	\$355,048.30	Water Utility	\$3,350.18
Library Fund	\$2,746.45	Sewer Department	\$30,841.14
Capital Improvements	\$1,739.81	Golf Course	\$3,427.09
TIF District	\$5,028.76		

Wage Reimbursements: \$22,307.62

Yanke motioned to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Neubauer seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer