

Village of Plain

Village Board Proceedings of September 11, 2024

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Plain Board of Trustees was held at the Municipal Office Building, 510 Main Street, on September 11, 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: Austin Warner; and, Ashley Busse

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, September 9, 2024. Notice was emailed to the *Home News*; *Valley Sentinel*; and, the *Baraboo News Republic*.

Feiner motioned to approve minutes from the August 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. Yanke seconded. Motion carried with Melissa Marx abstaining.

Guest

Austin Warner and Ashley Busse addressed the board regarding closing Alma Avenue on Saturday, October 19, 2024 for a Badger Football Tailgate Party hosted by Cousins Bar & Grill. The street would be closed 2-3 hours before and after the game. A 50/50 drawing will be done to benefit Fire & EMS. Straka Meats will be involved with a smoked meat meal. There will be music. The game will be projected on a large screen. Clean-up will be done that same night. Marx motioned to close Alma Avenue on October 19, 2024. Whitford seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Streets & Utilities – Steve Whitford

The area by Straka Meats was milled off to fix the issues in the blacktop from the Cedar Street project.

Library, Ordinance & RV Court – Melissa Marx

The Library Board met on August 26th. Mike Peterson from LPL attended for the annual review. Service Electric is finishing up their project. The air conditioner was replaced by Nachreiner Plumbing & Heating. The carpet has been cleaned. They are reconsidering their options for the patio project due to the water table. The 2025 preliminary budget was discussed. They did the annual review for the Library Director. They are still looking for a Library Assistant. The Mid-Morning Matinee is returning for the season on September 12th. They are having a tech help session on September 26th. The next meeting is scheduled for September 30th.

No Ordinance Committee report.

No RV Court report.

Finance – Terry Drone

The Finance Committee is gearing up for the budget season. They will meet with committees on October 23rd and the budget hearing will be in early December.

Golf Course – John T. Feiner

Feiner reported that they are fixing the drainage on hole nine of the golf course. It is being funded by the Men's League Chicken BBQ for \$2,000 and the Plain Lions are donating the remaining amount, not to exceed \$4,000, to the project. The Chicken BBQ Fund is also funding a new cart path next to the fifth hole tee. Thank you to both organizations. The budget is over 100% for memberships and greens fees are at 90%.

Parks & Pool – Kelly Yanke

Yanke reported that Parks and Pool Committees met on September 3rd. Dustin Myers stated that the ballfield was good all year and appreciates what the Village does. Other teams have commented on how nice Plain's field is. There will be different people running the school ball league in 2025. John Ruhland is having a gap in the concrete going into the pavilion lifted so it is level. Drain tile is plugged causing standing water. They are getting estimates to replace the pea gravel on the warning strip. Today they removed lime from the dugout and placed pea gravel. More work needs to be done on the dugout. The concession stand had a good year. They need a sign at the entrance stating that there are no bikes and skateboards beyond that point, foot traffic only. They are going to get a bike rack to help with the problem. On the back side of the pavilion the sidewalk is sloping away. The tennis court lights have been fixed. John Ruhland is getting pricing on arborvitaes for the back side of the pavilion.

Badger Swimpools will be caulking the pool this year if possible. In the spring, they will look into gutters, painting the floor and a window in the mechanical room. They took care of a pump at the baby pool that was not shutting off. They lowered the leak from 14,000 gallons to 4,000. Lisa and some of the lifeguards are returning. They are planning to talk to some sophomores for next year.

Both committees will be meeting on October 7th for the budget meetings.

Police & Fire Emergency District – Wade Neubauer

The Fire Emergency District Board met on Monday. The mill rate will be .75 to maintain 2024's numbers. There have been 122 year-to-date EMS calls compared to a total of 137 calls in 2023. There is an issue with Three Rivers, which was the previous billing company. There are 112 unpaid missing calls, some of which did not get billed. The new billing service is still going through the history. T.J. Strine has completed his 12-month obligation period for EMS and going onto EMT training. The Fire Board is questioning fitness for duty if an individual is injured. They have contacted the worker's compensation insurance company and are exploring a hold harmless document. The next meeting is scheduled for January 13th.

The Police Department will meet on October 8th for the budget meeting. Hours worked have increased and more shifts are being covered than last year. A new officer is finishing training.

Development/Planning & Personnel – Ray Ring

Ring reported that Sauk Prairie Healthcare plans to build a new Plain clinic on Kraemer Avenue where the current compost site is. They plan to break ground in the spring. Kraemer Brothers currently owns the property, but they will need to rezone it.

DG Market is set to open on Sunday. It is like a miniature Walmart. This Dollar General extension has more freezers as well as produce and meat sections.

The Personnel Commission is actively meeting in regards to employee reviews.

Police Department Report

No Police Department report.

Public Works Department Report

Water August-24

Pumpage for Well No. 1	1,097,000	gallons		
Pumpage for Well No. 2	<u>1,346,000</u>	gallons		
Total Pumpage for Month	2,443,000	gallons		
Total Pumpage for the Month Last Year	2,811,000	gallons		
	This is 368,000	gallons	less	than last year.
Monthly chlorine average	0.11	ppm		

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

Wastewater August-24

Influent Monthly Average B.O.D.	191	mg/l
Effluent Monthly Average B.O.D.	5	mg/l
Influent Monthly Average T.S.S.	373	mg/l
Effluent Monthly Average T.S.S.	16	mg/l
Monthly Average Nitrogen Ammonia	0.494	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	0.063	mg/l
Total Gallons Treated	1,829,000	gallons

Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Report

Strassenfest is set for September 21st. Any Board members who can help with set up and/or throughout the day would be welcomed. Carver provided the Board with an updated list of Operator's Licenses. Neubauer inquired about Bar Buddies being available for Strassenfest.

Other Business

Whitford motioned to adopt Resolution #2024-06; a resolution exempting the Village from County library tax. Feiner seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Review and Audit of Invoices:

Whitford motioned to pay check# 28330 payable to SJE for \$480.30 from the Sewer Replacement Fund. Marx seconded. Motion carried.

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

General Fund	\$100,291.40	Water Utility	\$6,046.90
Library Fund	\$1,643.72	Sewer Department	\$8,054.57
Capital Improvements	\$2,609.48	Golf Course	\$2,098.96
TIF District	\$78.76	Debt Services	\$101,185.45

Wage Reimbursements: \$25,390.54

Neubauer motioned to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Feiner seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer