

**Village of Gilman**  
**P.O. Box 157**  
**Gilman, WI 54433-0157**

**Regular Meeting**

November 12, 2008 / 7:00 PM  
Gilman Municipal Building  
380 East Main Street  
Gilman, WI 54433

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order in open session at 7:00p.m. by President Scott Copenhaver. Board members present were Scott Copenhaver, Eileen Grunseth, Bernie Van Den Heuvel, William Breneman, Rodger Mravik, Jane DeStaercke, and Kelly Webster. Also present were Village Clerk Candice Grunseth, Village Treasurer Fran Prasnicki, Public Works Director Rick Johnson, and Village Chief of Police Thomas Tallier.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pastor Larry Etten from the Rock Church was present to give an invocation for this meeting.

Larry from Morgan and Parmley was present to discuss the Waste Water Treatment Facility Amendment. He presented a handout for the Village Board. Larry went through the engineering costs and construction costs of building the sand filter system. Larry stated that there were upgrades considered from the last meeting. President Scott Copenhaver stated that the Village cannot afford any cost increases at this time and Morgan Parmley needed to review the numbers. Larry stated that these are estimates at this time and he is basing this off the Radisson project that was just up and running recently. President Scott Copenhaver asked why we needed these updates and could anything be taken out? Larry stated that as a Village Board, they could decide to take items out but they need to let him know what they wanted to take out. There was discussion on not having the sludge removed at this time for a cost of \$125,000. Larry stated that the DNR is looking to give the Village until 2020 to take care of this and is hoping the cost would be less because the ponds would be dried up some. Larry stated that he spoke to Julie Giese and she has included this \$125,000 in the resident cost to pay down the road. Scott asked about new rates and having the auditor work the numbers. Village Clerk Candice Grunseth stated that there was no need to have the auditor work numbers up with the new costs until we know the bid amounts since we are in the increase already. Kelly Webster stated that he has seen the constructions costs go up this past year. Jane DeStaercke stated that we would not know concrete numbers until the bids come in. Larry asked the Board if the Board still wanted him to continue on this project. There was a Board consensus to continue with the project.

Jane DeStaercke stated that she had a public concern from Patti Jensen. Patti is concerned for the Skate Park and keeping it covered in the winter. Patti has a tarp she would be willing to lend for covering the park. President Scott and Public Works Director Rick Johnson were concerned that this would hold the moisture in on the wood. Rick will check into this and follow up with Patti.

Village Clerk Candice Grunseth stated that she received a call from the owner/renter of 265 East McSloy. They stated that Scott had agreed to work on the ditch if the culvert was taken care of behind the Blowing Alley. Scott stated that he did not get permission from the owner in writing to do this. Candice asked about calling them to clarify and Scott stated he will follow up on this with the owners and clear this matter up.

A motion by Village Trustee Kelly Webster and seconded by Trustee Bill Breneman to approve the minutes as follows with changes to Personnel (Vacation): the Regular Meeting on October 8, 2008; Finance meeting on October 7, October 20, and November 10, 2008; Personnel meeting on October 7, 2008, October 20, 2008, and November 10, 2008; Committee of the Whole on October 13, 2008; The Welfare and Protection meeting on October 20, 2008; the Improvements and Services meeting on October 8, 2008 as typed and circulated to the board. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

A motion by Trustee Eileen Grunseth and seconded by Trustee Bill Breneman to approve the vouchers/bills as follows:

General	G18424-18471
Water	W4324-4345
Sewer	S4473-4498

The motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

President Scott Copenhaver gave a verbal and written report to the Board. Scott discussed that he met with Chad Hines of DOT and spoke to Jess Sackman at the County and the work on Main Street is warranted for three years. Scott will get something in writing for the December meeting. Scott has not received any news from Chippewa Concrete and stated that we should not pay the bill. Scott will follow up on this before the next Finance Meeting. Bill Breneman asked about hours on the public works timesheets on a park project. Scott stated that this was the park idea he had for the Ridge and Furrow area. Jane DeStaercke asked about the Railroad permission for under their bridge. Scott stated that we have to go to a hearing for this. He stated that no work has been done or is needed at this time and this will go through the Park committee if there is a move ahead for this.

Police Chief Thomas Tallier gave a written and oral report to the Village Board. It was accepted as typed and circulated.

Public Works Director gave a written and oral report to the Village Board. It was accepted as typed and circulated.

Village Treasurer Frances Prasnicki presented to the Board the Treasurer's report of all fund balances as of October 31, 2008. The Board accepted the balances in all funds as typed and circulated to the board and read aloud during the Board meeting. Trustee Eileen Grunseth seconded by Trustee Jane DeStaercke approved the Treasurer's report on a motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Village Clerk Candice Grunseth gave a written report for the Clerk's office to the Village Board. It was accepted as typed and circulated.

Village Clerk Candice A. Grunseth presented the Budget Report to November 12, 2008, and it was accepted as typed, circulated, and presented to the Board.

The Sewer Lagoon was discussed with Larry Gotham during the Special Order of Business. Concern that there is an increase in costs but that we will not know the actual figures until the bids come in.

There was discussion on if the Village was moving ahead with the water project at this time. This project was 1.9 million and includes a new tower, updating existing mains, and looking for a new well. There was discussion that there is a burden on the Village residents now. This moved into discussing the need to paint or spot paint the existing tower versus building a new one. There was discussion on if the TID money could be used for the spot painting or sandblasting of the existing tower.

Village Clerk Candice Grunseth discussed that the Health Insurance will be renewed at the existing plan for November 1, 2008.

Village Clerk Candice Grunseth stated that the contracts were in a separate packet for the Village Board to review. Trustee Bernie Van Den Heuvel made a motion and Trustee Rodger Mravik seconded the motion to approve the Resolution 2008-14 contracts for Tom Tallier, Candice Grunseth, Fran Prasnicki, Maurice Larsen, and Rick Johnson. There was discussion that Tom's contract stated he would be evaluated by the Welfare Committee and not the Board. Bernie stated that he would amend his motion to change Tom's contract to the Village Board evaluating and Rodger stated that he agreed with the amendment. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

President Scott Copenhaver made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-15 on the Budget for 2009 and Trustee Eileen Grunseth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Village Treasurer explained Resolution 2008-16. Trustee Bernie Van Den Heuvel made a motion to approve Resolution 2008-16 on the in lieu of Bond for a Treasurer and Trustee Bill Breneman seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0

Village Attorney Ken Schmiede sent over a Boundary Line and Easement Agreement for the Village of Gilman and Steve and Vonda Ponto. Village Clerk Candice Gruneth explained that she did send this to the Ponto's and they are having their attorney review it before signing it. President Scott Copenhaver made a motion to approve the Boundary Line and Easement Agreement between the Village of Gilman and the Steven and Vonda Ponto and Trustee Kelly Webster seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Discussed the payment from Enbridge. Trustee Jane DeStaercke made a motion to have this money go against the Restricted Street Account and Trustee Kelly Webster seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Trustee Rodger Mravik discussed looking into having Natural Gas come into the Village and stated that Village clerk Candice Gruneth could check with Thorp and Cornell.

Village Clerk Candice Gruneth gave a list of parcels that were for Special Assessment for not paying water and sewer bills. Trustee Eileen Gruneth made a motion to approve the list presented by the Village clerk and Trustee Jane DeStaercke seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Village Clerk Candice Gruneth will get this over to the County this week.

Trustee Jane DeStaercke made a motion to give out Special Recognition to all Village employees (bonus of \$25.00) and Trustee Eileen Gruneth seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Village Clerk Candice Gruneth will make these up and present them to the employees.

Committee meetings were set as follows:

Welfare & Protection meeting –December 1, 2008 at 4p.m.  
Finance Committee on December 8, 2008 at 4p.m.  
EMT meeting on November 17, 2008 at 7p.m.

Items suggested by the Board for the December 10, 2008 Regular Board meeting at this time: Water and Sewer Updates as needed, Water and Sewer Budgets, Tank Inspection and Painting, Library Representatives, and Natural Gas.

President Scott Copenhaver made a motion to adjourn at 9:40p.m. and Trustee Eileen Gruneth seconded the motion. Adjourned.

Candice A. Gruneth  
Village Clerk