

# **Village of Gilman**

P.O. Box 157  
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## **Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 / 7:00 PM  
Gilman Municipal Building  
380 East Main Street  
Gilman, WI 54433

## **Minutes**

Village President Bill Breneman called the meeting to order in open session at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Bill Breneman, Jane DeStaercke, Eileen Grunseth, Debbie Sager, Sue Breneman, and Russell Baker. Trustee Bernie Van Den Heuvel excused. Village Public Works Director Rick Johnson, Village Treasurer Fran Prasnicki, Village Police Chief Thomas Tallier, and Village Clerk Candice Grunseth were also present.

Village Trustee Eileen Grunseth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Order of Business- Jack Halbleib from the Gilman Care Center was present to report on the closing of the Gilman Care Center. He started with stating he wanted to sincerely apology for the press release and no notice to the Village Board. He stated that there was a leak from management and they didn't even have the plan to the state for relocation. He purchased the Gilman Care Center in 2007 from Wayne Zastrow. He had only two years of gain and the others years were losses. Jack discussed the raw demographics and inadequate reimbursement from the State and Federal levels for the losses. He discussed the Medicare cuts in 2011 and not bouncing back from that. He discussed that there is a bed tax for each bed even if not full that is paid to the state. He discussed that he hoped to look at Assisted Living but Taylor County is not a Family Care County. President Bill Breneman asked about selling the business instead of closing. Jack stated that he had two operators from other businesses and the population is the concern. He said he has discussed and researched going into Bariatric, Ventilation patients. And Memory Care. He did not think that those alternatives would be an option at this time. There were questions on federal funds and he stated that there is none. He did state that there is still a mortgage on the building and has no intention of defaulting on the loan. He would need 28 residents to break even and they were usually around 23 and at this time would need 8-10 new admissions to stay open. There was a statement that he should have notified the families and the community and looked to the community for help with advertising and keeping the doors open. He thought that they would be open through April maybe into May depending on the relocation plans of the residents. He stated that there will be a meeting for the families and workers on March 17, 2014 at 4p.m. He discussed that he would like to work with the Village Board on some way to utilize the building. Village President Bill Breneman thanked Jack for coming and answering the questions of the Board and the community.

There was a two minute recess.

Immediate public concerns- Fred Romig discussed the Great Lakes Weather Service and who is notified of the weather conditions and if this is needed any more.

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Trustee Jane DeStaercke made a motion and seconded by Trustee Debbie Sager to approve the minutes as follows: Regular Village Board Meeting on February 12, 2014; Finance on March 10, 2014; WTC Tourism Committee meeting on February 17, 2014; Public Safety Meeting on March 10, 2014; Parks Committee Meeting on March 10, 2014. All were in favor of approving the minutes (Bernie Van Den Heuvel absent).

A motion by Trustee Eileen Grunseth and seconded by Trustee Sue Breneman to approve the vouchers/bills as presented. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-0 (Bernie Van Den Heuvel absent). POOLED CASH~ 26986-27062 and WRS/WDC/TASC/EFTPS/DOR.

President Bill Breneman did not have a report.

Village Treasurer Frances Prasnicky presented the treasurer's report of fund balances as of March 11, 2014 for the pooled cash accounts and other accounts. Trustee Eileen Grunseth made a motion to approve the report and Trustee Jane DeStaercke seconded the motion. All were in favor. (Bernie Van Den Heuvel absent).

Police Chief Tom Tallier presented his Board report to the Village Board. The Board accepted as typed for the meeting.

Public Works Director Rick Johnson gave a written and verbal report. It was accepted as typed. There was discussion that everyone needs to continue to run their water until further notice.

Village Clerk Candice Grunseth gave her Clerk's report and it was accepted as typed for the meeting.

Village Clerk Candice Grunseth reported that she sent the letter per the Village's request and Fred brought in a report. Candice then faxed that report to Bill Dobbins at the DNR and completed the Cross Connection Survey report with that information from Romig's. There are 27 noncompliant. Darrell stated that with all the snow they cannot get to some of them. There are 5 that have not been inspected at all, 7 that have been inspected but the residents have not completed the work or the re-inspection, and 15 that Romig's needs to complete the work for. Rick asked if this will all be completed this year and Darrell stated yes.

Eagle Scout Project- Village Clerk Candice Grunseth reported that the project has been submitted to the Boy Scout Council for approval at this time.

Alleys are tabled.

There has been no update from the School Board on the tennis courts. Village clerk Candice Grunseth was asked to write a memo to the School Board president asking for an update.

The Mail Box /Snow Removal Policy was on the agenda. President Bill Breneman discussed a few changes he wanted. Trustee Jane DeStaercke made a motion to approve with changes noted and Trustee Sue Breneman seconded the motion. All were in favor. (Bernie Van Den Heuvel absent).  
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Village Clerk Candice Grunseth discussed the concern of the next meeting she has to leave for the Dells at 5:30-6 in the morning and requested to have assistant Judy Feldkamp take minutes or move the meeting up one hour. Trustee Sue Breneman made a motion to move the meeting up by one hour to 6p.m. and Trustee Jane DeStaercke seconded the motion. All were in favor. (Bernie Van Den Heuvel absent). The July 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will stay the same and assistant clerk Judy Feldkamp will cover.

The village Board discussed Clean up. The County's clean sweep is May 3, 2014 2:30p.m. at the school parking lot. They will need some volunteers again too. The Village will look at Tuesday May 13, 2014 and getting two 30 yard roll off bins.

Trustee Sue Breneman from the Parks Committee made a motion to approve No Pets Allowed during Events and add it to the Park Use Policy Trustee Jane DeStaercke seconded the motion. All were in favor. (Bernie Van Den Heuvel absent).

Trustee Eileen Grunseth made a motion to approve the Tree Tribute brochure recommended by the Parks Committee and Trustee Sue Breneman seconded the motion. All were in favor. (Bernie Van Den Heuvel absent).

President Bill Breneman stated that the contract for Great Lakes Weather Service was in the packet. Bill stated that he wanted to talk with the Sheriff on this further and if it was needed. This item was stabled at this time.

Trustee Eileen Grunseth made a motion to accept the Summer Recreation Agreement that is between the Village and the school and Trustee Sue Breneman seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote 6-0. (Bernie Van Den Heuvel absent).

Committee meetings were set as follows:

- Finance Committee on April 7, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
- Parks Committee on April 7, 2014 at 3:30p.m.
- WTC Tourism will meet on March 17, 2014 at 9a.m.
- Centennial Committee Meeting March 26, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- Tree Board Meeting is not scheduled at this time.
- Public Safety & Protection Meeting is not scheduled at this time.
- Personnel and Improvements Committee Meeting not scheduled at this time.

Agenda Items for the April 9, 2014 Regular Board meeting~ Cross Connection, Update on Alley, Great Lakes Weather Service agreement, Oaths, and Arbor Day Proclamation.

A motion from Trustee Eileen Grunseth and seconded by Trustee Sue Breneman to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. All were in favor.

**Candice A. Grunseth, WCMC**  
**Village Clerk**  
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