

# **Village of Gilman**

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

Wednesday, July 9, 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 7:03 p.m. Board members present were Bill Breneman, Jane DeStaercke, Eileen Grunseth, Debbie Sager, Mike Kinas, Bernie Van Den Heuvel. Trustee Russell Baker was absent. Village Public Works Director Rick Johnson, Village Police Chief Thomas Tallier, and Assistant Village Clerk Judy Feldkamp were also present. Village Treasurer Fran Prasnicki was absent.

Village Trustee Eileen Grunseth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Order of Business- Jenny Kulesa was present to give an update on the Summer Activities program. 62 children were signed up. Average attendance has been from 35-45. Activities were done at school such as making piñatas and grating coconuts. Trips were taken to Holland Cheese, Irvine Park, and this week the Children's Museum for the younger children and a 2 night camp out at Rock Dam for those 12 and older. The final summer trip on August 1<sup>st</sup> will be to Mount Olympus in Wisconsin Dells. The Pirate Pride program was set up to reward good behavior. All names of those being helpful, doing kind things without be asked are put into treasure chest to draw for prizes. This seems to be going very well.

Public concerns- Sue Breneman was present to personally thank and praise the Village Board and Village employees for all their help with June Dairy Days activities. Sue commented that everyone really came together and it is a great group of people to work with.

Librarian Denise Korenuk was asked to speak about the Little Library that the Taylor County Literacy Council in Medford has offered to put in the Village. Chuck Prihoda emailed her an example of what he would make-a treasure chest approx 12 ½ in tall, 13 ¾ in deep & 24 in. wide. This would be weather proofed and put on a post. The Literacy Council received a grant and is doing this free of charge to the Village. Denise suggested putting this in the Main Street Park near the gazebo. The Village board suggested Denise talk to Tom Hand and Bryce Sromek to get their input as to the location, and then bring this back to the August Board meeting for approval.

Trustee Mike Kinas made a motion and seconded by Trustee Jane DeStaercke to approve the minutes as follows: Regular Village Board Meeting on June 11, 2014; Finance on June 23, 2014; Finance on July 7, 2014; Centennial meeting on June 17, 2014; Parks & Recreation on July 7, 2014 with noted amendments. All were in favor. (Russell Baker absent).

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A motion by Trustee Eileen Grunseth and seconded by Trustee Mike Kinas to approve the vouchers/bills as presented. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-0. (Russell Baker absent). POOLED CASH~ 27323-27421 and WRS/WDC/TASC/EFTPS/DOR.

President Bill Breneman did not have a report this month. He did share with the Board a thank you note and picture from the Howard family for the tree tribute done in memory of Samantha.

Village Treasurer Frances Prasnicki was absent so Assistant Village Clerk Judy Feldkamp presented the treasurer's report of fund balances as of July 9, 2014 for the pooled cash accounts and other accounts. Trustee Eileen Grunseth made a motion to approve the report and Trustee Bernie Van Den Heuvel seconded the motion. All were in favor. (Russell Baker absent).

Police Chief Tom Tallier had a written report that was accepted as typed. Trustee Mike Kinas asked about the feral cats, as he has one getting into his garbage yet. Tom will make sure he sets traps in that area.

Public Works Director Rick Johnson gave a written and verbal report. Discussed was the Centennial, getting tables and chairs from school to the park, and also barricades & signs for handicapped parking down by the park. The public works crew will take care of this. Officer Tallier is on duty and Rick will talk to him about traffic control entering the park. Trustee Eileen Grunseth said the east gate to the tennis courts is open. Rick will check on this; it is supposed to be locked. Eileen is also writing another HTC grant for trees, so she asked Rick to look for placement in the park and bring it to the next Parks meeting. The report was accepted as typed.

Assistant Village Clerk Judy Feldkamp gave the Clerk's report and it was accepted as typed. Judy asked Committees to get their August meetings scheduled as 2015 budgets need to get turned into the Clerk's office by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee Eileen Grunseth said the Finance Committee had gone over the budget at the meeting and everything seems on track.

There was no update on the Tennis Courts. Bill Breneman will check to see why no one has brought anything forward on this.

Zoning Changes-Village President Bill Breneman discussed the Planning Commission Public Hearing and Meeting on August 13, 2014 before the regular Board meeting for zoning changes from Conservancy to Residential District east of Hwy B, south of 8<sup>th</sup> Street along Pauline Street to the SW SE Quarter of the Village map. Trustee Mike Kinas asked if this is all the Conservancy area left in the Village to change, or if there is more; and why isn't it all being done now. Trustee Jane De Staercke made a motion to go continue with what was planned on for August, since everything had already been published for this; then look at the other areas after. Trustee Bernie Van Den Heuvel seconded the motion. All were in favor. (Russell Baker absent).

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Updates for the Centennial were given by Trustee Jane DeStaercke. The meal ticket count is up to 340. Historical books will be sold in the Municipal Building meeting room the day of the Centennial. Food is being served at the Senior Center by the Zion Lutheran Church from 10:30 am-1:30 pm.

Village Board President Bill Breneman discussed issues with the Weather Warning Siren. It is not rotating. Last time the cost to the Village would have been \$2500, but the company supplied the parts and the Rural Fire Commission paid \$1000 for installation. It would cost approximately the same amount to fix it now. Cost for a new mechanical one would be about \$18,000. Bill said the county is also going to a reverse 911 system, where you are able to enter your phone information into a website, and then get a warning phone call, both landline and cell. The Board is not happy with the siren and does not want to stick more money into it; as it is not loud enough. The Board was wondering if it is worth fixing again. Also discussed was using the one by the Fire Hall. The Board agreed to have Bill attend the next Rural Fire Commission meeting (in approx 6 weeks) to discuss the best option and see if they will split the cost with the Village.

Trustee Jane DeStaercke made a motion to approve Ordinance Resolution 2014-07 for the completion of the Re-Codification of the Village Code of Ordinances by American Legal Publishing and Trustee Eileen Grunseth seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. (Russell Baker absent).

Committee meetings were set as follows:

- Planning Meeting on August 13 at 6:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee on August 11, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.
- Parks Committee on August 4, 2014 at 5:15 p.m.
- Personnel Meeting on July 22 at 9:00 a.m.
- WTC Tourism will meet on July 21, 2014 at 9 a.m.
- Centennial Committee not scheduled at this time.
- Tree Board Meeting September 3, 2014 at 5:30p.m.
- Public Safety & Protection Meeting on August 11 at 4:30 p.m.
- Improvements Committee Meeting not scheduled at this time.

Agenda Items for the August 13, 2014 Regular Board meeting~ Tennis Courts, Little Library, Zoning Changes, Personnel-Closed session for evaluations.

A motion from Trustee Eileen Grunseth seconded by Trustee Bernie Van Den Heuvel to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. All were in favor. (Russell Baker absent).

**Judy Feldkamp**

**Assistant Village Clerk**

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