

Village of Gilman

P.O. Box 157
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Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 / 6:00 PM

Gilman Municipal Building
385 East Main Street
Gilman, WI 54433

Minutes

Village President Jane DeStaercke called the regular meeting to order in open session at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Jane DeStaercke, Greg Steinbach, Mark Person, John Novitski and Cheryl Rosemeyer. Lisa Anderson and Ericka Bertsinger were absent. Village Public Works Director Rick Johnson, Chief of Police Thomas Tallier and Village Clerk Candice Grunseth were present. Along with Star News Reporter Ginna Young was present.

Village Trustee John Novitski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Order of Business- Village Clerk Candice Grunseth administered the Official Oath of Office to Village Trustees Cheryl Rosemeyer and Dee Bornheimer and they signed the forms. Dee officially takes office on the third Tuesday of April – 04/19/2022.

Dan Wundrow from Rural Water was present to go over the Energy Assessment for the Village of Gilman water and sewer utilities. He discussed the heating and electrical costs to the Village. He discussed changing out the fluorescent bulbs to LED bulbs for savings. He stated that the electric heaters are costing a lot more than a propane heater. He suggested to purchase the soft starts at the wells, lift station and WWTF. He stated USDA grants can help with that and will get Candice the info. He suggested a water study be completed and there is no cost to that. He suggested to Rick to turn the agitator off on the water tower in the summer months. He also suggested getting someone in to televise the sewer lines and find out where there is leaking coming from. This televising could maybe come from ARPA funds. He asked if the Village when they do a street have the residents put in a new lateral? The Village has never done this but is suggesting we start.

Immediate Public Concern: Sharon Novitski was present and stated there is a lot of pooled water on Heagle and 6th. Tom Tallier stated that the culvert there needs to be replaced.

Trustee John Novitski made a motion to approve the following minutes and Trustee Greg Steinbach seconded the motion: Regular Board Meeting March 9, 2022, Tree Board on March 21, 2022, Parks on April 11, 2022 Improvements on April 11, 2022 and Finance Committee on April 11, 2022; All were in favor.

A motion by Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer and seconded by Trustee Mark Person to approve the vouchers/bills as presented. POOLED CASH for SSCU 32400-32408 and FORWARD 13252-13337, Restricted and CDBG None and Journal Entry 0477. Also, WRS/WDC/TASC/EFTPS/DOR. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-0-2. (Anderson and Bertsinger absent)

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Reports:

President Jane DeStaercke reported on the new hire and Connect Communities.

Treasurer's Report – Fran Prasnicky had a written report that was in the packet for the fund balances for March 10, 2022 to April 13, 2022 for the pooled cash accounts and other accounts. Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Trustee Greg Steinbach seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chief of Police Tom Tallier had a written report for the Board. He discussed that there is still no date for his new squad. He discussed the Pure Performance student drawing for billboard for Drug Prevention was done by Gilman's Brynn Hendricks.

Public Works Director Rick Johnson had a written report in the packet. Rick discussed Shawnee Ford from RCAP came to assist with the Emergency Response plan and Vulnerability Assessment for the Village utilities. He got the summer banners and flags put up this past week as well.

Clerk's Report – A copy of the Clerk's report was in the Board packet.

The April 13, 2022 budget was is in the Board packet for review and Candice reviewed with the Finance Committee at their meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Jane DeStaercke discussed that the ADHOC Committee for housing and economic development has been taken over by Gilman Industrial Foundation and broken into three separate committees. Tom Tallier is still chair of Housing committee, Jane is chair of the Empty Spaces, and Lynn Rosemeyer is the chair for Marketing and PR. Jane also reported on the Connect Communities and that she is still working on this but it is taking longer than expected. She stated that the deadline is the 17th for this round and she will not have completed at this time but is working with Sue Emmerich and Billie Hartwig of the Chamber.

The extra Sewer Payment was reviewed at the Finance meeting, and they are recommending an extra payment. Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer made a motion to approve making an extra \$90,000 payment from the Sewer Redemption CD and the Sewer USDA CD towards the Sewer USDA Loan and Trustee Mark Person seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0-2 (Anderson and Bertsinger absent).

NEW BUSINESS:

President Jane DeStaercke made a motion to approve the 2022 Arbor Day Proclamation and Trustee Greg Steinbach seconded the motion. All were in favor. Clerk Candice Gruneth stated that Arbor Day is April 29 at the school and the cake has been ordered and the posters will be up at Romigs to view from the 4th grade students.

Trustee John Novitski made a motion to approve Fran Prasnicky and Darrell Romig for the BOR alternates and Trustee Mark Person seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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Village Clerk Candice Grunseth discussed the ARPA funds and that the Village is looking to spend \$12,820.47 on soft starts for Sewer and Water utilities and \$11,900 for the Beacon meter reading system. There would be approximately \$17,000 left of funds. There is now approval from Treasurer to use the Standard Allowance for Revenue loss. Candice wasn't sure if you could do both water and sewer and also standard allowance and needs to report April 30 either way. There was discussion to televise the sewer lines and that could go under the ARPA funds if we cannot do standard allowance. Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer made a motion to approve spending the ARPA funds on the soft starts and the beacon system and approve the rest for standard allowance if allowable by the Treasurer and Trustee Greg Steinbach seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-0-2(Anderson and Bertsinger Absent).

Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Committees, Standing Committees and Village Officials with Ericka Bertsinger staying as the Vice President and Trustee Mark Person seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Committee dates were set as follows:

Finance committee on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 @ 3:00PM

Parks Committee on May 11 @ 5:30PM

Improvements Committee, Tree Board, Personnel, and Public Safety are not scheduled at this time.

Agenda Items: TIF contract, Water Rate Application, and USDA grant paperwork.

Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer made a motion at 7:19pm to adjourn to closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1) (c) to consider employment and Trustee John Novitski seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-0-2 (Anderson and Bertsinger Absent).

Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer made a motion at 7:35pm to return to open session and Trustee John Novitski seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-0-2(Anderson and Bertsinger absent).

Trustee John Novitski made a motion to approve one week(40 Hours) of vacation for 2022 for new hire and Trustee Mark Person seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 5-0-2(Anderson and Bertsinger absent).

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. by motion from Trustee John Novitski and seconded by Mark Person. Motion carried all in favor.

Candice Grunseth, WCMC

Village Clerk

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