

# Village of Gilman

P.O. Box 157  
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## Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 / 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 6:00PM. Board members present were Jane DeStaercke, Cheryl Rosemeyer, Dee Bornheimer, Ericka Bertsinger, Russell Baker, Mark Person, and Bob Preston. Village Public Works Director Dave Kroeplin, Clerk Candice Grunseth and Police Chief Tom Tallier were present. Along with Star News Reporter Ginna Young.

Village Trustee and Veteran Bob Preston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Order of Business: None

There were no Immediate Public Concerns.

Trustee Russell Baker made a motion to approve the following minutes and Trustee Ericka Bertsinger seconded the motion: Regular Board Meeting October 11 2023, Improvements on October 25, 2023; and Finance Committee on November 6, 2023; 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 32556-32567 & FORWARD 14359-14400 and vouchers V544-576, JE 515-516, WRS/WDC/TASC/EFTPS/DOR and No RLF, Restricted, or CDBG. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

### **Reports:**

President Jane DeStaercke presented a report and talked about meeting with the Rep from CEDA, the response from Attorney Mike Shiffler on the PFAS settlements, and referring the Flood Plain draft ordinance to Zoning Administrator Jim Flood.

Treasurer's Report – Fran Prasnicki had a written report that was in the packet for the fund balances for October 11, 2023 through November 8, 2023 for the pooled cash accounts and other accounts. Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Trustee Ericka Bertsinger seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chief of Police Tom Tallier had a written report for the Board and noted the 16 complaints again for the month.

Public Works Director Dave Kroeplin had a written report in the packet. He discussed that he hasn't had access to the DNR WAMS page to log in and submit his monthly reports. He has notified DNR staff and they are aware.

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Clerk's Report – A copy of the Clerk's report was in the Board packet for review. Village Clerk Candice Grunseth discussed the reports that were completed this month, 2024 Budget, along with the budget the Levy Limit worksheet and the Tax Roll amounts from water/sewer, VOIP, 5 year street plan, updating the comp plan, Sam's Registration update, CEDA meeting, PFAS, Floodplain, and Design Wisconsin.

The November 8, 2023 budget was in the Board packet for review and Candice stated that she reported with the Finance Committee on Monday. She noted income was 78.55% and expenses 85.17% with just under 8 weeks left in the year.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Chief of Police Tom Tallier stated there was nothing new at this time for him to report.

President Jane DeStaercke noted that last month there was talk of possible sale of Village Property and this month a potential purchase of property. There is a house that the Village has a loan on through CDBG and we have requested payment which has led to foreclosure process. It was suggested to have our inspector take a look at the property before the Village would make any kind of offer if it goes to Sheriff sale.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Russell Baker made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-09 Five Year Street Plan and Trustee Mark Person seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-10 on the 2024 Budget with the addition of the LRIP funds in the revenue line and the expense street construction line and Trustee Dee Bornheimer seconded the motion. Trustee Bob Preston had questions on the police vehicle and when it is replaced. Village Clerk stated that it has been in the past every five years, but we haven't done it for 7 now. The funds are saved each year from payments from the school and county to offset that cost. The Village will not be taking a loan of any kind as the funds are there to make the purchase outright. The motion carried to approve the 2024 budget with the police vehicle included on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Trustee Ericka Bertsinger made a motion to approve the Water and Sewer Budgets for 2024 and Trustee Russell Baker seconded the motion. The budgets were approved by USDA with no changes. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0

Trustee Russell Baker made a motion to approve Levy Limit Worksheet and amount for 2023 and Trustee Ericka Bertsinger seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

President Jane DeStaercke made a motion to approve the \$13,279.34 to the Tax Roll as Special Charges and Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Trustee Bob Preston made a motion to approve VOIP quote from TSI and Trustee Russell Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Flood Plain was already discussed in the President's report. Once Jim has a chance to review he will make a suggestion to the Board. There is a timeframe and deadline to approve is March. This does have to go to a public hearing as well. Russell Baker questioned what does conforming means in the floodplain as he doesn't want to see anyone lose their home and not be able to rebuild. This is a question for Jim.

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PFAS was also addressed in Presidents report and the Village Clerks report. It was noted that the Village has traces of PFAS in their water system but were told it was a lower amount and were waived the additional testing for this year. The Village will have to test again in 2024. This information has been sent to the Attorney for review. President Jane DeStaercke had the copy of the email response from Attorney Shiffler noting the Village's options. The Village Board has the option to OPT OUT at this time and if Opting Out needs to be before December 4, 2023. Otherwise, the settlement will go before the courts on December 14, 2023. The Village still has 60 days from that day to make a decision on how to proceed with the PFAS settlements. This will be kept on the agenda for next month.

Committee dates were set as follows:

Finance committee on Monday, December 11, 2023 @ 2:30PM

Personnel and Finance need to meet together to review a post-employment HRA- they will look at mid-December to meet.

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

Agenda Items: Flood Plain Ordinance, PFAS, Election Inspectors, Library Board member.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16PM by motion from Trustee Dee Bornheimer and seconded by Trustee Bob Preston. Motion carried all in favor.

**Candice Grunseth, WCMC**

**Village Clerk**

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