

Village of Gilman

P.O. Box 157

Gilman, WI 54433-0157

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 / 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, Ericka Motte, Russell Baker, Mark Person, Dee Bornheimer, and Bob Preston. Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer was absent. Village Public Works Director Dave Kroeplin, Village Clerk Candice Grunseth and Police Chief Tom Tallier were present. Ginna Young of Star News/Courier was on the phone.

Village Trustee Dee Bornheimer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Order of Business:

Public Comment: Derrick Romig was present and had a concern over the look of the mobile homes in the Palmer Court. He stated that they are starting to look like a junkyard and that the grass is taller than him. He stated that the one is missing skirting as well. Police chief Tom Tallier stated that the owners of the court were there on Tuesday September 10, 2024 and told Tom they wanted to get two of the homes demolished just looking for a contractor for it. Derrick asked about the other empty home and Tom stated that the court owners are in a civil suit with the mobile homeowner so nothing can be done until that case is closed. Tom also stated he set a live trap cause of Derricks concern of skunks in the court. President Jane DeStaercke thanked Derrick for coming in with his concern. Butch Gonia arrived at 7:07 and stated he was glad to see some work on the truck parking lot. Butch asked about the brush on 5th avenue north and why it still wasn't taken care of. PW director Dave Kroeplin explained again that it was because the owner there didn't want his property brushed.

Trustee Bob Preston made a motion to approve the following minutes and Trustee Russell Baker seconded the motion: Regular Board Meeting August 14, 2024; Planning Committee Meeting August 20th, August 27, and September 9, 2024; Tree Board on August 19, 2024; Improvements on September 4, 2024; BOR on August 26, 2024; and Finance Committee on September 9, 2024; All were in favor.

A motion by President Jane DeStaercke and seconded by Trustee Mark Person to approve the vouchers/bills as presented. POOLED CASH for SSCU 32633-32635 & FORWARD 14840-14882 and vouchers V945-V981, WRS/WDC/TASC/EFTPS/DOR, JE 0534-0539, Restricted 1040-1041 No CDBG or RLF. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0-1(Rosemeyer absent).

Reports:

President Jane DeStaercke talked about the detour for next summer and the letters she had sent out to the property owners on clearing the area. She noted the Planning Commission meetings for the update on the Comp Plan. She also noted the trailer court concern that was brought up to the Village Clerk and had the Police Chief follow up on it. She encouraged all board members to attend the Design WI event on October 11 and also the Social Joinery movie and meal on September 18, 2024 at 5:30.

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Treasurer's Report – Fran Prasnicki had a written report that was in the packet for the fund balances for August 14, 2024 through September 10, 2024, for the pooled cash accounts and the other accounts. Trustee Russell Baker made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Trustee Dee Bornheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chief of Police Tom Tallier had a written report for the Board and noted the 14 new complaints for August.

Public Works Director Dave Kroepelin had a written report. He discussed

Clerk's Report – A copy of the Clerk's report was in the Board packet for review. Village Clerk Candice Grunseth reported on the new operators for Dollar General and the 2025 budget process.

The 2024 Budget was in the board packet for review. Clerk Candice noted that 62.16% for income and 67.04% for expenses at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Design WI was rescheduled for October 11, 2024 and all board members should plan to be present for the community meal and discussion. There is also a Social Joinery meeting at 5:30 on Wednesday September 18, 2024 and asking all Board member to be present and ask another community member to please attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Planning Commission met three times since that last Board meeting and updated three of the elements. The next meeting is September 24, 2024 at 6PM. They will be reviewing Utilities and Transportation element if received from NWRP and starting to review the next element as well.

Trustee Dee Bornheimer made a motion to approve the 2025 Assessor Contract and Trustee Bob Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0-1(Rosemeyer absent).

There are two operators that have been approved by the Police Chief for background checks. Trustee Bob Preston made a motion to approve the operator's and Trustee Ericka Bertsinger seconded the motion. All were in favor.

President Jane DeStaercke made a motion to approve two new Election Inspectors for Fall 2024 and 2025 elections and Trustee Russell Baker seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Village Clerk Candice Grunseth is talking with the Chamber and looking to work with the City of Medford on the new Small Business Grant Program. The deadline is October 18, 2024 and if they need board approval would like that now to continue forward. Trustee Russell Baker made a motion to approve applying for the SB Grant and Trustee Dee Bornheimer seconded the motion. All were in Favor.

Trustee Russell Baker discussed that last month he stated wanting to work on a Capital Improvement Plan for the Village. Village Clerk Candice Grunseth sent out the depreciation lists for each Board member and employee to review and discuss ideas. He stated that Parks should work on their part but all Board members should be involved in this process.

Village Clerk Candice Grunseth stated that the Library Exemption Resolution 2024-06 needed to be tabled at this time due to the libraries requesting additional funds from the County Board and we wont know until after Friday.

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Trustee Ericka Bertsinger made a motion to approve the Railroad Proclamation and Trustee Russell Baker seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Village Clerk Candice Grunseth noted looking at Monday October 7, 2024 for Fall Clean up which is curbside pickup. No one had any other suggestions for dates so she will follow up with GFL on this date and have it in the Newsletter that comes end of this month.

Committee dates were set as follows:

Finance committee on October 7, 2024 @ 2:30PM

Improvements Meeting on Wednesday October 2, 2024, at 5:00PM

Parks meeting on Wednesday October 2, 2024 at 6PM.

Plan Commission Meeting on Tuesday September 24 @6PM

Personnel, Tree Board and Public Safety are not scheduled currently.

Agenda Items:

Trustee Ericka Bertsinger made a motion at 6:38 pm to adjourn to closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1) (e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting or other specified whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and Trustee Dee Bornheimer seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0-1(Rosemeyer absent).

Trustee Ericka Bertsinger made a motion at 6:49PM to reconvene to open session to take any action and Trustee Dee Bornheimer seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0-1(Rosemeyer Absent).

Trustee Ericka Bertsinger made a motion at 6:51 pm to adjourn to closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1) (c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercised responsibility, and Trustee Dee Bornheimer seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0-1(Rosemeyer absent).

Trustee Ericka Bertsinger made a motion at 7:04PM to reconvene to open session to take any action and Trustee Dee Bornheimer seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0-1(Rosemeyer Absent).

Trustee Dee Bornheimer made a motion to approve moving public works employee Grady Kroepelin to full time position contingent that this does not need to be posted first as he is a current employee now and President Jane DeStaercke seconded the motion. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6-0-1(Rosemeyer absent).

The meeting adjourned at 7:07pm motion from Trustee Bob Preston and seconded by Trustee Ericka Bertsinger. Motion carried all in favor.

Candice Grunseth, WCMC

Village Clerk