

Village of Gilman

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Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 6PM
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, Mark Person, Robert Preston, Russell Baker, Ericka Motte, and Dee Bornheimer. Village Public Works Director Dave Kroeplin, Village Clerk Candice Grunseth and Police Chief Tom Tallier were present. Ginna Young of Star News was present.

Village Trustee Ericka Motte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Order of Business:

Public Comment: Lynn Rosemeyer, County Representative, was present to discuss the need for EMTS in our area. She brought the application for Powerline Funds through the County and suggested filling it out for work in the parks. She talked about the final report for the Design WI event which should be out in the next few weeks, and she supported the Village's efforts to continue moving forward. She mentioned that the GHS students met and had three suggestions from the event and are moving forward with their ideas. They would like to see a mural painted on the laundromat. The students suggested that this could be achieved as a result of a contest to select the scene. They want to see trails in the community and want to start with one at the school and signage for the swinging bridge. She encouraged everyone to get involved in CBA, Lions, and/ or Development groups, and if we know anyone that is interested to send them her way.

Trustee Russell Baker made a motion to approve the following minutes and Trustee Mark Person seconded the motion: Regular Board Meeting November 13, 2024, Finance Committee on December 9, 2024 and Planning December 3, 2024; 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 32656-32659 & FORWARD 14972-15022 and vouchers V1049-V1078, WRS/WDC/TASC/EFTPS/DOR, No Journal Entries and none for Restricted, CDBG, RLF. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Reports:

President Jane DeStaercke talked about the work that Public Works did to keep the WWTF going due to the pump going down and thanked them for their time. There has been no follow up to the DNR meeting last month or on the Village's written responses. Jane also spoke about the Design WI event and the follow-up of the Village going forward.

Treasurer's Report – Fran Prasnicki had a written report that was in the packet for the fund balances for November 14, 2024 through December 10, 2024 for the pooled cash accounts and the other accounts.

Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Trustee Ericka Motte seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chief of Police Tom Tallier had written a report for the Board and noted the 9 new complaints for November. He discussed that he followed up with the Mobile Home Court manager and they stated that demolition crew is running behind. Tom stated that if nothing is done in the new year the Village Board may want to take action with public nuisance. Tom stated he followed up on a warrant and got the tools back from this search warrant. He said if you see something suspicious report it even if minor, you never know. Tom also talked about crosswalk grant and if the Village went forward we would need State approval. He also spoke with Ben Stanfley at the County on the speed limits in the Village and moving the snowmobile trail.

Public Works Director Dave Kroeplin had a written report for the Village Board. Dave discussed that another sewer pump went down. He thanked Derrig Romig for helping with supplying an oxygen tank. He purchased a re-circulating pump at the water tower, so it does not freeze.

Clerk's Report – A copy of the Clerk's report was in the Board packet for review. Village Clerk Candice Grunseth reported on the wrap up of the Design WI Event. Candice, Wally Lynn and Michelle Grimm met with the students on their thoughts on moving forward. They want to do a contest for a mural on the laundromat, work on trails around the school and signage for swinging bridge. We will meet again in January to keep that moving forward. We will be getting a final report from Todd sometime early in the new year. I submitted the IDLE Site Grant before Thanksgiving week thanks to Dave Wierzba of WEDC. I am really hoping to hear back this year if we receive it and also I expect to hear soon about the small business development Grant that I worked with Chamber of Commerce and the City of Medford on.

The 2024 Budget was in the board packet for review. Clerk Candice noted that 92.73% for income/revenue and 86.54% for expenses at this time.

Village Clerk Candice Grunseth also noted the 2024 water and sewer budgets, and they are looking good for December and final year end. There were no questions on the budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Planning Committee met last week, and minutes were in the packet to review. There was another meeting on Monday this week but there was not a quorum. Candice sent over all suggested changes to Autumn of NWRP. She sent an email back to Dee and Jane on questions. This plan is still being reviewed and the Planning will meet in January again once she replies again.

At this time there was no action on the Capital Improvement Plan. Village Clerk Candice offered to help Russell to get this completed for the Village. Candice noted that everyone has the asset, and inventory lists as well to make suggestions. Candice noted the last plan was in 2002 and completed by MSA engineering

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer made a motion to approve the 2024-09 Mill Rate Resolution and Trustee Dee Bornheimer seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Trustee Russell Baker made a motion to approve the 2025 Fee Charge Schedule with suggested changes by Finance Committee as presented seconded by Trustee Dee Bornheimer. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Trustee Cheryl Rosemeyer discussed the Audit Quotes that were reviewed by Finance Committee. The Committee recommened Bauman again as they scored the highest total with lowest pricing and their past service. Cheryl made the motion to the Village Board to approve Bauman contingent upon them including all travel costs, meals, etc in their 3-year quote and not billed separately and President Jane DeStaercke seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Trustee Ericka Motte made a motion to approve the 2024-10 SUO which approves rates that took effect December 2023 so this resolution is retroactive to December 2023 and trustee Mark Person seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

President Jane DeStaercke noted that we are tabling the Zoning Inspector at this time. It was noted that Candice spoke with insurance rep on Jim's request and they think it is best to just make him acasual part time employee.

Public Works Director Dave Kroepelin and Police Chief Tom Tallier spoke about the snowmobile trail ideas that were discussed with the snowmobile club. The snowmobilers don't like to travel the roads as it ruins their skis. They are looking at having them come under the railroad bridge, behind the park stage (a few trees need to be removed) and then over the bridge. This would bring them right into town to the Cornerstore, Grand Central, Romig's etc. The snowmobile club is looking for rubber beltings to go over the bridge to protect and this would only be on during the winter. This trail then would also be maintained in winter by the snowmobile club and the Village could use it for their walking trail in spring/summer/fall time. Trustee Dee Bornheimer made the motion to approve the trial and Trustee Russell Baker seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Village Clerk Candice Grunseth discussed again the students meeting for Design WI with UW Extension Michelle Grimm and wanting to move forward with the ideas of trails in the Village. Creating the snowmobile trail will help keep this idea moving in the Village.

President Jane DeStaercke stated she was appointing Pat Welter and Sharon Hughes for another three-year term on the WTCPL Board.

The Village Board set the date of January 8, 2025 at 5:45PM for the Village Caucus by motion from Truste Chery Rosemeyer and seconded by Trustee Russell Baker. All were in favor.

Committee dates were set as follows:

Finance committee on January 6, 2025 @ 2:30PM

CAUCUS January 8, 2025 @5:45PM

Parks meeting in February Public Safety January 8 @5PM

Plan Commission, Improvements, Personnel, Tree Board and Public Safety are not scheduled.

Agenda Items: Comp Plan, CIP, Zoning Employee

The meeting adjourned at 7:13pm motion from Trustee Dee Bornheimer and seconded by Trustee Bob Preston. Motion carried all in favor.

Candice Grunseth, WCMC
Village Clerk