

## THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, February 2, 2026, which began at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Commerce Board Room.

Village President Harry Heisz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following present: Ethan Eitsert, Harry Heisz, Emily Kinserdahl, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, and Art Winsor. Kim Pettit was absent.

The board received verification that the agenda was posted in accordance with the open meeting law.

Under citizens and delegations Craig Anderson gave positive feedback on the new chairs that were purchased for the Community Room.

Under the Wastewater Treatment Project report Lisa Twarog of Town and Country Engineering gave an update that the additional documents for the Wastewater Facility Plan have been submitted to the DNR. The DNR will review and respond.

Kinserdahl made a motion to approve Emily Bialkowski for a new term on the Library Board until February 2029. Seconded by Winsor. Motion carried.

Under the Public Works report Robinson provided two quotes for a lawn mower trade in. One quote from Jay's Ag & Turf of Reedsburg for a Bad Boy Mower Rogue 61" for \$7,535.87. Another quote from Tractor Central of Westby for a John Deere Z950R ZTrak 60" with a rear discharge for \$8,999.00. Discussed warranties and availability of parts. After discussion McCarn made a motion to approve the trade in of the 2023 Gravely and purchase of the John Deere Z950R for \$8,999.00. Seconded by Murray. Motion carried. Under the public works report also discussed snow removal, condition of pickup truck with plow, and currently still waiting for the sewer plant parts.

Murray made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of January 5, 2026. Seconded by Kinserdahl. Motion carried.

McCarn made a motion to approve payments of the bills as listed in the monthly expense report. Seconded by Murray. Motion carried.

The public works department is working on updating the junk vehicle list.

McCarn made a motion to approve a Certified Survey Map for a parcel of land located in the Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, T10N, R4W, Town of Clayton. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried. This will split a parcel of vacant land from the storage sheds that John Iverson owns.

Murray made a motion to approve an agreement for services with the Crawford County Sherriff Department. Seconded by Kinserdahl. Motion carried. This agreement will be for the village to have the Sheriff's Department enforce village ordinances and issue citations at a rate of \$35 per hour.

Brad Smrcina the village building inspector emailed the office that he is retiring from some areas and will not be renewing his contract with the village; he will finish any open permits he has with the village. After review Kinserdahl made a motion to send requests for UDC Licensed Inspector proposals due by the next board meeting. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion to approve an agreement for engineering consulting services with Vierbicher for \$22,500. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried. This service will be for the design, permitting, bidding, administration, and construction observation for a portion of sanitary sewer replacement on State Highway 171 near the Royal Bank.

A response was received back from EDA on the proposal of selling the Mercantile Building. EDA would require the village to repay the federal portion of the grant based on the fair market value of the building. No action was taken.

The board discussed renting the upstairs office at 212 Main Building, the main concern was the expense of electric heat. After much discussion Winsor made a motion to approve a six-month lease at \$200 per month with an extra \$30 for the electricity per month. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried. Expenses will be reviewed at the end of the

six-month lease. Kinserdahl made a motion to seek a broker's price opinion on the 212 Main Street Building. Seconded by Murray. McCarn opposed. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion to approve an operator's license application for Julien Mills. Seconded by Kinserdahl. Motion carried.

No correspondence took place.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2026.

At 6:47 p.m. Murray made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisc. State Stat. 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee and pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public property, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session. Seconded by Eitsert. A roll call vote was taken: Kinserdahl, Winsor, Heisz, McCarn, Eitsert and Murray voted Yes. Motion carried. Lisa Twarog and Bob Robinson were invited into closed session.

At 7:45 p.m. Murray made a motion to reconvene into open session. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

It was asked for agenda item Sewer Rates to be added to the next meeting.

McCarn made a motion to terminate the current part-time employee and to hire a temporary part-time worker. Seconded by Murray. Motion carried.

At 7:47 p.m. Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk  
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