

## THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, March 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, Kim Pettit, and Art Winsor. Larry McCarn and Kevin Murray were absent.

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

Under citizens and delegations Martha Querin-Schultz announced that with the help from Mississippi River Region Planning Commission, Connect Communities is conducting a Gays Mills Community Survey. This is to get community feedback for the next planning phase. The results will be shared, and a public hearing will be held. Ethan Eitsert announced that the Fire Department Card Party will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m. food and 7:00 p.m. cards.

Under the Wastewater Treatment Project report Evan Chambers of Town and Country Engineering gave an update that two Congressional Directed Spending applications have recently opened. Letters of support are being requested. Chambers asked the board to decide on what to request; maximized CDS application (\$10,125,000) or minimized CDS application (\$7,400,000). The board requested that the maximized CDS application be submitted.

Under the Public Works report Bob Robinson reported that the gearbox and motor for the clarifier have been replaced at the sewer plant. Terry Murphy has been helping with snow removal.

Kinserdahl made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of February 2, 2026. Seconded by Pettit. Motion carried.

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

Under new business the fire department has been reviewing bank rates and has requested a loan for \$142,000 from the Royal Bank to be approved. Kinserdahl made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-02 for \$142,000 with the Royal Bank at a rate of 3.79% for five years with monthly payments. Seconded by Pettit. Motion carried.

Winsor made a motion to adopt Ordinance Amendment 2026-01 to Repeal and Recreate Section 11-5-7 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Gays Mills Relating to Abatement of Public Nuisances and to adopt Ordinance Amendment 2026-02 to Amend Section 10-5-6(e) of the Municipal Code of the Village of Gays Mills Relating to Enforcement for Junked Vehicles and Other Junk. Seconded by Kinserdahl. Motion carried. Section 11-5-7 details the process of Public Nuisance Abatement with Inspection of Premises, Summary, Notice to Owner, Abatement by Village, Issuing an Order, etc.; this amendment will allow the removal of the nuisance without having to go to court every time and will cause the person who is maintaining the nuisance to pursue court action in order to stop village abatement. Section 10-5-6 (e) states that the public nuisance may be proceeded against and abated and the cost thereof assessed.

No Building Inspector proposals were received. Requests will be sent out again.

The board received a copy of a comparative market analysis for the 212 Main Street building which is \$107,250.

Kinserdahl made a motion to approve an operator's license application for Kayla Schmit. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried.

Winsor made a motion to refer the Water Wellhead Protection Overlay Ordinance to the Plan Commission. Seconded by Eitsert. Motion carried. Plan Commission will review the new zoning ordinance, a notice will be published, a public hearing will be held and then board will act on new zoning ordinance.

Kinserdahl made a motion to adopt Ordinance Amendment 2026-03 Schedule A of Title 9, Chapter 2 Sewer Rates which increases the per gallon rate by 1%. Seconded by Pettit. Motion carried. A notice will be placed on the water-sewer postcards going out this week. Sewer rate change from \$12.90 to \$13.00 per 1,000 gallons and after 13,300 gallons the rate changes from \$7.70 to \$7.80 per 1,000 gallons.

Kinserdahl made a motion to adopt 2026-04 Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 10-1-11 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Gays Mills relating to Winter Parking. Seconded by Pettit. Motion carried. This will add parking restrictions on all village streets from November 1<sup>st</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup> that vehicles shall be parked only on even numbered side of the street on even numbered calendar days, and on the odd numbered side of the street on odd numbered calendar days. Ordinance effective November 1, 2026.

Under correspondences the board received a copy of a letter addressing unregistered dogs in the village. After April 1<sup>st</sup> Crawford County Sheriff's Animal Control Officer will be issuing citations for failure to vaccinate and failure to license which is a \$200 citation each. The board received an update that \$750 was donated towards the community room chairs. A letter was received from Robert Guarnaccio regarding the prevention of the 765 KV towers.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2026.

No closed session took place.

At 7:35 p.m. Eitsert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Winsor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk  
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