THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, May 4, 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: Joe Boland, Harry Heisz, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, Kim Pettit, and Art Winsor. Emily Kinserdahl was absent.

Heisz thanked Ethan Eistert for his four years of service as a Trustee and welcomed newly elected Trustee Joe Boland.

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

Under citizens and delegations Kevin Murray announced that St. Mary's Catholic Church would like to have their Corpus Christi procession again on June 7th. The board had no issues with this request. Charley Preusser stated his concerns regarding the 171 State Highway project starting soon.

No Wastewater Treatment Project report was given.

Under the Public Works report Bob Robinson reported that the new lawn mower should be delivered mid-May and the new public works employee has begun training.

Winsor made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of April 6, 2026 and April 20, 2026. Seconded by Murray. Motion carried.

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

It was reported that fourteen junk or unlicensed vehicles have been removed or licensed. There are still some vehicles not taken care of yet, but they have until May 15th before the village starts the citation and abatement process.

It was reported that several dogs have been licensed in the village since February. A report will be submitted next month.

No Building Inspector proposals were received. The board asked for the Village Attorney to be contacted to understand the requirements of providing building inspection services.

The STH 171 Sanitary Sewer Replacement bids were reviewed (100 block of State Highway 171 next to the Royal Bank). Gerke Excavating came in at $71,494.50; Rule Construction came in at $80,580.00; H. James & Sons came in at $124,569.60; and TDR Underground came in at $137,500.00. After reviewing Winsor made a motion to award the bid to Gerke Excavating at $71,494.50. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried. Gerke Excavating will also be working on the State Highway 171 project.

Heisz informed the board that he attended the preconstruction meeting for the STH 171 project from Mt. Sterling to Rolling Ground. The highway will be closed during construction. He will continue to participate in weekly meetings to review signage, emergency vehicle response, school bus routes, and special events. The project should start soon with an estimate of mid-August for completion. Discussed that Old Gays Road might see more traffic and would like to see the edges of the road repaired and flags around the sharp corners. Also discussed the Main Street businesses and routes that will need to be used. The intersection of School Street and Highway 131 will be graveled and accessible for traffic.

The board will review the Committee Assignments next month.

Heisz updated the board regarding the swimming pool project – concrete has been removed, the drains were repaired, and the new fence has been ordered. The project should be done in a couple of weeks. Murray made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-03 for a $145,000 loan with the Royal Bank with an interest rate of 3.24% for six years. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-04 for a $180,000 sewer line of credit with the Royal Bank with an interest rate of 3.24% for ten years. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

McCarn made a motion to approve a vacant land care use agreement with Jen Pastorino for two lots, one on each side of her home; 500 Main Street and 512 Main Street. Seconded by Murray. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion to increase swimming pool wages by $1.00 per hour: First Year Lifeguards to $10.00, Second Year Lifeguards & Up to $11.00, Head Lifeguard to $11.50. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

Under correspondences the board received a copy of a letter that will be going out with the next water/sewer billing for the required DNR annual notice of unknown service line material.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2026.

At 6:35 p.m. Murray made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisc. State Stat. 19.85(1)(c) in consideration of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee and 19.85(1)(e) to deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Seconded by McCarn. A Roll Call vote was taken Pettit, Winsor, Heisz, McCarn, Boland, and Murray voted Yes. Motion carried.

At 6:57 p.m. Murray made a motion to reconvene into open session to act on any decisions made during closed session. seconded by Winsor. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion to hire returning Lifeguards Emma Harrell and Gina Yonker and new Bathhouse Attendances Alyson Bromeland and Emma Durst. Seconded by Winsor. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion to hire Korin Abrahamson for the cleaning position at the Community Commerce Center and Mercantile Center at $15.00 per hour with a six month probation period. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

The board scheduled a special meeting to discuss a swimming pool fundraiser on Thursday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:58 p.m. Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Winsor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk
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