

THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held on Monday, June 1, 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: Harry Heisz, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, Kim Pettit, and Art Winsor. Joe Boland and Emily Kinserdahl were absent.

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

Under citizens and delegations David Gibbs thanked the board for being able to hold John Gibb's funeral service at the Community Commerce Center. David Gibbs also thanked Bob Robinson for mowing the walking trail.

No Wastewater Treatment Project report was given.

Under the Library report Marla Heisz's library board member term is up and the recommendation is for her to be reappointed. McCarn made a motion to approve Marla Heisz to the library board for another two years (June 2028). Seconded by Pettit. Heisz abstained. Motion carried. David Gibbs explained that in the Library Plan they would like to provide additional outdoor seating. An option is to move one of the benches from North Mills, another option discussed is to check and see how much the benches downtown cost from Jim Showen.

Under the Public Works report Bob Robinson reported that a repair has been made to the well and that the swimming pool is full of water. The diving board and lifeguard stands need to be installed yet.

The board received a copy of the Wastewater Capacity, Management, Operations, and Maintenance Plan (CMOM). After reviewing Winsor made a motion to approve the CMOM. Seconded by Pettit. Motion carried. The board reviewed System Profile, Critical Components, Legal Authority, Asset Management, Condition Assessment, Collection System, Manhole Inspections, Lift Station Information, Equipment Inventory, System

Capacity, Lift Station Capacity, Emergency Response Flow Chart, Mutual Aid Agreement and Sewer Use.

Winsor made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-05 for the 2025 Wastewater Compliance Maintenance Annual Report which received a GPA of 3.56. Seconded by Pettit. Motion carried. Phosphorus continues to be an issue and the board reviewed Water Quality Trading projects.

The board received a copy of the 2025 Water Consumer Confidence Report. A notice has also been published in the newspaper on May 14th stating a copy is available on the village website at www.gaysmills.gov/residents/utilities or can be picked up at the village office.

Winsor made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of May 4, 2026 and May 14, 2026. Seconded by Murray. Motion carried.

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

A Crawford County officer has been assigned to manage the junk vehicle violations. The officer will begin contacting residents.

Crise Reynolds, Crawford County Animal Control Officer gave a written update that 28 dogs have been licensed since February and currently have 9 dog licenses pending.

No Building Inspector proposals were received. Phone calls were made with no response or interest. An advertisement has been placed in the Vernon County Times. The village attorney did respond that the village could ask the county or state to provide these services with a fee to be paid. Both the county and state have been emailed with no response.

Heisz informed the board that he did talk to Al Bahr regarding the condition of his buildings. Al does plan on making some repairs.

Heisz informed the board on the STH 171 project update from Mt. Sterling to Rolling Ground. Currently the culverts are being installed. A village hydrant will need to be elevated and estimating that Main Street construction will start in two to four weeks. The board discussed the concerns of having the intersection elevated and if that will cause additional water drainage issues. The plan is to replace two village culverts on other streets in order to deal with water drainage issues. Also discussed the concern of the slope from School Street to State Highway 131.

Joe Boland arrived at 6:44 p.m.

The board received the information on the FEMA Preliminary Flood Insurance Maps. FEMA currently has a 90-day appeal and comment period on the preliminary maps.

McCarn made a motion to approve:

- Machine License Applications: Halver's Town Tap, and Cardinali Management Inc.
- Tobacco License Applications: New Horizons Supply Cooperative, Halver's Town Tap, Cardinali Management Inc., & Dollar General.
- Alcohol License Applications: New Horizons Supply Cooperative, Mark Otto, Class "A" Beer and Liquor, 180 Misty Valley Ave.; DOLGENCORP, LLC, Jacob Stankowski, Class "A" Beer and Liquor, 106 N Royal Ave.; Halver's Town Tap, LLC, Donald T. Halverson, Class "B" Beer and Liquor, 315 Main St.; Cardinali Management Inc., DBA Dante's, Scott Cardinali, Class "B" Beer and Liquor, 312 Main St.
- Operator's License Applications: Cindy McCullick, Lyrica Marks, Steve George, Dana George, Hannah Iris, Kesha Blaha, Theron Nicks, Linda Johnson, Douglas Abbey, Tracey VanFleet, April Brockway, Hannah Mullikin, Laura Halverson, Makayla Faust, Anthony Corelli, Renee Kansier, Kristina McCormick, Mark Otto, Julian Mills-Peterson, Kayla Schmit, Briana Robinson, Jasmine Foster, and Tarrah Gander.
- Application for Temporary Class "B" Beer and "Class B" wine license for the Crawford County Fair at 17725 St Hwy 131 on August 27 through August 30, 2026.
- Application for Temporary Class "B" Beer license for Societies Sons at 401 Main Street on July 11, 2026.

Seconded by Winsor. Motion carried.

No correspondences were received.

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

At 6:52 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 deliberate 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 7:13 p.m. Murray made a motion to reconvene into open session to act on any decisions made during closed session. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion to hire returning lifeguard Ingrid Carstens and new lifeguard Sam Knoble and new bathhouse attendant Ariel Knoble. The board also authorized any new applicants to be reviewed and approved by Harry Heisz. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

Committees were approved. Finance Committee – *Harry Heisz, Joe Boland, Kim Pettit, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, Emily Kinserdahl, and Art Winsor; Personnel Committee – *Harry Heisz, Joe Boland, Kim Pettit, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, Emily Kinserdahl, and Art Winsor; Roads and Streets Committee – Joe Boland, Kevin Murray, and Art Winsor; Utilities Committee – Art Winsor, Emily Kinserdahl, and Kevin Murray; Public Safety – Kim Pettit, Emily Kinserdahl, and Larry McCarn; Public Property and Cemetery – Joe Boland, Harry Heisz, and Kevin Murray; Library Board – Kim Pettit; Board of Review – Harry Heisz, Larry McCarn, and Dawn McCann; President Pro Tem – Larry McCarn; Swimming Pool Committee – Art Winsor, Larry McCarn, and Harry Heisz; Zoning Administrator, Burning Permits and General Building Permits – Harry Heisz; Zoning Board of Appeals – Don Lampert, Kevin Murray, Robin Babb, Erika Wilson, Ron Fortney, and Kim Pettit; Redevelopment Authority – Larry McCarn, Rick Busch, Jim Chellebold Sr., Kevin Murray, Art Winsor, Erika Wilson, and Kim Pettit; Plan Commission – Mike Pettit, Kevin Murray, Robin Babb, Erika Wilson, Harry Heisz, Larry McCarn, and Joe Boland.

At 7:14 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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