

THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held on Monday, August 3, 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, Emily Kinserdahl, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, Kim Pettit, and Art Winsor.

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

No citizens or delegations took place.

No Wastewater Treatment Project report was given.

A swimming pool report was not given.

The board received information from the Plan Commission to recommend approval of the campground concept plan at 16170 West Point Road and to allow for rezoning application from Traditional Ag to Conservancy once everything is in order. The board had no issues with this.

Under the Public Works report Bob Robinson reported that today's water hydrant repair at the intersection of Orin Street and STH 131 had to be postponed because of a power pole being right next to the hydrant and the depth that needs to be dug up. Alliant Energy will be scheduled to hold the power pole while the hydrant is repaired. There was a water break on July 17th on Orin Street/Rebecca Street; concerns were brought up about the water being off from Friday late afternoon to Sunday late morning. And on July 30th a water service line repair was done on State Highway 131. The backhoe fuel line broke and was fixed this month. McCarn made a motion to allow the street closure of one block on Railroad Street and one block on Gay Street during Apple Festival. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried. Bob passed his final water test back in March and passed another sewer test in July with one more sewer test to be completed. Richard Robinson has started training for sewer. A breakdown of the proposed resurfacing of Grove Street was in the packet that 2026-2027 Local Road Improvement Program would provide \$38,268.38 of the expenses. The village

would have to cover that difference which is estimated at \$65,731.62. More information will be provided once quotes and project begins to be finalized.

Kinserdahl made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of July 1, 2026 and July 6, 2026. Seconded by Pettit. Motion carried.

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

Heisz updated the board on the STH 171 project from Mt. Sterling to Rolling Ground. The project is still on schedule and the paving has begun on the Orchard Ridge. Main Street work will begin once the intersection of STH 131 and STH 171 is complete.

David Gibbs updated the board on the library outdoor seating request. The Library Board decided to purchase two Adirondack rocking chairs with the Friends of the Library and a private donation to help cover the expenses.

Village Signage Update – the Lion’s Club, Royal Bank, Kickapoo Stump Dodger Campground, and Sunrise Orchard are interested in continuing their sponsorship. Each location will need to be viewed to determine what needs to be replaced.

Kinserdahl made a motion to approve a Vacant Land Lease Agreement with Charles Preusser for gardening at 217 Orin Street. Seconded by Winsor. Motion carried. The office will need to submit a request to Wisconsin Emergency Management for approval.

Heisz discussed with the board that he had someone contact him on the 765 Power Line issue. Paperwork was not received from this person yet; the board did want the attorney to be contacted regarding creating an ordinance on utility regulations. Discussed that other communities have regulations in place and Charles Preusser volunteered to get these documents. Also discussed the email from Robert Guarnaccio received back in the March packet. Place on next agenda.

The Pickleball group is looking for a site for proposed new pickleball courts. The group knows fundraising will be needed, and they currently do not have a plan in place to present. Their current account with the village has a \$9,424.78 balance.

Kinserdahl made a motion to approve a temporary Class “B” Alcohol Beverage License for Societies Son’s at 401 Main Street on September 25th and 26th and to approve an operator’s license application for Cheyenne Stevenson. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

No action or discussion on Ordinance Review – General Engineering Recommendations.

Under correspondences the board received a notice the Swimming Pool Fundraising Committee will be meeting on Wednesday.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2026. (Monday, September 7th – Labor Day).

At 6:33 p.m. Kinserdahl made a motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisc. State Stat. 19.85(1)(c) in considering 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 Winsor. A roll call vote was taken: Kinserdahl, Pettit, Winsor, Heisz, McCarn, Boland and Murray voted Yes. Motion carried. Bob Robinson was invited into closed session.

At 6:49 p.m. Murray made a motion to reconvene into open session to act on any decisions made during closed session. Seconded by Kinserdahl. Motion carried.

An advertisement will be placed for part-time public works help.

At 6:50 p.m. McCarn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk
APPROVED 09-08-2026