

THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held on Tuesday, September 8, 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, and Art Winsor. Emily Kinserdahl and Kim Pettit were absent.

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

Under citizens and delegations Kim Knutson, a member of the Gays Mills Friends asked if the group could start to decorate in the beginning of October for the Halloween Party October 31st. The board had no issues with this but would like the Friends to check in with the Wedding event scheduled for October 23, 24, & 25th. Murray stated his concerns about the curbs along Main Street that are not being repaired with the DOT project.

No Wastewater Treatment Project report was given.

A swimming pool report was not given.

Under the Public Works report Heisz reported that the Gravely lawn mower has been repaired and returned. Public works will start to prepare for Apple Festival. The board discussed creating a plan for street repairs, current streets to be addressed are repairs to the corner of Highway 131 and Orin Street with culvert and storm sewer replacement and Grove Street with asphalt in 2027. A street loan will be considered once repairs and estimates are reviewed. Winsor reported that he looked at the Mercantile HVAC system; a thermostat was changed, repairs are needed with a motor and glycol needs to be added. Craig Anderson asked if the alleys could be looked at for additional gravel and grading. Craig Anderson also asked for a Hidden Driveway sign to be installed on West River Road.

Murray made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes of August 3, 2026. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

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

Heisz updated the board on the STH 171 project from Mt. Sterling to Rolling Ground. Main Street is being worked on with possible blacktop to be done this Thursday and Friday. The road work is done from Mt. Sterling to Gays Mills and Gays Mills to Rolling Ground. The road work was discussed on State Highway 131 with the concerns of issues with water drainage, curb, and gutters.

Proline Printing is working on a design for the Village Welcome Signs. Currently the village needs to get a list of repair items needed for the final quote and correspondences with the sponsors.

Cindy Kohles a member of the Friends of the Library presented a solution to the pigeon problem with the Community Commerce Center solar panels. Ethos Green Power will remove the debris, wash, and install barriers so that the pigeons can no longer go under the solar panels. The work is estimated to be done the end of September. It is also recommended for public works to clean the gutters.

McCarn made a motion to approve the Certified Survey Map A part of Accessor's Lot 25 located in Gov. Lot 6, Sec. 28, T10N, R4W, Crawford County. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried. This would separate the county parcel that has the Kickapoo Stump Dodger Campground, the Ball Diamond, and Railroad Street.

Murray made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-07 Terminating Tax Incremental District #1. Seconded by McCarn. A roll call vote was taken – Winsor, Heisz, McCarn, Boland, and Murray voted Yes. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion adopting Ordinance 2026-07 to Repeal Title 17 Uniform Dwelling Code and Recreate Title 17 to Building Code. Seconded by Winsor. Motion carried. This will address updating Residential and Commercial Building Codes. Murray made a motion to correct the labeling of Title 13 Zoning code to read properly to Zoning Permit, instead of Building Permit. Seconded by Winsor. Motion carried.

Murray made a motion to approve a Simplified Water Rate case for 2027. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

Eric Hagen, Village Attorney from Boardman Clark responded that there is a potential conflict with the villages request for utility regulations and resolution for the 765 transmission lines due to Boardman Clark working with some of the electric utilities.

Under correspondences Heisz informed the board that the Friends of Gays Mills may be selling pies for the Swimming Pool Fundraiser and is continuing to look for volunteers.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. McCarn 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: Winsor, Heisz, McCarn, Boland and Murray voted Yes. Motion carried.

At 7:11 p.m. McCarn made a motion to reconvene into open session to act on any decisions made during closed session. Seconded by Boland. Motion carried.

The advertisement for part-time public works help will continue this month.

At 7:11 p.m. McCarn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Murray. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk
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