THE VILLAGE OF GAYS MILLS

Minutes of the special meeting of the Village Board of Gays Mills held Monday, October 26, 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, Kim Pettit, and Art Winsor. Joe Boland, Kevin Murray, and Emily Kinserdahl were absent.

Craig Anderson and Martha Querin-Schultz asked if the board could budget for signage at the corner of Hwy 131 and Hwy 171. Connect Communities would like to add more directional signage such as gas, groceries, food, library, and village hall to direct visitors to area businesses and facilities. They will be meeting with the highway department to discuss right-of-way setbacks. In discussion the request was for $2,000 from the village.

Martha Querin-Schultz also requested the Mercantile sign to be repaired.

Proposed budgets were prepared – General $945,336, Water $124,510, and Sewer $202,040. Reviewed income and expenses. Discussed public works equipment needs and will need to consider the pickup truck to be replaced. Heisz would like to look into a DOT Ag grant for roads. Discussed village owned buildings. Reviewed the street expenses and will act on a proposed street loan at the November meeting which is included in the budget. Library is requesting a contribution of $30,000 (in budget). Kept the swimming pool budget the same as 2026 with the exception of the swimming pool loan which is new for 2027. The TID tax income lines are still pending until DOR issues the worksheet. The Fire Department has increased their budget by 7.5%. Discussed the kitchen and 212 Main Street building. Two examples were prepared for the expenses, one with renewing employee health insurance and the other with a pay increase and village employees getting their own health insurance with extra funds in the public works budget.

Discussed the Mobile Home Income Line with a request to write-off delinquent Mobile Home taxes and Recycling Fees of Shana Hutson's. McCarn made a motion to write off $368.44 of Shana Hutson's balance due from 2022 to 2025. Seconded by Winsor. Motion carried.

Reviewed the Water budget that does include a 3% increase. Discussed that after this year's repairs the water savings is low.

Reviewed the Sewer Budget. Also with many repairs in the sewer department with the savings accounts very low. There are still funds available with the Sewer Line of Credit. Discussed an increase, examples to be reviewed at the November board meeting.

At 7:13 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. Seconded by Winsor. A roll call vote was taken: Pettit, Winsor, Heisz, and McCarn voted Yes. Motion carried.

At 7:55 p.m. McCarn made a motion to reconvene into open session to act on any decisions made during closed session. Seconded by Winsor. Motion carried.

Winsor made a motion to renew the Quartz employee health insurance plan for the month of December, until all options have been reviewed. Seconded by McCarn. Motion carried.

At 7:57 p.m. Winsor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Pettit. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn R. McCann, Clerk
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