

Town of Gilman
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Weds. Dec. 9, 2020

Immediately following the Budget Public Hearing, monthly meeting called to order by Chair Verges at 6:55 pm

1. **Roll call:** Chair Verges, Supervisor Traynor, Supervisor Emerson, Treasurer Emerson and Clerk Manley. Also attending: Tom Peterson, Andrea Wieland, Tom Manley and Dewey Anderson
2. **Minutes:** motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve minutes of 11/18/2020 meeting; motion approved
3. **Bills:** motion by Mike, 2nd by Phil to approve the bills with the addition of a bill from Timm Oil; motion approved
4. **Treasurer's report:** Beginning balance: \$312,794.80 income: \$34,452.84 expenses: \$28,361.98 ending balance: \$318,885.66 including \$282,997.75 in available funds and \$38,887.91 in savings
5. **Operator's permits:** None
6. **Public comments:** The Clerk read an email sent for public comments regarding road work on 850th. At this point, the sender, Alicia Acken Cosgrove entered the meeting and asked for details about the surveying done in front of her house. She was told the work was done by the county. She stated she is suspicious of the activity taking place. Ms Cosgrove was told the county was acting with the full authorization and confidence of the board. She responded that she will post her opinions on Facebook
7. **PC report:** Chair Tom Manley gave details and recommended approval of the CSM application for Mike Hutter. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve; motion carried
8. **Roads.** Mowing, tree cutting, pothole patching and grading are wrapping up before the snow. The ditch drainage issues on 690th and 290th were both addressed and corrected.
9. **Chair's report:** The county let Phil know that they discovered, while replacing culverts on 750th, that the road is in need of major repair. Phil spoke with the county about the hidden driveway sign request on 850th and this will be addressed further at the next meeting. The Caucus for the April 2021 election will be held on Thursday, January 21st, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Agenda items for January: caucus site, PC report.

The Board makes a roll call motion to go into closed session. Chair Verges, Supervisor Traynor and Supervisor Emerson move to adjourn into closed session at 7:34 pm pursuant to WI Statute 19.82(1)(g) for the purpose of (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Discussion ensued with the town attorney concerning the possible harassment of the town clerk by Alicia Acken Cosgrove.

The Board convenes back into open session at 8:22 pm. Motion to take such legal action as our attorney deems appropriate after hearing evidence regarding alleged harassment of the town clerk by Alicia Acken Cosgrove by Mike, 2nd by Bill; motion approved.

10. Adjourn: Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to adjourn; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Becky Manley, Clerk

Town of Gilman
Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2020

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Verges at 7:00 pm
2. **Roll call:** Chair Verges, Supervisors Traynor & Emerson, Treasurer Emerson and Clerk Manley. Also attending: Tom Peterson, Tom Manley, Kari Cornelius and Dewey Anderson
3. **Pledge is recited**
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Bill, 2nd by Mike to approve minutes of 10/14/20 meeting with attendance corrections; motion carried
5. **Bills:** There was a discussion regarding a partial invoice sent to the clerk by the county which was unusual and Luann pointed out some of the details on the multi-page invoice appeared to be charged twice. The clerk is still waiting for the final bill for the 490th project. The bill list will be amended to pay \$1147.69 to the county highway department. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve the bills with the amendment; motion carried
6. **Treasurer:** Beginning balance: \$335,610.96 income: \$33,049.71 expense: \$55,865.87 ending balance: \$312,794.80 including \$261,911.99 in available funds and \$50,882.81 in savings. Shared Revenues of about \$33,000 will be deposited this month
7. **Operator's permits:** Motion by Bill, 2nd by Mike to approve 2 licenses; one for Team Oil, one for Red Barn; motion carried
8. **Public comments:** A resident asked if the agenda was formally amended to remove item 14, a closed session. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to strike the closed session from the agenda; motion approved
9. **Roads:** Grading, mowing and pothole patching continues. 4 culverts are in on 750th. Dewey asked if Luann has heard from the Army Corp about billing this year. She has not yet. He brought the ditches on 690th (Olivet corner) to the attention of the board. There is flooding every year and need attention. The mower needed a new gear box due to wear and tear. Dewey took care of this
10. **Chair's report:** The state has been in contact with Phil regarding a \$9400 cost sharing grant. The forms were signed by Phil and the clerk will forward them to the appropriate person. A resident of 850th asked about getting a "hidden driveway" sign on the road due to multiple close calls. Phil will make inquiries regarding the sign.
11. **Budget:** The revised budget was discussed and updated for the public hearing. Luann submitted a bill from Spring Lake for cost sharing of sealcoating. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to add this to the approved bill list; motion carried
12. Chair Verges adjourns the meeting at 8:01 pm to convene into closed session for the Patrolman's annual review. Meeting returns to open session at 8:25 pm. Motion by Bill, 2nd by Mike to approve the contact; motion carried. Agenda items for November: PC Report, Motion by Mike to adjourn, 2nd by Bill; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:26

Becky Manley, Clerk

Town of Gilman
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2020

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Verges at 7:00 pm
2. **Roll call:** Chair Verges, Supervisors Traynor & Emerson, Treasurer Emerson and Clerk Manley. Also attending: Tom Peterson, Tom Manley, Andrea Wieland, Kari Cornelius and Dewey Anderson
3. **Pledge is recited**
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve minutes of 9/9/20 meeting with attendance corrections; motion carried
5. **Bills:** Motion by Bill, 2nd by Mike to approve the bill list with the addition of the Gateway bill for \$65.03 and \$1382.10 to Four Control for road chemicals; motion carried
6. **Treasurer's report:** Beginning balance: \$356,550.65 income: \$3096.96 expense: \$24,036.65 ending balance: \$335,610.96 including \$284,733.18 in available funds and \$50,877.78 in savings
7. **Operator's permits:** One for Team Oil. Motion by Mike to approve, 2nd by Bill; motion approved
8. **Public comments:** The Clerk asked the Board for direction on how to proceed with a public records request by a resident.
9. **PC report:** Tom Manley reported on the meeting regarding the Vodnik CSM with a recommendation to approve. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve; motion carried
10. **Roads:** Mowing is complete and patching is continuing. Repair is progressing on Stonehammer Road. 4 culverts need replacing on 750th and more culvert work is needed on 850th, which the county is willing to do. There was a discussion about the unexpected closure of CC which is causing a dramatic increase on 290th and other gravel roads.
11. **Chair's report:** Phil gave an update on the storm reimbursement from the county. Fall Dumpster Days only required one dumpster this time. The Board will consider offering a springtime option next year. The Board asked about the new election equipment which has arrived, and the steps needed to receive Covid-related reimbursement.
12. **Budget:** The Board went through the 2020 budget line by line and made first draft updates to the 2021 budget.
13. **County proposal:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Phil to approve Pierce Co Hwy Dept to do the culvert work on 750th; motion approved
14. Agenda items for November: closed session for Dewey's yearly review, closed session to discuss all legal options relating to a resident's behavior. The 2021 Budget Hearing will be Tuesday, November 17th. Motion to adjourn by Bill, 2nd by Mike; meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm

Becky Manley, Clerk

Town of Gilman
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Sept. 9, 2020

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Verges at 7:00 pm
2. **Roll call:** Chair Verges, Supervisors Traynor & Emerson, Treasurer Emerson and Clerk Manley. Also attending: Tom Peterson, Steve Marek, Dewey Anderson
3. **Pledge is recited**
4. **Amendment:** Adding Utility Permit to agenda
5. **Minutes:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve minutes of 8/12/20 meeting with attendance corrections; motion carried
6. **Bills:** Motion by Bill, 2nd by Mike to approve the bill list with correction of the Sprint Bill; motion carried
7. **Treasurer's report:** Beginning balance: \$231,879.09 income: \$144,333.02 expense: \$19,661.46 ending balance: \$356,550.65 including \$305,677.85 in available funds and \$50,872.80 in savings. August tax settlement was received. A few more dog licenses also came in.
8. **Utility permit:** Steve Marek from the SV Telephone Co was present to give details regarding a fiber-optic cable which needs to be installed on 670th & 410th. He brought a completed application and confirmed the cost of the permit. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve the permit as requested; motion carried. The phone company will send a check for \$130
9. **Operator's permits:** None
10. **Public Comments:** Tom Peterson asked about when absentee votes are counted. They are counted on Election Day, not before. Depending on how a ballot is requested, and how long before the election, it is possible to track receipt of your ballot on MyVoteWI
11. **Fire Inspection Ordinance:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve the Fire Inspection Ordinance which Mike has shared from his association with the Emergency Services and they recommend; motion approved
12. **Flood Damage Applications:** Phil shared details about possible state and/or federal reimbursement or cost sharing for repairs to flood damaged areas of the township caused by the June 30th storm. The Chair and Clerk will work together to complete applications
13. **Roads:** Dewey is mowing and grading, preparing for winter. The 490th project is nearing completion. The county is scheduled to begin work on the 28th on Gilman roads needing repair after the storm. Dewey & Phil will begin work on the annual road reports due to the state.
14. **Chair's report:** Big Dumpster Days will be this weekend. The new voting machines have been ordered by the county and should arrive in a few weeks. They will be in use for the November election. The WTA Convention will be virtual this year, and all 3 board members would like to take part. Motion by Bill, 2nd by Mike to approve virtual attendance to the convention by the board; motion approved. Agenda items for October: Budget preplanning, PC report. Motion to adjourn by Phil, 2nd by Mike; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:58

Becky Manley, Clerk

Town of Gilman
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2020

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Verges at 7:00 pm
2. **Roll call:** Chair Verges, Supervisors Traynor & Emerson, Treasurer Emerson and Clerk Manley. Also attending: Andrea Wieland, Laura Peterson, Kari Cornelious and Dewey Anderson
3. **Pledge is recited**
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve minutes of 7/8/20 meeting; motion carried
5. **Bills:** Motion by Bill, 2nd by Mike to approve the bill list without the Kraemer bill which is not complete; motion carried
6. **Treasurer's report:** Beginning balance: \$251,544.13 income: \$44,807.57 expense: \$64,472.61 ending balance: \$231,879.09 including \$161,018.86 in available funds and \$70,860.23 in savings Highway Aids, Shared Revenues and Fire Dues distribution were all deposited this month and the new tractor paid for
7. **Operator's permits:** None
8. **Public comments:** Laura asked about uses for the Covid funds which Phil is planning to discuss in the Chair's report. She also asked if there was a plan to update the Comprehensive Plan. Phil let her know it was last done in 2014 and as it needs updates every 10 years, there are no immediate plans to make changes yet. Laura then asked about the solar project and Mike announced to all present that Pierce County was holding a public hearing and meeting regarding the Ranger Power project on 8/19/20
9. **Fall Dump Days:** The Board has decided to proceed with the Fall Big Dumpster Days this year. It is decided that we will not be taking appliances or electronics because they are cost prohibitive and can be brought to the county recycling center. Sept. 11th and 12th are they agreed upon days.
10. **PC Report:** The Plan Commission recommended Board approval of the Vodnik CSM application. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve; motion carried. Tom Manley, PC Chair will forward the proper documents to the county
11. **Roads:** Dust control is complete. The new tractor has arrived and the tires will need liquid. Scott's will be sealcoating on 410th & 250th. We will share the cost of 250th with Spring Lake. Dewey detailed damage caused by the big storm in June. Phil is continuing work on securing disaster aid for the damage on Stonehammer. The 490th project will hopefully begin on July 19th.
12. **Chair's report:** The clerk shared details on the voting machines which will no longer be supported at the end of 2021. The Pierce County clerk is encouraging town to purchase new updated machines and a tabulator which will significantly reduce the time poll workers devote to hand counting paper ballots and the possibility of human error. There will be funding available from the WI Elections Commission. The county clerk has offered to meet with the board to discuss details. Mike shared information about the fire inspection requirements while giving the Emergency Services report. They would like to make a change to the ordinance regarding the number of yearly inspections. He also discussed the financing options being

considered for new emergency equipment. Agenda items for September: Fire Inspection ordinance, flood damage applications.

- 13. Adjourn:** With no other business, motion to adjourn by Bill, 2nd by Mike; motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Becky Manley, Clerk

Town of Gilman
Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2020

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Verges at 7:00 pm
2. **Roll call:** Chair Verges, Supervisors Traynor & Emerson, Treasurer Emerson and Clerk Manley.
Also attending: Tom Peterson
3. **Pledge is recited**
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve minutes of 6/10/20 meeting; motion carried
5. **Bills:** Motion by Bill, 2nd by Mike to approve the bill list with the addition of Timm Oil \$859.69; motion carried
6. **Treasurer's report:** Beginning balance: \$294,140.67 income: \$2,609.38 expense: \$45,205.92 balance: \$251,544.13 including \$180,701.15 in available funds and \$70,842.98 in savings.
Luann detailed the remaining dog license list. Just a few residents still need to register their dogs.
7. **Operator's permits:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve one for Red Barn; motion approved
8. **Public comments:** Tom asked about Covid-related grant funds made available by the state.
Gilman will have extra expenses that will be submitted
9. **Roads:** Grading, mowing and storm damage repair continue. Stonehammer Hill lost a significant amount of the new road that was built in 2018. FEMA has some funds available for storm repair which Phil will look into. There was a large amount of damage in Pierce and St Croix counties.
Dust control application is scheduled for tomorrow, 7/9
10. **Chair's report:** Covid-19 related expenses are eligible for reimbursement from the state so there was discussion regarding voting machines and ballot readers needed because of the dramatic increase in absentee voting and the man hours devoted to hand counting ballots which is currently necessary. The County Clerk is sending information about upgrading our machines and details about grant money. The new tractor is due to arrive soon. The garbage collection hours are back to normal with our regular workers. Mike shared information about the solar project public hearing at the county level which is tentatively scheduled for August 19th. Agenda items for August: Fall Big Dump Days. Motion to adjourn by Mike, 2nd by Bill; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Becky Manley, Clerk

Town of Gilman
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2020

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Verges at 7:00 pm
2. **Roll call:** Chair Verges, Supervisors Traynor & Emerson, Treasurer Emerson and Clerk Manley.
Also attending: Tom Peterson
3. **Pledge is recited**
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve minutes of 5/138/20 meeting; motion carried
5. **Bills:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve the bill list with the addition of the \$29325.00 Fire Dues which is due July 1st; motion carried
6. **Treasurer's report:** Beginning balance: \$259,716.59 income: \$37,324.32 expense: \$12,900.24 balance: \$294,140.07 including \$243,314.61 in available funds and \$70,826.06 in savings. The loan proceeds for the new tractor came in as well as the reimbursement from Ranger Power for legal expenses. Luann detailed the remaining dog license list. 16 residents still need to register their dogs.
7. **Liquor License renewals:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve liquor license, operator's license and tobacco license renewals for Team Oil and Red Barn dba: 29 Express; motion approved.
8. **Public comments:** None
9. **All Croix:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve the renewal of the All Croix Inspection contract with the necessary updates to keep the same terms as the previous contract; motion approved. Phil and Becky will sign the contract and get it to Todd Dolan at All Croix.
10. **Roads:** Dewey is busy mowing, patching and grading. Scott is doing the chip sealing on 770th and Phil shared the contract details. The 490th project is set to begin in July. Phil will speak to a few land owners about tree removal and fence relocation. Our new tractor is due to arrive at the end of the month.
11. **Chair's report:** Someone called to complain about noise from Red Barn. Phil advised them to call the sheriff with those complaints. The Saturday dump collection continues to run on the billing system, but Lois is willing to return to work. Phil will ask Joe if he is ready and regular collections should start in July. There is a statewide grant for Covid-19 related expenses and Gilman will be reimbursed for up to \$16,000.00 in unexpected expenses related to the pandemic. This will include cleaning supplies and barriers as well as extra help needed for increased absentee voting. Mike gave an update concerning the Emergency Services. With no other business, motion to adjourn by Mike, 2nd by Bill; meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm
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Becky Manley, Clerk

Town of Gilman
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2020

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Phil Verges at 7:00 pm
2. Present at meeting: Chair Phil Verges, Supervisors Mike Traynor and Bill Emerson, Treasurer Luann Emerson and Clerk Becky Manley. Also attending: Paul Seeling, John Shafer, Tom Peterson, Laura Carlson, Andrea Wieland, Alicia Cosgrove
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the 2019 meeting are read aloud by the clerk. Motion by Paul, 2nd by Andrea to approve the minutes; motion approved
4. **Financial report:** Copies of the report are available to all attending. Phil invites questions, there are none. Motion by Paul, 2nd by Andrea to approve; motion approved
5. **2021 meeting:** Motion by Paul to approve the date of Tuesday, April 20th, 2021, 2nd by John; motion approved
6. **Newspaper:** Motion to continue using the Sun Argus as our official newspaper by Tom, 2nd by Bill; motion approved
7. **Road report, 2019:** 1.9 miles of 890th Ave was repaved. 730th was seal coated between BB and 330th. 490th & 750th were pulverized and received new culverts in preparation for projects planned for this summer. Alicia asked about how repairs and projects are chosen and how the public can have input. Phil details the Annual Road Tour every year at the Annual Meeting and there is a road report every month. It is suggested by Tom and the Board that interested parties attend the meetings regularly. Chairman Verges then shared findings from the road tour that occurred last month.
8. **Financial Institution:** Motion by Andrea to continue using Westconsin Credit Union and 1st Bank of Baldwin as the official depositories; 2nd by John; motion approved.
9. **Other business:** Big Dumpster Days 2020 is not currently scheduled due to the pandemic. Many people have asked if we will host one in the fall. Currently, there has been no decision made. There were questions and comments about ordinance updates, comprehensive plan updates, personal protective equipment and barriers for the town hall and grant possibilities.
10. **Adjourn:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Andrea to adjourn; motion approved; Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Becky Manley, Clerk

Town of Gilman
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2020

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Verges at 7:00 pm
2. **Roll call:** Chair Verges, Supervisors Traynor & Emerson, Treasurer Emerson and Clerk Manley. Also attending: Paul Seeling, Tom Peterson, John Shafer, Alicia Acken, Andrea Wieland and Dewey Anderson
3. The pledge is recited
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve the minutes of 4/8/2020 meeting; motion carried
5. **Bills:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve the bills; motion carried
6. **Treasurer's report:** Beginning balance: \$239,213.07 income: \$47,933.82 expenses: \$17,430.30 ending balance: \$269,716.59 including \$198,907.52 in available funds and \$70,809.07 in savings. Highways Aids and Lottery Credit have come in. Dump collections have been zero with the honor system in use but we are now temporarily taking names and addresses of people using the facilities and will send out bills.
7. **Operator's permits:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve one for Team Oil; motion carried
8. **Public comments:** Comments about minutes and community involvement, tax collections and upcoming election safety.
9. **Inspector's contract:** The Board reviewed the proposed contract renewal with All Croix Inspection and would like to keep it the same as the previous contract. Renewal discussion tabled until Phil communicates with Todd Dolan.
10. **490th project:** Pierce County bid \$236,161.00 for the base portion of the project, with another \$132,753.00 for paving. The Board would like to do the base portion this year and the paving in 2021. Motion by Bill to approve the bid for the base portion of the 490th project, 2nd by Mike; motion approved. The clerk will email a copy of the minutes to the county.
11. **Roads:** Weight limit signs are off. Co Rd G should be reopened next week. Dewey has been completing disking and grading. The new tractor delivery date has been pushed to the end of June. There were details shared about the road tour which took place on May 1st. 2 projects rose to the top of the list and will be shared at the Annual Meeting next week.
12. **Chair's report:** Phil received a call regarding possible overcrowding at a camping area. The Board discussed options for future meetings while maintaining social distance. Electronic options are not realistic in our rural area and it is decided that they will continue in-person meetings with limited numbers of people in the building. The Annual Meeting being held next week may be moved into the garage due to higher attendance. Agenda items for June: liquor license renewals, inspector's contract renewal. Motion to adjourn by Mike, 2nd by Bill; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm

Becky Manley, Clerk

Town of Gilman
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2020

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Verges at 7:00 pm
2. **Roll call:** Chair Verges, Supervisors Traynor & Emerson, Treasurer Emerson and Clerk Manley. Also attending: Cari Cornelius, Tom Peterson and Dewey Anderson
3. The pledge is recited
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve minutes of 3/11/20 and 3/27/2020 meetings; motion carried
5. **Bills:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve the bills as presented; motion carried
6. **Treasurer's report:** Beginning balance: \$251,973.14 income: \$4001.87 expense:\$16,761.94 ending balance:\$239,213.07 including \$168,420.85 in available funds and \$70,792.22 in savings. Luann shared a letter she received from a resident praising Dewey's plowing and sanding this year. She gave details about the remaining dog owners who have not paid for their license yet, and a rental property which may need a commercial license.
7. **Operator's permits:** None
8. **Public comments:** None
9. **Roads:** Tree cutting and pothole patching is ongoing. The weight limit signs are up and will be taken down at Dewey's discretion, but he is hoping for an earlier lift this year. The Road Tour will take place on May 1st this year, with the board meeting at the town hall at 12:30
10. **Chair's report:** Phil gave preliminary details about the bid on the 490th project. The Annual Meeting will be called to order next week in order to postpone until May. The Board of Review is still scheduled for June 10th, before the monthly meeting. The dump has been on the "Honor System" for the past couple weeks because of the pandemic. The board hopes that people will be honest about what they are dumping. The Board discussed a sensitive request by a resident which may involve legal action. There will be further information regarding this in future meetings, and it may require closed sessions. Agenda items for May: All Croix contract renewal, 490th project bid.
11. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Mike, 2nd by Bill; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm

Becky Manley, Clerk

Town of Gilman
Board Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2020

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Verges at 7:10 pm
2. Roll call: Chairman Phil Verges, Supervisor Bill Emerson, Clerk Becky Manley. Supervisor Mike Traynor was absent due to quarantine. Also attending; Treasurer Luann Emerson
3. **Truck loan:** Supervisor Emerson read aloud the preamble and resolution to finance the truck loan from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands State Trust Fund Loan Program. The township will borrow \$33,523.00 at 2.50% for a term of 2 years. Motion to adopt the foregoing preamble and resolution by Bill, 2nd by Phil to approve the resolution. Chairman Verges voted aye, Supervisor Emerson: aye and Supervisor Traynor; absent. Motion carried.

The Town of Gilman Board, County of Pierce, approves and authorizes an application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, State of Wisconsin, for a loan of ***Thirty Three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Three and 00/100*** dollars from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin for the purpose of financing the purchase of a tractor. At the same time and place, the Board of the Town of Gilman by a majority of votes of the members, adopted a resolution levying upon all taxable property in the Town, a direct annual tax sufficient in amount to pay the annual installments of principal and interest, as they fall due, in accordance with Article XL. Sec. 3 of the Constitution and Sec. 24.66(5) WI Statutes.

4. With no other business, motion to adjourn by Bill, 2nd by Phil; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Becky Manley, Clerk
Town of Gilman

Town of Gilman
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Weds. March 11, 2020

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Verges
2. **Roll call:** Chair Verges, Supervisors Traynor & Emerson, Treasurer Emerson and Clerk Manley. Also attending: Tom Peterson, Laura Carlson, Cari Cornelius, Tom Manley, Rose Pluth, Troy Johnson, Franc Fennessy, Sergio Trevino, Roseann Kovenal, Alicia Cosgrove, Paula Lugar, Nick Dangeur, Eric Turner, Shane & Mary Lucking, Ashley Rezachek, Andrea Wieland and Dewey Anderson. Others attended and did not sign in
3. Pledge to the flag is recited
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve minutes of 2/12/20 meeting; motion carried
5. **Bills:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve the bill list; motion carried
6. **Treasurer's report:** Beginning balance: \$540,022.42 income: \$244,963.06 expenses: \$533,012.34 ending balance: \$251,973.14 including \$181,208.22 in available funds and \$70,764.92 in savings
7. **Operator's permits:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve one license for Team Oil; motion approve
8. **Public Comments:** Paula Lugar, County Supervisor for Gilman, gave out information about Pierce County Grass Roots Organizing (GRO) who are asking people to vote yes at the upcoming election on the question regarding ending partisan gerrymandering. A resident read a letter she wrote to the board, and the clerk read a letter from a local student who expressed his desire for a speed limit on 850th. The current limit is 55 mph. The Board appreciated his letter but does not feel that at this point, there is not enough evidence to support a change in the limit and the town has no authority to enforce such a change.
9. **Emergency Services report:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve changing the current by-laws to have the Fire Chief & Assistant Chief and Ambulance Director & Assistant Director appointed by the Steering Committee instead of elected by their peers. Motion carried. Mike will share this motion with the ES Board
10. **490th St. project:** Phil shared information about meeting with county representatives regarding the 490th project which is slated to take place this summer
11. **Ranger Power CUP:** Chair Phil Verges recused himself from the discussion at this point and stepped down. Supervisor Mike Traynor took charge of the discussion and asked Plan Commission Chair Tom Manley to give a report on the final recommendations which will be forwarded to the county. Sergio Trevino from Ranger Power offered information from Ranger regarding desired changes to the recommendations. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve the CUP application which will be sent to the county for final approval; motion carried. At this point, Chair Verges returned to the meeting
12. **Roads:** The grader underwent it's 2000 hour maintenance update and Dewey is waiting for results. Weight limit signs are up. Dairyland Power was in the area making upgrades.
13. **Chair's report:** Our Assessor has us scheduled for Open Book on June 1st from 4-6 pm at the town hall. The Board of Review was scheduled for June 10th from 7-9 pm however, that conflicts with the monthly meeting so Phil will work with Chimney Rock to adjust that meeting. Gilman

did not receive any grant funds from the state for the 750th repaving project. There were requests of \$570,000,000.00 for an available amount of \$28,700,000.00 84 projects received funds out of over 1000 requests. BCPL loan rates have dropped and we are required to reapply. Motion to approve reapplying at the lower rate by Mike, 2nd by Bill; motion carried. Phil received 2 applications for driveway permits. The building inspectors contract is up for renewal and he has submitted some requested changes. The inspector will be invited to the April meeting so the board can make their case and approve the contract. The Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21st.

14. **Audit:** The Board chose a few dozen invoices and deposits from 2019 and made sure the clerk and treasurer had matching information. Everything matched, and the members signed off on the audit.
15. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Mike, 2nd by Bill, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm

Becky Manley, Clerk

Town of Gilman
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Weds. February 12, 2020

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Verges
2. **Roll call:** Chair Verges, Supervisors Traynor & Emerson, Treasurer Emerson and Clerk Manley. Also attending: Tom Peterson, Laura Carlson, Adam Parker, Tom Manley, Rose Pluth, Troy Johnson, Franc Fennessy, Sergio Trevino, Roseann Kovenal, Alicia Acken Cosgrove, Cari Cornelius and Dewey Anderson. Others attended and did not sign in
3. Pledge to the flag is recited
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve minutes of 1/8/20 meeting; motion carried. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve the minutes of 2 special meetings, held on Dec. 16th and Dec. 18th, 2019, of the board and representatives from local ag dealers to discuss/take action on tractor bids; motion approved
5. **Bills:** Motion by Bill, 2nd by Mike to approve the bills as presented; motion carried
6. **Treasurer's report:** Beginning balance: \$93,312.43 income: \$1,004,808.42 expense: \$558,098.43 ending balance: \$540,022.42 including \$53,213.78 in liquid funds, \$70,734.10 in savings and \$416,074.54 in the tax account.
7. **Operator's permits:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve one for Team Oil; motion approved
8. **Public comments:** Sergio Trevino from Ranger Power introduced himself and invited people to ask questions after the meeting. A few questions were asked and statements made
9. **Bridges:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve Pierce County to conduct the mandatory bridge inspections; motion carried
10. **Tractor:** Expected date of arrival of new tractor is May 19th. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to apply for a 2-year loan from the BCPL for \$33,523.00; motion approved
11. **Plan Commission report:** PC Chair Tom Manley gave details about the last PC meeting
12. **Roads:** Plowing, sanding and tree cutting continue. The grader is due for a 2000-hour maintenance check-up. The cost is approximately \$4000. Motion by Bill, 2nd by Mike to approve the cost of the grader service visit; motion approved. Dewey will schedule the appointment
13. **Emergency Services:** Currently the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief and Director and Assistant Director of the Ambulance Service are voted in by their communities. This has led to criminal activity in other communities and the ES Board is considering changing the by-laws so they are able to appoint these jobs to the people they deem the best candidates. Another issue is the small-town emergency service groups which are in danger of being bought out by larger companies who want to merge many groups into one coverage area. This may lead to long wait times for ambulances or fire trucks. These issues will be addressed at the next meeting
14. **Chair's report:** Board of Review training is fast approaching. Bill will be attending this year. Phil picked up a stray dog and brought it to the Humane Society. Another resident reported a different stray and may take it in themselves. The 490th project is moving forward this year and the board is asking for bids. Agenda items for March: Emergency Services, annual books audit, Ranger Power CUP. Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to adjourn; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:528 pm

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Town of Gilman
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Weds. Jan. 8, 2020

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Verges at 7:00 pm
2. **Roll call:** Chair Verges, Supervisors Traynor & Emerson, Treasurer Emerson and Clerk Manley. Also attending: Franc Fennessy, Tom Peterson, Laura Carlson, Brent Hagland, Tom Jenkins, Andrea Wieland, Paul Seeling and Dewey Anderson
3. Pledge to the flag is recited
4. **Minutes:** motion by Bill 2nd by Mike to approve minutes of 12/11/19 meeting; motion approved
5. **Bills:** motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve the bills with the addition of a bill from Timm Oil, Wedam, and Pierce County; motion approved
6. **Treasurer's report:** Beginning balance: \$420,019.26 income: \$681.85 expense: \$327,389.38 balance: \$93,312.43 including \$22610.88 in available funds and \$70,701.55 in savings
7. **Operator's permits:** None
8. **Insurance:** Tom Jenkins from Rural Mutual gave details about our policy renewal and changes happening in 2020
9. **Public comments:** Franc Fennessy from Ranger Power gave updates on the solar project currently under consideration. Detailed information is available at the county in Ellsworth because of lack of business hours at the town hall
10. **Plan Commission report:** Mike gave details about the well-attended January 6th meeting which was focused on the Ranger Power Solar Project. Mike commended Tom Manley on the way he led the meeting. There will be another meeting in February where residents will be invited to speak, and further questions will be addressed
11. **Roads:** Ongoing plowing and tree cutting last month. 18 loads of salt/sand so far this year. There was discussion regarding the big projects planned for this year.
12. **Chair's report:** Papers have been signed for the new tractor. We are purchasing from Frontier Ag. Financing details will be finalized in February. Phil shared a letter from the Highway Department reminding him that the bridges must be inspected this year. This item will be acted on in February. WTA meetings are coming up at the end of next month, and someone needs to attend Board of Review training. Agenda items for February: Tractor purchase financing, Bridge Inspections, WTA meetings. Motion by Mike to adjourn, 2nd by Bill; motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30

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