

Town of Gilman  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2023

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Verges at 7:00 pm
2. **Roll call:** Chair Verges, Supervisor Traynor, Supervisor Emerson, Treasurer Emerson and Clerk Manley. Also attending: Cari Cornelius, Cheryl and David Sousa, Laura Carlson and Dewey Anderson
3. The Pledge is recited
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill to approve minutes of 6/14/2023 meeting with Chair Verges requesting the addition of his recusal from the Plan Commission recommended approval of the Stantec CSM vote that month due to his involvement in the solar project; motion approved. The Clerk will make the addition.
5. **Bills:** Motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike to approve bills as presented; motion approved
6. **Treasurer's report:** Beginning balance: \$271,457.59 income: \$2980.53 expense: \$42,004.08 ending balance: \$232,434.04 including \$171,322.59 in available funds \$32,950.88 in savings and \$28,160.57 in ARPA funds. Luann told all present that Gilman's Shared Revenue which is usually around \$27,000 is going up 170% to about \$75,000 in 2024 thanks for an increase by the state.
7. **Operator's permits:** None
8. **Comments:** Cheryl had questions regarding the proposed CAFO which is across the road from her property, and also about the increase in noise. Phil shared details about the county meeting he just attended about a proposed moratorium on CAFO's. Laura asked about the Comp. Plan and a missing PC member on the Annual Report.
9. **ES report:** Mike shared details about the latest Emergency Services meeting and the proposed increase to the per capita rate to fund the Ambulance Services. Motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike to approve the increase; motion approved
10. **Roads:** Dewey said the grader had an engine light go on and it was diagnosed and will be repaired. Crushed rock is done for the year, as is dust control. Patching continues. Shop insulation and repair will begin in September or October and blade patching is to begin on Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>. He also shared that a resident is concerned about trees in the property line fence and a plugged culvert. The Town of River Falls wants to buy a portion of ownership of the sprayer that we own with Martell and Spring Lake and Ellsworth. Motion by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill to approve the buy-in; motion carried
11. **Chair's report:** Phil stated that the fence clearing and culvert issue will be addressed at another time. He shared a resolution many towns are approving to recommend 12-month moratoriums on all proposed or current CAFO proposals. Half the trust fund money has been deposited and the plan is to ask for the second half by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Due to scheduling conflicts, the August meeting will be held on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Agenda items: CAFO recommendation.
12. **Adjourn:** Motion by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike to adjourn; motion approved. Meeting adjourns at 8:06 pm

Becky Manley, Clerk