

Town of Gilman
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Oct. 11, 2023

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Verges at 7:00 pm
2. **Roll call:** Chair Verges, Supervisor Traynor, Supervisor Emerson, Treasurer Emerson (absent) and Clerk Manley. Also attending: Joe VandenBerge, Tim Blegen, Cari Cornelius, Laura Carlson and Dewey Anderson
3. The Pledge is recited
***Amend;** Motion by Bill, 2nd by Mike to delete agenda items 9 & 13, motion approved
4. **Minutes:** Motion by Mike, 2nd by Bill to approve minutes of 9/13/2023 meeting; motion approved
5. **Bills:** Motion by Bill, 2nd by Mike to approve bills with the addition of the Mattison Contractors, Cedar Corp. and Chimney Rock invoices; motion approved
6. **Treasurer's report:** Bill Emerson reads the report for Luann Emerson who had a previous engagement. Beginning balance: \$1,124,758.99 income: \$3,964.40 expense: \$718,872.71 ending balance: \$409,850.68 including \$346,731.56 in available funds, \$32,955.00 in saving and \$28,164.12 in ARPA funds. There is \$2000 in the damage deposit fund. The village of Spring Valley has agreed to let the Army Corp use their platform to pay their fees online. This is not currently an option for Gilman residents.
7. **Operator's permits:** None
8. **Public comments:** Joe let the board know that he is stepping down after decades of work collecting dump funds, and he introduced his replacement, Tim Blegen. **The Board would like to thank Johannes VandenBerge for his years of service. We will miss you, Joe!**
9. **ES report:** Mike shared information from the last meeting and gave dues amounts for the 2024 budget
10. **Roads:** The spray-foam insulation in the shop is complete and paint is nearing completion. Dewey continues mowing and patching in preparation for the coming winter. Fire Inspector paid his visit – we're in compliance.
11. **Chair's report:** Chimney Rock sent the contract for the coming year which will include the revaluation and 3 years maintenance. Our new payment will be \$5200.00 3 times per year. Phil shared the letter we received from GFL, the garbage company who we have been in a dispute with for the last year. They agreed to drop the case they were making that we had signed a 5-year contract and that we owed them \$30,000.00 to void the contract. They have waived all fees and it is over! Thank you to Loberg Law Office. The balance of our ARPA funds will be transferred to checking to help cover the cost of the shop upgrading. This will exhaust our ARPA funds. Mike shared his frustration with the TRI fund distribution, which the board believed was complete. November agenda: Chimney Rock contract, Patrolman's review.
12. **Budget:** The board goes through the 2023 budget line by line and recommends numbers for the 2024 fiscal year. The Budget Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 14th.
13. **Adjourn:** Motion by Bill, 2nd by Mike to adjourn; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Becky Manley, Clerk