

Minutes of the March 11, 2025 Village of Boyne Falls Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Cousineau at 7:00 pm. Present were Joann Bell, Brandy Marvin, William Carson, Raphael Zara, and Larry Organek.

Brandy Marvin made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by Raphael Zara. Motion carried to all in favor.

Brandy Marvin made a motion to approve the February 11th, 2025 meeting minutes supported by Joann Bell. Motion carried to all in favor.

A motion was made to approve the Financial Report by Raphael Zara and was supported by Larry Organek. Motion carried to all in favor.

Raphael Zara made a motion to approve the budget minutes (included in the last meeting minutes), supported by Brandy Marvin. Motion carried to all in favor.

Public Comment

None at this time

Advisory Committee Update

The advisory committee has gone through multiple interviews and evaluations. They interviewed 2 out of the 3 bids, GEI/Spicer, and a company from Minnesota. They selected GEI/Spicer as the contractor (they were also the lowest bid) This week they plan to go through contractual submission, to then be reviewed by the attorney, and brought to the board for final review. Planning to have boots on the ground in April. The advisory Committee also applied for a community foundation grant.

Old Business

Discussion on the increase of Bear River Health's water bill. President, Marilyn Cousineau shares that the Village must have outside justification for increasing the water bill, per the attorney.

Larry Organek presents more detailed information on the water usage in the kitchen of Bear River Health. 1260 gallons of water used in the food services per day. This actually increases

the amount from \$4,380 to \$5,025. Larry Organek states that their water system has a lot of expenses, the people of Boyne Falls are subsidizing Bear River Health.

New Business

Ann Sims, a representative from Boyne Resorts discusses the possibility of selling Village property, the parcel North of the dump, 16.5 acres on the North side of Addis rd. Boyne Resort is interested in better access to Addis rd and development. It will not cost the village anything to sell. Any sale of public property has to go to a vote to the people. Boyne Resort is going to hire an appraiser.

Ann Sims, a representative from the library, discusses the posting of library directional signs in the village. The board approved 4 signs on railroad street last spring. The library is requesting that signs be posted on Main st, double-sign on Main st, and Second street. The signs are just a book icon with an arrow. She was given information to get with David Carson, public maintenance, for help posting the signs.

Discussion regarding the possibility of charging the Polish Festival for street usage during the festival. Billy Carson presents that instead of charging them, have someone come to the meeting and ask for financial support with the sidewalk project, or whatever project. President Marilyn Cousineau will invite Jeremy, Chairman of the Board, to a meeting.

The Village Board and staff would like to acknowledge and appreciate Doug Weiss for donating his time and the materials to redo the Village Hall bathroom floors. They look fantastic!

Doug Weiss wants to continue improving the space. He envisions Euchre being played, or other activities at the Hall. He would like to see the space being used for the community. President Marilyn Cousineau is going to talk to the insurance company regarding liability first.

A discussion regarding the review of Ordinances to ensure they remain up to date, accurate and applicable. President Marilyn Cousineau agrees and suggests that 1-3 Ordinances be reviewed each meeting.

Joann Bell is appointed President Pro Tem
William Carson is appointed Street Administrator

Village files from the previous attorney's office cannot be digital. They will come in boxes and they will let us know when they are ready.

President Marilyn Cousineau met with the new attorneys and discussed short term rentals, Bear River Health water, utilities, and marijuana stores. The clerk will send a letter to register the number of people able to stay in the short term rentals, to be sent out with the next water invoices, as well as follow-up letters. Larry Organek presented details regarding the

requirements of marijuana stores. President Marilyn Cousineau is the only person that will speak directly to the attorneys, to then relay information back to the board.

Ordinance Violations

Jason Lightfoot van not licensed

White vehicle at the pantry

To Do List For Dave

None at this time

Adjournment - A motion was made by Brandy Marvin and supported by Raphael Zara. Motion carried to all in favor. President Marilyn Cousineau adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.

Minutes taken by Alyssa Bellant