

**Village President**

Jeff Radtke

**Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer**

Jeri L. Wittmershaus

**Director of Public Works**

Josh Reynolds

**Electric Utility Manager**

Patrick Reilley

# Village of Bangor



**Trustees**

Jill Grennan

John Mc Cue

Mike DeWall

Todd Brownell

Mike Pfaff

(Open Seat)

## Village and Utility Board Minutes

**August 8, 2023**

Jeff Radtke called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Jill Grennan-present, John McCue-present, Mike DeWall-present, Mike Pfaff-present, Jeff Radtke-present. Todd Brownell-excused absence.

Others present: Jeri Wittmershaus-Administrator, Pat Reilley-Electric Manager, Josh Reynolds-Director of Public Works, Carolyn Hoeth-Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Angela Sagen-TRICOR Ins., Ryan Walters, Augie's Bar & Grill.

Jeri Wittmershaus attested to the posting of the agenda at three locations, as well as being emailed to the Monroe County Herald.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Mike DeWall and seconded by Jill Grennan. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Village/Utility Board meeting of July 11, 2023, made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Ryan Walters gave the Board an overview of Augie's Bar & Grill annual street dance scheduled for August 26, 2023. It will be similar to past years. Commercial Street will be fenced off in front of the bar, beginning after the bank closes. Everything will be cleaned up by midnight. They will also have security guards on duty. Motion to approve Special Event/Street Use Permit for Augie's Bar & Grill Annual Street Dance, on August 26, 2023, made by John McCue and seconded by Jill Grennan. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve a Temporary Change of Premise for Augie's Bar & Grill Class B Beer/Liquor retail license on August 26, 2023, made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Angela Sagen, TRICOR Insurance, gave an explanation of the options for the annual renewal of employee health coverage. Renewal of the current plan would be an increase in premium costs of 13.24% and includes an increase in the deductibles, the max out-of-pocket amounts and emergency care cost. There is another option that would have a lesser increase of 9.8%. Deductibles would be lower, however max out-of-pocket amounts would increase. Jeri pointed out that the cost to the employees would stay the same. There will also be a change in companies that administrator the HRA. Employees will no longer need to submit their explanation of benefits (EOB) to be reimbursed. The EOBs will be automatically sent to the HRA Administrator and the payments will be made directly to the providers. Motion made to approve the Gold 404 health insurance option for the 2023-2024 plan year made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Annual renewal submitted by Jeff Blakeman, for permission to hunt within the Village was reviewed. There have been no reported issues during this previous year. Motion to approve the Permission to Hunt within the Village Limits for September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024. for Jeff Blakeman made by John McCue and seconded by Jill Grennan. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Pat Reilley, Electric Manager, presented the monthly Electric Utility Report. Crews have been busy with new services, service upgrades and locates. Pat provided the Board with the Focus on Energy participation report. Village residents and businesses have received an annual average of \$30,540 in incentives. Bangor utility customers have received approximately \$3.08 of value for every dollar contributed to Focus on Energy. Pat reported a pole attachment agreement is being finalized with TDS, and that he will also be looking into the utilities truck agreement with Ford. We are overdue for new trucks; however the dealer has stated that they do not have any trucks at this time, and they don't see any coming any time in the near future. Altec has recently performed the annual testing and inspections on the digger and bucket trucks. Motion to approve the Electric Utility Report made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by Jill Grennan. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Josh Reynolds, Director of Public Works, presented the monthly Public Works Report. Streets are being swept and the park is being cleaned up in preparation for Fun Daze. Curbs are being painted and two benches have been installed at the playground in the park. Storm sewer work will be done in the park in the near future. Josh will be taking lead and copper water samples this month. These samples are required every two years. Work is being done on the new sampling building at the waste water plant. Josh is also working on the close out of the phosphorous chemical addition project. Motion to approve the public works report made by Jill Grennan and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Gerke Excavating pay application was reviewed. Motion to approve payment of Gerke Excavating Commercial Street Reconstruction Pay Application #13 for \$19,955.25 made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by John McCue. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Scott Alo, Police Chief, was unable to attend the meeting. His written monthly report was reviewed. Motion to approve the Police Report as written made by John McCue and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Operator license applications were reviewed. Motion to approve Operator Licenses for Caitlin Kennedy and Erin Kennedy made by Mike Pfaff and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Voucher list was presented. Motion to approve payment of the vouchers list with the additions made by Mike Pfaff, and seconded by Mike DeWall. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Jeff Radtke informed the Board that he had attended a recent fire meeting. The fire department is looking into possibly purchasing a new truck. Jeff also attended a county meeting with representatives from other communities in the county. There was general discussion of needs of the communities as well as available funding. Jeff stated that he will be riding in the Fun Daze parade in a pick-up truck supplied by Morrie's of West Salem, and driven by Mike DeWall.


Jeri Wittmershaus informed the Board that the food truck ordinance did not get back from review by Community Code Service in time for this meeting but will be presented at the September meeting for approval. A majority of it has been re-written.

Jeri will not be in attendance at the September meeting due to a previously scheduled commitment. Jeri also informed the Board that La Crosse County has scheduled the County Road B reconstruction for 2025, as well as the reconstruction of County Road U. They are doing their best to schedule these two projects at different times during the construction season to alleviate local traffic issues. Jeri also shared that shared revenue numbers are not finalized as of yet, but the 2024 numbers are projected to increase by approximately \$56,000.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM made by Mike DeWall and seconded by Jill Grennan. Voice vote taken. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Carolyn Hoeth

Minutes reviewed by:

  
Jeri L. Wittmershaus, Administrator