

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 17, 2021-6:00pm
700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348
Zoom Virtual Meeting information
Meeting ID 83186707505 Passcode 245506

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by -Lori Dannar

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Frost, Hunter, Wacker, Novotny, Annen

Public Open Meeting Act poster location was pointed out on the front panel of Chamber Council located at the Village office.

Consent Calendar items included the minutes of the July 20, 2021 regular meeting. Claims against the Village of \$30,308.82, Claims against the Utilities of \$120,103.16, Claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center of \$148,683.73. July 2021 Village Financial Statements. July 2021 Library Report.

Motion by Wacker second by Hunter to approve the consent calendar as read with the exception of the Claims against the village.

Voting Aye: Frost, Hunter, Wacker, Novotny, Annen

Motion by Wacker, second by Hunter to approve the Claims against the Village of Hemingford in the amount of \$30,308.82.

Voting Aye: Hunter, Wacker, Novotny, Annen

Abstaining due to conflict of interest: Frost

Discussion and possible action: Net metering at 500 Ogallala supporting the installation of solar panels, per village attorney interpretation the Village is required to net meter but needs an interconnection agreement and can continue to charge a minimal fee. "The local distribution utility shall allow a customer-generator's retail electricity consumption to be offset by a qualified facility that is interconnected with the local distribution system. A customer-generator may be charged minimum monthly fee that is the same as other noncustomer-generators in the same rate class but shall not be charged any additional standby, capacity, demand, interconnection, or other fee or charge." An interconnection agreement will be drafted and reviewed at the September regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees. Evaluations of charges for the months of July and August above the minimum fees will be addressed and adjusted at the September meeting as well.

Discussion and possible action: Update on the cemetery well repairs and direction to pursue regarding a new drinking water well for the village. We are on the list for redrilling a well at the cemetery but at this point unsure when that will happen, another thought would be purchase of a second hose reel and operate off the only currently working well. That would help but still would not be able to reach all areas of the cemetery, where a new well would be able to operate the sprinkler system that along with a single hose reel would take care of watering the entire cemetery. Kyle Huss was directed to proceed with preliminary plans and details in plotting a new drinking water well for the village of Hemingford using the Federal American Rescue Plan Act funds

Discussion and possible action: Nationwide there is a shortage of police officers, the residency requirement for Hemingford Police Officers could be making it more difficult to hire new officers A new ordinance regarding the response time and residency policies for Hemingford Police department officers will be drafted and reviewed at the September Special meeting (time and date to be determined).

Hemingford Community Care Center Report: Covid protocols continue as well as staffing shortages. At this point we are using 1 agency nurse but will be using more in the future. Cathy is working on MDS's so that the center receives full reimbursements. A new billing process is in place and seems to be working to ensure that we are getting full payments from Medicaid and correcting and rebilling when needed.

Utilities Department Report: Water service repairs at Mobius was a result of old service from the old Texaco Station across the street. Concrete will be poured tomorrow to complete the job. Water service at Roes Car wash is repaired, there was a small amount of delay due to the boring under the highway. The Crook Street underground electric service project is completed.

Administrators Report: Hemingford Library received \$220 in grant funds that requires no match for purchase of books. The pool closed on August 15th, total proceeds from the pool season was \$7323.00. Roland street property owners met to discuss potential upgrades to the street and will be meeting again to determine just what improvements are needed and what exactly they are asking of the village.

Motion to adjourn at 6:53 by Wacker, second by Hunter

Voting Aye: Frost, Hunter, Wacker, Novotny, Annen

ATTEST:

John Annen, Chairman

Barb Straub, Village Clerk