

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 23, 2022-6:00pm
700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348
Zoom Virtual Meeting information
Meeting ID 841 7673 4966 Passcode 156171

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by – Jake Frost

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

Present: Novotny, Wacker, Hunter, Frost, Annen

Public Open Meeting Act poster location was pointed out on the north wall of Council Chambers located at the Village office.

Consent Calendar items included the minutes of the July 19th, 2022 regular meeting. Claims against the Village of \$59,478.35, Claims against the Utilities of \$119,591.44, Claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center of \$185,596.29. July 2022 Village Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliations reports. July 2022 Library Report. The appointment of Travis Miller to the Hemingford Community Redevelopment Authority.

Motion by Frost, second by Hunter to approve the consent calendar as read.

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

Discussion and possible action: Approval of Resolution 2022-05 for the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance. This is an annual requirement by the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. The Resolution certifies that the Village is compliant with all state statutes and regulations that effect the usage and conditions of roads and streets within the Village jurisdiction in order to remain eligible to receive Highway Allocation Funds from the State of Nebraska.

Motion by Wacker, second by Hunter to approve Resolution 2022-05 for the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

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

Discussion and possible action: Kyle Huss and John Annen along with a representative from MC Schaff (Village Engineering Firm) attended the Box Butte Ag Society meeting to request permission to purchase a parcel of land owned by the Ag Society for the purpose of a new drinking water well. The Ag Society is willing to sell a portion of their property, Ag Society Attorney and the Village Attorney will work together on a purchase agreement that is contingent on the results of test well.

Discussion and possible action: Potential new street project as well as the new drinking water well and the financing possibilities. The Village received approximately \$138,000 federal covid relief dollars that were specifically to be used for water or broadband projects. While that is a good some of money that is

not enough to complete the drilling of a new drinking water well. Additional funds will be needed, at the same time there are several streets in town that need repaired or replaced, that would also require funding. Hunter, Frost and Straub visited with DA Davidson about bonding such projects, with the current bonds that the Village holds it would be necessary to ask for an increase to the tax levy. Based on information gathered during the meeting with DA Davidson both Frost and Hunter recommend that as a board the focus be on the water project and a street project that would resurface the entire length of Box Butte Ave from the railroad tracks south to the village limits. It is within the scope of authority to increase the levy for such projects, it was the consensus of the board that there should be a public forum and contained on the next election ballot. There was no action taken at this time and well consider action and entertain options once the budget workshop and hearing are finished.

Discussion and possible action: Final (3rd) Reading of Ordinance #813

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 70.04, RELATING TO TRUCK ROUTES AND PARKING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE AND REPEALING ANY OTHER ORDINANCES OR PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion by Novotny, Second by Wacker to pass and publish Ordinance #813

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 70.04, RELATING TO TRUCK ROUTES AND PARKING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE AND REPEALING ANY OTHER ORDINANCES OR PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Utilities Department Report: Seth Heitz has left the Village employment, the crew has been a bit short handed but we have advertised the position, conducted interview and made an offer the Austin Lang, he has electrical experience working 3 years with NPPD, and hold 3 of 5 merchant books. Summer helps is now done and they did a great job this year. The water tower cleaning and inspection will begin on Monday 8/29/22 and will work to our advantage in solving the coliform hit we had in the testing. The tower should only be offline one day and then will be chlorinated until the end of the week taking care of the coliform test and the disinfecting required after cleaning. Coliform is a bacteria that grows when conditions are hot and dry and could be in indicator of potential issues in the future with a more dangerous bacterial growth, again coliform is just an indicator the drinking water is fine , there is no danger in drinking the water. - Kyle Huss

Administrators Report: Kyla Cotant has been hired as the Code Enforcement officer, her hours during the month of September will be more of an on call and day to day basis (her babysitter had a schedule change) that effects Kyla until the end of September. Sheriffs' Office reports 30 service calls and 2 traffic stops. Deputies continue to check in at the Village office Monday – Friday. Once the new fiscal year starts the Alliance Police Chief can commit to or pass on the purchase of the Charger. Expenses and revenues for the care center are nearly resolved there are a handful of items still outstanding. Thank you all for your flexibility and allowing me time to be with my family when I needed. – Barb Straub

Discussion and possible action: Update on the HVAC system at the Care Center. The system on lane 1 is down and has been since the first of July. Lane 2 works fine but there is a leak somewhere just have not been able to find it. The company representative is to be in the area in the next week or so to take a look at it and give some advice on a potential repair or replacement of the system. No action taken

Motion to adjourn at 7:11 by Wacker, Second by Frost

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

ATTEST:

Barb Straub, Village Clerk

John Annen, Chairman