

MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
December 16, 2019 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by Lori Dannar

Meeting called to order at 6:08 p.m.

Present: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen

Absent: Novotny

Public Open Meeting Act poster location was pointed out on the front panel of Chamber Council

Motion by Hunter, Second by Wacker to excuse Trustee Novotny from the December 16, 2019 regular meeting of the Village of Hemingford Board of Trustees.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

The reorganization of the Village Council

Motion by Wacker and Second by Planansky to nominate and elect John Annen as Chairman for the Hemingford Village Board of Trustees

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Motion by Planansky, Second by Hunter to nominate and elect Richard Wacker as Vice Chairman for the Hemingford Village Board of Trustees.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Consent Calendar items included the minutes of the November 18, 2019 regular meeting. Claims against the Village of \$56370.49, Claims against the Utilities of \$102708.96, Claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center of \$137857.06. November 2019 Village Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation reports. November 2019 Library Report. Appointment of Riki Hunter to the Hemingford Community Redevelopment authority for a 5-year term, Appointment of Village of Hemingford Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Barb Straub, Appointment of Village of Hemingford Deputy Clerk Melanie Johnston, Appointment of Village of Hemingford Marshall Dusty Bryner, Appointment of Village of Hemingford Attorney Simmons, Olsen Law Firm, P.C. Megan Dockery, Appointment of Village of Hemingford Engineer – MC Schaff & Associates. Adoption of Resolution 2019-14 for the Appointment of Bank of the West as the Village Depository and Resolution 2019-15 for the Appointment of Jeff Wolfe of MC Schaff & Associates as Street Superintendent. The Reappointment of Library Board members, Carol Bennett, Barb Nikont, Sue Hennings, April Delsing, and Peggy Moser. Reappointment of the Board of Health to consist of Village of Hemingford Chief of Police, Village Board of Trustees Chairman, and the Director of Nursing at the Hemingford Community Care Center.

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

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Open Public Hearing at 6:15pm for the purpose of reviewing and obtaining comment on a Class CK Liquor License submitted by Amy and Matthew Honstein, dba/308 Sports Bar & Grill. The business operated at 702 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford Nebraska (formerly known as AJ's Sport Bar). The floor was opened to comment from Amy and Matt to briefly explain the business plan and answer questions. There were no comments from the Village Attorney or public. Board of Trustees gave words of encouragement to Amy and Matt, thanking them for taking the opportunity to open a new business in town.

The public hearing was closed at 6:17pm.

Motion by Planansky, Second by Wacker to approve the application for a Class CK Liquor License by Amy and Matthew Honstein dba/308 Sports Bar & Grill located at 702 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford Nebraska.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Erik Pehoviack shared with the board his desire to install solar panels and a connection to the village electrical distribution system on his residence at 500 Ogallala. He provided information regarding the size of the panels and the amount of energy that would be produced. The system is a 2.5 kw system, that he used on his home in Ord Nebraska. Energy production would power the home and overproduce a minimum amount that would be put back into the Village distribution system. The utility superintendent explained the requirements by the village to allow a connection to the distribution system. The board, resident and utilities superintendent all understood the requirements of each party.

Motion by Hunter, second by Planansky to allow Erik Pehoviack to install a 2.5 kw solar energy system at his property at 500 Ogallala and connect it to the Village of Hemingford electrical distribution system, contingent upon any requirements that need met by NPPD and a written agreement between the resident and the village board of trustees.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Discussion and possible action: Resolution 2019-16 appointing a representative to the Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska Board of Directors (SWANN). The position is currently held by Rick Wacker.

Motion by Hunter Second by Planansky to appoint Rick Wacker as the representative to SWANN.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Discussion and possible action: Resolution 2019-17 appointing a representative and alternate to the Public Alliance for Community Energy Board of Directors, (PACE). The position is currently held by Lynda Novotny.

Motion by Wacker second by Annen to appoint Lynda Novotny as representative and Deb Planansky as alternate to the PACE Board of Directors.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Discussion and possible action: Resolution 2019-18 appointing a representative and alternat to the Member's Council of the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, (NMPP). The position is currently held by Deb Hunter and Rick Wacker.

Motion by Annen, Second by Hunter to appoint Rick Wacker as representative and Deb Planansky as alternate.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Discussion and possible action: Resolution 2019-19 appointing a representative and alternate to the Box Butte Development Corporation Board of Directors (BBDC), currently held by Barb Straub, Deb Hunter and Rick Wacker.

Motion by Hunter Second by Planansky to appoint Barb Straub as representative and Rick Wacker as the alternate to the BBDC Board of Directors.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Discussion and possible action: Resolution 2019-20 appointing a representative and alternate to the Panhandle Area Development District Board of Directors, (PADD). The position is currently held by Rick Wacker.

Motion by Hunter, Second by Planansky to appoint Rick Wacker as representative and John Annen as alternate to the PADD board of Directors.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Discussion and possible action: Resolution 2019-21 appointing a representative and alternate to the Nebraska Public Power District Board of Directors, (NPPD). Positions currently held by John Annen and Rick Wacker.

Motion by Hunter, Second by Planansky to appoint John Annen as representative and Rick Wacker as alternate to the NPPD Board of directors.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Discussion and possible action: Resolution 2019-22 appointing a representative and alternate to the League Association of Risk Management, (LARM). Position currently held by Lynda Novotny and Deb Hunter.

Motion by Wacker second by Hunter to appoint Lynda Novotny as representative and Deb Planansky as alternate to the LARM Board of Directors

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Discussion and possible action: Resolution 2019-23 appointing a representative and alternate to the Box Butte county E911 Emergency Communications Advisory Board. Positions currently held by Deb Hunter and Lynda Novotny.

Motion by Wacker Second by Hunter to appoint John Annen as representative and Lynda Novotny as alternate to the Box Butte County E911 Emergency Communications Advisory Board.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Discussion and possible action: First Reading Ordinance #810.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD, BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO ESTABLISH A NO PARKING ZONE ON CUSTER STREET, BETWEEN THE INTERSECTIONS OF SHOSHONE AVENUE AND HIGHWAY 2; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REPEALING ANY EXISTING ORDINANCES OR OTHER PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

Motion by Wacker Second by Planansky to move Ordinance #810 to the second reading to be read at the January Regular Board meeting.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Discussion and possible action: Trustee Planansky ask for an update on the property located at 600 Park Avenue Lots 11-196 Sheridan Hgts replat, partial block D Pierces Subdivision with in the Village of Hemingford. Planansky wondered if the property had been brought to code. Chief Bryner explained that the property had been brought into compliance with the Hemingford codes, but did note that there were a few tarps over vehicles that had been torn by the wind and needed replaced. Chief Bryner will visit with the property owners to ensure that the tarps are replaced and that the property is kept in compliance.

Written department reports were distributed with the board packets, the board had no questions for department heads, however Lori Dannar did want to add to the Hemingford Community Care Center report. Lori wanted to thank the village crew for help with snow removal at the care center. Kyle Huss also added to his report a walkthrough of the snow removal process so that the board members were aware of the typical process for snow removal, where it starts and what the priorities are.

Discussion and possible action: 2020 Clerk School will be held on March 16th through the 20th. Both the Clerk (Straub) and the Deputy Clerk (Johnston) would like to attend and would need help staffing the office for that week. Part-time village employee Cheryl Kaman has offered to fill in in the office during that time. There would be potential need for help from the board one or two days that week.

Motion by Wacker Second by Hunter to send both Straub and Johnston to Clerk School March 16 – March 20 using Cheryl Kaman to staff the office and board members as needed.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Hunter, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Discussion and possible action: Possible purchase of snow removal equipment. Kyle Huss reported to the board that our snow blower and tractor are becoming worn out. The last snow removal it took 8 + hours to pick up the windrow on Box Butte Ave. Kyle would like to look at options for newer equipment to make the job easier, and more cost effective when using overtime for the snow removal. Board members suggested that he look into a track skid steer with a snowblower attachment. The purchase of a multi-purpose skid steer would be beneficial to the village for uses in addition to snow removal. Huss was directed to get price quotes for purchase and lease (if available) of a track skid steer with a snow blower attachment for the next meeting.

Discussion and possible action: Acceptance of resignation by Board of Trustees member Deb Hunter. Hunter has accepted a job position that won't allow her to continue to serve on the board.

Motion by Wacker, Second by Planansky to accept the resignation of Board of Trustees member Deb Hunter.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Annen.

Abstaining: Hunter

Absent: Novotny.

Motion by Planansky Second by Wacker instructing the Village Administrator to post and publish the notice of vacancy on the Village Board of Trustees.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Motion by Wacker Second by Planansky to hold a special meeting on December 27, 2019 at Noon for the purpose of nominating and appointing a new Village Board member, and the review of snow removal equipment quotes.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Motion by Wacker Second by Planansky to move the Regular meetings of the Hemingford Board of Trustees back to the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month effective with the January meeting. Making the January meeting on Tuesday the 21st.

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Motion to adjourn by Wacker, second by Planansky at 7:12pm

Voting Aye: Planansky, Wacker, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

John Annen, Chairman

ATTEST:

Barb Straub, Village Clerk