

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 16, 2020-6:00pm  
700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting information**  
**Meeting ID 873 5043 4173 Passcode 538957**

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by -Lori Dannar

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

Present: Frost, Wacker, Annen, and Novotny

Absent: Planansky

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 January 19, 2020 regular meeting. Claims against the Village of \$42,599.81, Claims against the Utilities of \$82,370.69, Claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center of \$146,641.87. January 2021 Village Financial Statements and bank reconciliation reports. January 2021 Library Report.

**Motion by** Novotny second by Frost to approve the consent calendar as read and to excuse Trustee Planansky.

**Voting Aye:** Frost, Wacker, Novotny, and Annen. Absent: Planansky.

**Discussion and possible action:** Hope Squad Proclamation. No action taken moved to March Agenda– **Hope Squad Students**

**Discussion and possible action:** Splash Pad 101 presentation by Commercial Recreation Specialists, Patrick Pierce and Ryan Hartberg addressed the board to introduce the company to the village. CRS company is based out of Wisconsin, and has a Nebraska Office in Omaha. The company has constructed several splash pads in the Dakota's, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Nebraska. The closest one to Hemingford is the splash pad at the Scottsbluff zoo. Patrick and Ryan gave a short presentation on how the company designs a splash pad to be usable by all age groups and tries to keep the smaller children in a play area specifically designed with them in mind. The sample design had six large features and 12 ground spray features. Some of the ground spray features could be used as a place holder for larger features if in time there was a need or desire to expand the play areas. All of CRS splash pads are constructed and installed by certified installers, the company also uses as many local contractors for excavation and concrete as possible. There is the potential to recycle the water used by the splash pad and use in the watering of the park, that is an option that we will research. Commercial Recreation Specialists are eager to help us with plans to construct our splash pad.

**No action taken:** the board thanked Patrick and Ryan for introducing the company to the Village of Hemingford.

**Discussion and possible action:** Proclamation naming March 2021 as Gambling Awareness Month.

**Motion by** Wacker second by Frost to Proclaim March 2021 as Gambling Awareness Month.

**Voting Aye:** Frost, Wacker, Novotny, and Annen. Absent: Planansky.

**Discussion and possible action:** 2021-01 Crook Street Electric Project to move overhead service underground. Crook street from the ally west of 921 Crook to 1121 Crook would be the area affected by the project. This would be a capital outlay project and would be funded by that budget item.

**Motion by** Motion by Novotny Second by Frost to move forward with Electric Project 2021-01 Crook Street moving the overhead service underground not to exceed \$20,000.

**Voting Aye:** Frost, Wacker, Novotny, and Annen. Absent: Planansky.

**Hemingford Community Care Center Report:** Covid 19 continues to be the main objective, Census is 23 on the nursing home side and 9 on the assisted living side. The second round of Payroll Protection funding has been received in the amount of \$238,000, these funds are for payroll use only. Activities at the center are increasing and residents are out of their rooms. We are currently looking for volunteers for evening and weekend activities. Families can now visit again. Lori will be taking the second part of her testing on April 29 for her administrators license. The facility is now able to start accepting new residents on both AL and the Nursing Home sides. There have been 6 resident referrals in the past week. There will be a rate increase on April 1, 2021 with 30-day notices going out to families prior to March 1, 2021–  
**Lori Dannar**

**Hemingford Police Department Report:** Office Terri VanDam started on January 25, 2021 with a spot saved for her in the August 2021 reciprocity training class– **Chief Bryner.**

**Utilities Department Report:** Crew members have attended or are scheduled to attend pesticide classes and water classes. All have been busy with equipment repairs and maintenance. And then, there is always snow removal this time of year. – **Kyle Huss**

**Administrators Report:** Cheryl Kaman will be helping in the office part-time. I have been sent a website that will be forwarded to all board members to see the production of the solar array and the data collection. Clerk School will be virtual this year and I will be attending via zoom the week of March 15. BRAN planning will resume the 1<sup>st</sup> of March so that we will be ready to host the bike riders the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> of June as the starting point for the ride. Ace dollars returned to the village were \$3,209. The Pet Vaccination Day will be postponed due to predicted cold temps and snow and will be held on Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup> at the village shop from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. -**Barb Straub.**

**Discussion and possible action:** Comment from Board Members- No Comments and No Action Taken

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:27 by Wacker, second by Novotny

**Voting Aye:** Frost, Wacker, Novotny, and Annen. Absent: Planansky.

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John Annen, Chairman

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Barb Straub, Village Clerk