

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 18, 2022-6:00pm

700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348

Zoom Virtual Meeting information

Meeting ID 839 3979 1838 Passcode 395727

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by -Jake Frost

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

Present: Wacker, Hunter, Frost, Annen.

Absent: Novotny

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 December 28, 2021 regular meeting. Claims against the Village of \$44,735.05, Claims against the Utilities of \$108,286.39, Claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center of \$141,687.76. December 2021 Village Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliations reports. December 2021 Library Report. Resignation of Gerald Thomas from the Hemingford Community Redevelopment Authority and the reappointment of Joni Jespersen to a 5-year term on the Community Redevelopment Authority.

Corrections and additions suggested by Straub include \$243.29 for Valor General store to the total for claims against the Village, and additions to the Utilities claims in the amount of \$64.58 for Valor General Store and \$1,000.00 to the Box Butte Ag Society for the solar array land lease.

Motion by Wacker second by Hunter to approve the consent calendar as read with the suggested additions to the claims against the Village and Utilities departments.

Voting Aye: Frost, Hunter, Wacker, Annen.

Absent: Novotny

Motion by Wacker, Second by Frost to Move excuse Trustee Novotny from the January 18, 2022 regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees.

Voting Aye: Frost, Hunter, Wacker, Annen.

Open Public Hearing at 6:05pm for the purpose of reviewing and obtaining comment on a Class Ck Liquor License application submitted by Margaret J. Hanson dba American Legion Supper Club at 713 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford Nebraska.

Margaret Hanson told the Board that she would like to re-open the Legion Supper Club as soon as possible, hoping by the end of February.

There were no questions from the Board members and seeing no other comments from the community the public hearing was closed at 6:08pm

Motion by Hunter, Second by Frost to approve the class CK Liquor License application submitted by Margaret J. Hanson dba American Legion Supper Club at 713 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, Nebraska.

Voting Aye: Frost, Hunter, Wacker, Annen.

Discussion and possible action: Approval of the change in manager to the Class CK Liquor License held by Rabens Foods Inc. dba Rap's Video & Liquor to Michael Raben.

Motion by Wacker Second by Hunter to approve the manager change to the Class Ck Liquor license held by Rabens Foods Inc. dba Rap's Video & Liquor to Michael Raben.

Voting Aye: Frost, Hunter, Wacker, Annen.

Discussion and possible action: Hemingford Street Lighting: street lighting is very dim in Hemingford causing safety issues near the High School. Joni Jespersen told the Board of an instance earlier in the month where she had not seen a student begin to cross the highway due to the poor and dim street lighting. She ask if the Board could look at and consider updating lighting to a brighter light especially near the school. Huss told the Board that he had done some research and did find that there are some brighter LED lights available now that were not available when the streetlights were converted to LED. The current lights shine straight down and don't spread out to give more visibility. One vendor has offered to supply the Village with a couple of different lights to look at and see if either were suitable for the Village. The Board directed Huss to continue his research and work out a replacement plan for the streetlights in Hemingford.

Discussion and possible action: Hemingford Fire Department year-end update and approval of the Income Tax Incentive or Volunteer Fire Department members. Barb Keegan told the Board that the 2021 Volunteer Fire Department Rooster is full with 30 members for a combined 393 + years' experience. There are 2 people on the waiting list to join the department, 4 members retired and 4 new members were added. There were 42 fire calls with 18 members attending at least 10% of the calls and there were 121 EMS calls with 17 members attending at least 10% of those calls. 2021 saw 2 less fire calls than 2020 and 10 more EMS calls than 2020, There were 5 Hemingford continuing education opportunities and 17 Hemingford drills and Dr Ott continues as the department medical director. In 2021 the Department received a grant from Farmers COOP for a new defibrillator, and is hoping for some of federal ARPA funds to purchase a new ambulance.

There were 11 members that accumulated at least 50 points throughout the year qualifying them for the tax incentive for Volunteer Fire Department members.

Motion by Hunter, Second by Wacker to approve the Tax incentive use for 11 members of the Hemingford Volunteer Fire Department accumulating 50 or more points.

Voting Aye: Hunter, Wacker, Annen

Abstaining: Frost

Administrators Report: Registered for and plans to attend the 2022 Municipal Clerk School in Grand Island March 14-18, the March Board meeting is scheduled for this week so I will be asking Libby to sit in my place and I will join the meeting via zoom. Dave Schaff is helping us with our engineering on the splash pad to make it a part of the pool in order to license both the pool and the splash pad together allowing us to recirculate the water rather than waste it. BRAN, Bicycle ride across Nebraska was to start in Hemingford but due to some difficult situations with facilities and volunteers Hemingford has stepped away from the event.

Police Department report: no report. Dusty has been out on medical leave.

Utilities Department Report: Monthly water samples for December came back good, the crew has been cleaning and reorganizing the shop getting rid of items that have not been used or moved in the past 6 years. Over the holidays each of the employees took some time off to spend with family. So far, the winter equipment is all in good working order and ready as needed. The new cemetery well was tested and is ready to go, adjustments to pressure and sprinkler heads will have to be done as we start watering. It is expected that we will be able to water 3 blocks of the cemetery at a time as compared to only one.

Hemingford Community Care Center Report: Bland and Associates is working on the Medicaid cost report and will have that submitted to the State by the February 15th deadline, then they will begin on the annual audit and will do their best to get it completed prior to the March 31 deadline. Supplies are getting harder to find and becoming more expensive. January 1, 2022- June 30, 2022 Medicaid will be paying an extra \$20 per day per resident to help with increasing costs. Nursing staffing continues to be an issue, we need a night LPN, day and night CNA and Med Aide. There are 20 nursing home residents and 9 assisted living residents.

Motion to adjourn at 6:35 by Wacker, second by Hunter

Voting Aye: Wacker, Hunter, Frost, Annen

Abstaining: Novotny

ATTEST:

John Annen, Chairman

Barb Straub, Village Clerk