

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 19, 2020-6:00pm
700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348
Zoom Virtual Meeting information
Meeting ID 843 0626 8960 Passcode 726140

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by -Frost

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Frost, Wacker, Annen, and Novotny

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 December 15, 2020 regular meeting. Claims against the Village of \$ **\$60,376.72**, Claims against the Utilities of **\$96,273.22**, Claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center of **\$140,134.19**. December 2020 Village Financial Statements and bank reconciliation reports. December 2020 Library Report. Annual Library Survey Results. Resignation of Carol Bennett from Hemingford Library Board.

Motion by Wacker second by Frost to approve the consent calendar with the adjustment to -Claims against the Utilities of \$96,273.22 (revised from \$95,273.22 listed on the agenda) and to excuse Trustee Planansky.

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

Discussion and possible action: Hemingford Splash Pad Project Team Update. The Village received federal funding in the form of a \$57,000 grant, Still need to bid the project, but cannot begin taking any further steps until we are contacted by the Nebraska Game and Parks, which approved the grant under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Assistance Program. The Village has \$22,000 left to raise. – Ammie Frost

Motion by Novotny second by Wacker to officially move forward with project.

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

Discussion and possible action: Hemingford Fire Department update, and tax incentive report. The Hemingford Fire Department presently has 30 members with 2 members on waiting list. Only a minor number qualify for a \$250 tax incentive. The tax incentive can be claimed if 2 of the past 3 years meet 50-point threshold, there were eight members above this threshold. The fire department needs to up its numbers in order to maintain qualification, there is a present need for need for EMTs (only has 6 at this point), which is problematic because training in is Scottsbluff, and non-employees cannot drive EMS vehicles. There's also a need to upgrade radio equipment. It was requested that Attorney Stobel review the bylaws to determine whether the 30-member maximum could be raised in order to accommodate more additional EMTs. **Barb Keegan**.

Motion by Novotny second by Wacker to accept the department's tax incentive numbers and investigate what action could be taken to increase the fire department's roster above 30.

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

Discussion and possible action: Resolution 2021-01 adopting the Region 23 Emergency Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

Motion by Wacker second by Frost to approve Resolution 2021-01 adopting the Region 23 Emergency Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

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

Discussion and possible action: Police Reimbursement Agreement, for new officer training and certification expenses

Motion by Frost second by Wacker to adopt the Police Reimbursement Agreement, for new officer training and certification expenses.

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

Discussion and possible action: Proclamation Naming January as Radon Action Month.

Motion by Wacker second by Novotny to Proclaim January as Radon Action Month

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

Discussion and possible action: need new pump, piping, meter, etc. to update well 1 by water tower, will camera to make sure there are no other issues with damage; been testing for nitrites; and level going down. 10 parts per million is max amount for potable water; levels are down to the point of testing once per year; will provide 5th drinking well for City; timeframe: next few months; already paying for tests. Budgeted \$35,000 for project, estimate: \$29,238 from Sargent Drilling – **Kyle Huss**

Motion by Frost, second by Wacker to accept Sargent Drilling's estimate in the amount of \$29,238.

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

Hemingford Community Care Center Report: Covid is still the main objective at the facility, Census is 23 on the nursing home side and 8 on assisted living, may be getting one more, we are applying for the 2nd round of Payroll Protection Program funds, the search for staff is a continuing effort, current staff has gone above and beyond dealing with all the regulation changes regarding PPE and general guideline changes that occur on a daily basis. Lori has completed a portion of the Administrators Testing and will be retaking the second portion and servings as Administrator in Training while continuing to manage the social service department, Cathy is working as the Administrator and also working 12 shifts on the floor to help JaeAnn with RN coverage and paper work required, JaeAnn is working as DON and fulfilling requirements for infection control scheduling and recruiting as well as Covid testing within the facility. All department heads are working outside their areas to help fill in gaps where they can – **Lori Dannar**

Hemingford Police Department Report: Update on Officer Brett Fiscus FTO training. Completed written and skills tests; now taking shifts on his own; Accepted to Academy pending physical evaluation in April; Terri Van Dam has previous experience and will begin training on Monday. Will result in police response 20 hrs./day – **Chief Bryner**.

Utilities Department Report: The utility crew has been busy moving snow, and making repairs to village equipment and buildings. Christmas decorations are down. – **Kyle Huss**

Administrators Report: The month has been quiet; I appreciate your understanding with my time off to be with my mom during this uncertain time for her. Employees have begun to get Covid shots. During the month of February, I will be pulling the committee together to start preparing for BRAN. Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska is scheduled to begin here in Hemingford on Sunday June 6th, 2021 with staff and riders expected to start arriving in Hemingford on Friday June 4th-**Barb Straub**.

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 by Wacker, second by Novotny

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

John Annen, Chairman

ATTEST:

Barb Straub, Village Clerk