

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 16, 2024-6:00pm

700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348

Zoom Virtual Meeting information

Meeting ID 879 2899 7957 Passcode 835428

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by – Jake Frost

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

Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Mahony, Hunter, Novotny, Frost, Wacker

Consent Calendar items included the Minutes of the June 18, 2024 Regular meeting Claims against the Village of \$672,615.37, Claims against the Utilities of \$104,769.69. June 2024 Village Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliations reports. June 2024 Library Report. Acceptance of resignation of Diana Smith from the Hemingford Housing Authority Board, and Appointment of Cindy Davies to the Hemingford Housing Authority Board.

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

Voting Aye: Mahony, Hunter, Novotny, Frost, Wacker.

Discussion and possible action: Approval of payroll for the Hemingford Pool Manager A. Frost in the amount of \$2,352.45

Motion by Novotny, Second by Hunter to approve payroll for A. Frost in the amount of \$2,352.45

Voting Aye: Mahony, Hunter, Novotny, Wacker

Abstaining: Frost

Discussion and possible action: Approval of payroll for the Hemingford Pool Lifeguard B. Hunter in the amount of \$1,436.53

Motion by Novotny, Second by Hunter to approve payroll for B. Hunter in the amount of \$1,436.53

Voting Aye: Mahony, Novotny, Frost, Wacker

Abstaining: Hunter

Discussion and possible action: 2024 Village of Hemingford Strategic Plan recap. Chelsie Herian presented the 2024-2025 Strategic Working Plan the Board of Trustees and Department Heads worked on in April 2024. The presentation reviewed the Vision and Mission statements that were created at the 2023-2024 planning session along with the core values of the Village Board and staff. Four strategies reviewed were Housing Capacity, Enhancing the quality-of-life amenities, safety and code enforcement, and sustainability. These strategies were prioritized based on the online community survey as well as the thoughts and communications with the Village Board and Village staff. The Strategic Working Plan is a working document intended to develop goals for the Village and keep moving toward meeting those goals.

Motion by Novotny, Second by Hunter to approve the 2024-2025 Village of Hemingford Strategic Working plan as presented

Voting Aye: Mahony, Hunter, Novotny, Frost, Wacker.

Discussion and possible action: Mike Olsen of MC Schaff presented the preliminary Engineering Report for upgrades to the Hemingford Water System. Upgrades include a new drinking water well, AMI meter reading system, and increasing the size of service lines in the downtown area to increase the water availability for fire flow. State recommendations for fire flow are 2500 gallons per minute for downtown and 1500 gallons per minute for schools. We are still looking at the early fall for the drilling of a test well on Roland Street for the purpose of placement for the new drinking water well. Approval of this preliminary Engineering report will allow the Village to seek funding sources, such as USDA and others for the projects.

Motion by Frost Second by Mahony to approve the Preliminary Engineering Report as presented.

Voting Aye: Mahony, Hunter, Novotny, Frost, Wacker.

Discussion and possible action: H & H trash collection rate proposal. H & H Sanitation would like to continue trash collection for the Village of Hemingford; however, the new rate structure does not allow them to collect an acceptable rate. H & H would perform collection services at residential costs equal to the SWANN structure but commercial rates would increase \$15- \$30 dollars per month depending on the size of the container and would only be picked up once a week; Meanwhile, SWANN has a collection proposal offering a twice a week pick up. H & H is planning on attending the SWANN Board meeting in two days to try to negotiate better rate for collections and hauling.

No Action taken at this time.

Discussion and possible action: Consideration and approval of Ordinance #832 for the Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska (SWANN) rate increase.

Tabled until the Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday July 23, 2024 at 6pm at the Village Office.

Discussion and possible action: Approval of LARM Renewal Resolution 2024-03

Motion by Novotny, second by Hunter to approve resolution 2024-03 requiring a 180-day termination notice and 3-year commitment for a 5% discount

Voting Aye: Mahony, Hunter, Novotny, Frost, Wacker.

Discussion and possible action: Consideration of an insurance stipend for employees that elect not to take Village offered health insurance.

No Action Taken.

Discussion and possible action: There has been interest in producing a Hemingford 4th of July Celebration. Straub has talked with the Hemingford Chamber and they are interested in being a partner in this type of celebration. Straub will also visit with Buchheit Precision and the Hemingford Fire Department for partnership ideas and collaboration. Straub was directed to create an online community survey for resident input.

Administrators Report: BBCSO reports 17 calls for service and 6 traffic stops. A full description of service calls is provided in the Board Packet, we have received a \$500 safety grant from LARM and a \$250 grant

from Panhandle Public Health to help prevent the spread of West Nile, (spraying), 2023 Audit field work done. Code Enforcement/Animal control will be going to full-time mid-August. Epic Tax petition failed to gather enough signatures. Budget workshop date 8/27/24 (Tuesday) Budget Hearing Date 9/16 (Monday) Regular meeting 9/17 (Tuesday)

Utilities Department Report: Splash Pad update, hail damage report, Wheatridge underground project, parks and cemetery update. Kyle will be back from vacation on Monday 7/22/24 if there are questions for him.

Code Enforcement Report: June Yard of the month was Mary Frahm, Cotant thanked Dave's Pharmacy and the Village for prizes for Yard of the Month recipients. There were 4 new cases opened in June and 12 in July, most for low hanging branches and tree limbs. Hemingford Public Schools is on track for demolition of the old building on their property Ogallala Street by late fall or early winter. There are three properties owned by the same person that have all been deemed nuisance properties. The owner has been unresponsive to any correspondence or communication from Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement is planning to move forward with referrals to the City Attorney for review and attempted resolution..

Public Comment: Erik Pehoviack, 500 Ogallala, Hemingford ask for verification of tree limb height overhanging streets and sidewalks.

Riki Hunter, 613 Sidney, Hemingford said Legacy Coop had totes available at no charge for recycle use in alleys.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm by Mahony, Second by Hunter

Voting Aye: Mahony, Hunter, Novotny, Frost, Wacker.

ATTEST:

Richard Wacker, Chairman

Barb Straub, Village Clerk