

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
July 19, 2022-6:00pm  
700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting information**  
**Meeting ID 895 7632 4897 Passcode 622080**

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by -Barb Keegan

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

Present: Novotny, Wacker, Hunter, Annen

Absent: Frost

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

**Motion by** Wacker and second by Hunter to excuse Trustee Frost from the July 19, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Hemingford Village Board of Trustees.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Wacker, Hunter, Annen

**Consent Calendar** items included the minutes of the June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 regular meeting. Claims against the Village of \$56,197.68, Claims against the Utilities of \$131,006.66, Claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center of \$70,254.73. June 2022 Village Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliations reports. June 2022 Library Report. The appointment of Travis Miller to the Hemingford Community Redevelopment Authority.

**Motion by** Hunter, second by Wacker to approve the consent calendar as read with the addition of \$3,444.00 for Rock Medical. Making the total claims for the Hemingford Community Care Center \$73,698.83.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Wacker, Hunter, Annen

**Absent:** Frost

**Discussion and possible action:** Shad Bryner, Hemingford Fire Chief told the board that the Box Butte County Sheriffs Office was moving their dispatch to Scottsbluff County, but it is the intention of the Hemingford Fire Department and the Hemingford Rural Fire Protection District to use the Alliance dispatch center for Fire and Rescue calls. Alliance dispatch will continue to provide the dispatch service for the fire department at no charge. The generator for the fire department radios has been placed and put on line at the water tower. The Village will need to make contact with Alliance to inquire about the dispatching of Village "on-call" personnel.

**Discussion and possible action:** Barb Keegan of the Hemingford Volunteer Fire Department updated the board on department activities. There have been 16 fire calls, 69 Ems calls and 17 training opportunities and 6 drills. There have been 5 mutual aid meetings. There is still no word on when billing will take place for a new ambulance there are two applications coming up for \$10,000 each, that could potentially add a

new defibrillator or power cot to the ambulance equipment. 2 members have submitted resignations and 1 member has passed the EMT National Registry and one still waiting to take the exam.

**Discussion and possible action:** Margaret Hanson is requesting a street closure for the 19<sup>th</sup> of August. The American Legion would like to close the 700 block of Box Butte Ave to host a car show and band from 4pm to 10pm. The Legion will be responsible for blocking each end of the street. An SDL for the Legion will be requested and the Legion members will also be responsible for making sure that alcohol does not come in from the outside or leave the fenced area.

**Motion by** Wacker, second by Novotny to approve the Legion request to close the 700 block of Box Butte Ave. on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 4pm to 10pm for a car show, street party, alcohol allowed on the street sold by the American Legion and Gus's bar should they apply for an SDL.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Wacker, Hunter, Annen

**Absent:** Frost

**Discussion and possible action:** Mike Olsen with MC Schaff presented the board with a preliminary cost estimate for the new drinking water well. The total estimated cost is \$510,094, the Village was awarded Covid/ARPA funds in the amount of \$136,000 making the total needing to be financed either by loan or bond approximately \$374,094. The estimate includes a submersible well pump with the option to at up to two more wells in the future. With one well able to draw 200 gallons per minutes adding a series of wells allows for the pulling of 500 to 600 gallons per minute without disturbing the underground formations and drawing sand into the well. A new well could be online withing three (3) months of drilling the test well. The location for the new well has not been determined yet but the ideal place is on Ag Society property upstream (west) from Farmers COOP. Kyle and a representative from MC Schaff will attend the Ag Society Board Meeting on Thursday July 28, 2022 to discuss the purchase of property and to get approval to do a test well, to check water quality on their property.

**Discussion and possible action:** Potential for a new street project for the Village, to include all of Box Butte Ave. and several others in town. MC Schaff has supplied estimates for various streets within the Village and can be viewed at the Village Office. Board members were ask to review the estimates and prioritize the street replacement needs of the Village. No further action taken.

**Discussion and possible action:** Second Reading of Ordinance #813

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 70.04, RELATING TO TRUCK ROUTES AND PARKING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE AND REPEALING ANY OTHER ORDINANCES OR PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Motion by** Hunter, Second by Novotny to approve the second reading of Ordinance #813 and move to the Third reading at the next regular meeting of the Village of Hemingford Board of Trustees.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Wacker, Hunter, Annen

**Absent:** Frost

**Discussion and possible action:** Approval of Resolution 2022-03 for the use of Highway 2 for the Box Butte County Fair Parade.

**Motion by** Wacker, Second by Hunter to approve Resolution 2022-03 using Highway 2 for the annual Box Butte County Fair Parade on Saturday August 13, 2022 from 9am to 11:30am.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Wacker, Hunter, Annen

**Absent:** Frost

**Discussion and possible action:** Approval of Resolution 2202-04 League Association of Risk Management 2022-2023 Insurance Renewal. 2021-2022 renewal was a 3-year commitment with a 5% discount

**Motion by** Wacker Second by Hunter to approve the LARM renewal resolution renewing for a 3-year commitment with a 5% discounted rate.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Wacker, Hunter, Annen

**Absent:** Frost

**Discussion and possible action:** Potential sale of the Police Department 2014 Dodge Charger to the Alliance Police Department. Alliance Police Chief is interested in purchasing the Charger from the Village but is unable to do so until the next fiscal year, (Oct. 1, 2022). Chief Lukin would like to purchase the vehicle for approximately \$10,000.

**Motion by** Hunter Second by Wacker to allow the Village Administrator to negotiate with the City of Alliance and accept noting lower than \$10,000 for the Village of Hemingford 2014 Dodge Police Charger.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Wacker, Hunter, Annen

**Absent:** Frost

**Utilities Department Report:** We have had great summer hires this year, they have spruced up the Roland Mini Park, painted the fountain and trimmed trees and bushes in the park, the safety inspections for the digger truck and the two bucket trucks have been done and all equipment passed, but don't have the full reports back, there were some repairs that needed that have already been addressed. After the inspections and smaller repairs were done, we had to have them come back and fix a dielectric hose. Lead and Copper testing has been done and results are not back yet, these tests are every 3 years and there have been no issues with lead or copper levels in the past, the State of Nebraska in the future will be requiring a lead inventory and replacement of lead pipes and fixtures will be required. Lastly the Emergency Discharge Permit for the lagoons has been received. - Kyle Huss

**Administrators Report:** There have been 20 service calls and 0 traffic stops for the Box Butte County Sheriff's Office in Hemingford the past month. 2020/2021 FY Audit for the care center will be completed by Jim Gardner and hopefully be done by the end of September. 2022/2023 budget preparations are in progress and will be scheduling a budget workshop late August or early September. We will be receiving CPE funds from the State of Nebraska for the Hemingford Community Care Center of approximately \$237,000 most of the ending revenues and expenditures are in for the Care Center, and am expecting that final totals for the August meeting. - Barb Straub

**Discussion and possible action:** Hemingford Care Center HVAC system is needing some updates on wing 1, the Toshiba representative will be in Hemingford to take a look at the system and give some possible

suggestions for repair or replacement. After that time the Village Board can look at the needs and the funding available to make the HVAC system operable throughout the entire facility. No Action Taken.

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:17 by Wacker, Second by Novotny

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Wacker, Hunter, Annen

**Absent:** Frost

ATTEST:

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John Annen, Chairman

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Barb Straub, Village Clerk