

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 20, 2021-6:00pm
700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348
Zoom Virtual Meeting information
Meeting ID 813 7631 2578 Passcode 304494

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by -Jake Frost

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

Present: Novotny, Wacker, Hunter, Frost, Annen

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 June 15, 2021 regular meeting. Claims against the Village of \$90,460.49, Claims against the Utilities of \$149,762.86, Claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center of \$150,159.23. June 2021 Village Financial Statements and bank reconciliation reports. June 2021 Library Report. The appointment of Linda K. Petersen to the Library Board, and the resignation of April Delsing from the Library Board. The appointment of Charles Isom to the CRA Board to replace Riki Hunter.

Motion by Wacker second by Novotny to approve the consent calendar as read.

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

Discussion and possible action: Parking concerns at the corner of Cheyenne and Niobrara, congestion and driving hazards. The party that had ask to be on the agenda for this item did not attend the meeting. NO ACTION TAKEN.

Discussion and possible action: Bart Moseman, of Farmers COOP, was on hand to express concern for the approach from Roland Street onto the Highway and the possibility of upgrading it to be better suited for the heavy truck traffic. MC Schaff prepared a cost estimate for the Roland Street intersection and broke this down into three phases so that the board had an approximate idea of cost for the project. The Board directed the Administrator to set up a meeting with all property owners along Roland Street, as well as the village attorney, engineer, utilities superintendent and administrator to develop a suggested improvement plan, and potentially explore the need for a paving district. Once all parties that would be affected have had the opportunity to meet the item will be put on a future agenda to hear suggested plans and improvement requests.

Discussion and possible action: Rick Wacker, the board representative to the SWANN Board of Directors explained that there is a possibility that hours of operation at the Hemingford Landfill could change if SWANN is not able to hire and keep employees, it has become more difficult to maintain employees to fill the position with the limited number of hours of operation. It was also discussed that it is time to review and possibly update the contract with SWANN pertaining to the Hemingford Landfill. A copy of the contract will be forwarded to the village attorney for review. Once the attorney has reviewed the document and made suggested changes or corrections it will be sent to SWANN for review.

Discussion and possible action: Trustee Novotny pointed out that SilverLine Salvage seems to be getting worse rather than better. The property is an eyesore as you enter town from the south. Novotny ask Chief Bryner what we are doing to require the property to be cleaned up. Bryner told the board that because it is a salvage yard, they are exempt from some of the nuisance property regulations, that and there is an assumed special use permit in place but was unavailable for review. Village attorney, Libby Stobel suggested that we look at the state statues regarding salvage yards to ensure that state requirements are being met as the village has no specific ordinances regarding salvage yards other than you can operate one as defined in a special use permit. recommended and approved by the village planning and zoning

commission and the village board of trustees. NO BOARD ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME, Administrator and Chief of Police are to look into the matter further.

Discussion and possible action: The reallocation of previously authorized funds for repairs to Well 1, to service and repairs to the Cemetery well in the amount of \$29,238. In January of 2021 the board approved the use of \$29,238 to update and return to service well 1, since that time the well at the cemetery has stopped pumping and is in need of major repair before updating and returning to service a well that is currently not used. The reallocation of these funds would be approximately half the cost of the repairs to the cemetery well.

Motion by Novotny, second by Wacker to reallocate previously authorized funds for repairs to Well 1 to service and repair the Cemetery well in the amount of \$29,238.

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

Discussion and possible action: Repairs to the cemetery well are approximately \$60,000 we would like to use the perpetual care funds for the balance of the well repairs up to \$30,000.

Sargent Drilling is a bit behind but still hopeful that Cemetery Well upgrades will be done in this fiscal year. We also received federal funds, in the amount of \$68,405.76 on the 16th and will again receive this same amount next year in July (2022) these funds can be used for several things one of them being Drinking water projects, the work needed to be done to well 1 would be an eligible project for these funds.

Motion by Novotny, second by Wacker to use perpetual care funds for the balance of cemetery well repairs up to \$30,000.

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

Discussion and possible action: In March of 2021 at the regular board meeting of the village board of trustees, the Hemingford Community Care Center ask that the board forgive a nearly 20-year loan with a balance of \$73,310. At the time it was a unanimous vote to discharge and forgive that loan. Resolution 2021-03 is for the discharging of indebtedness of the Hemingford Community Care Center prior to 2012. Documenting the earlier decision to forgive the loan.

Motion by Frost, second by Novotny to approve resolution 2021-03 discharging the indebtedness of the Hemingford Community Care Center prior to 2012.

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

Discussion and possible action: Resolution 2021-04 League Association of Risk Management 2021-2022 renewal resolution. 2020-2021 renewal was a 3-year commitment with a 5% discount. There are several renewal options ranging from a 3-year commitment with 5% discount to a 1- year commitment with no discount. Alternative quotes were received in the past and the cost was so much higher that the board continues to go with LARM and select the greatest cost savings for the Village.

Motion by Wacker, second by Hunter to approve resolution 2021-04 League Association of Risk management 2021-2022 renewal resolution with a 3-year commitment with a 5% discount.

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

Discussion and possible action: Resolution 2021-05 accepting the American Rescue Plan Act Funds and allowing the Village Administrator the ability to take all actions necessary on behalf of the board to receive the CSLFR funds.

Motion by Novotny, second by Wacker to approve resolution 2021-05 accepting the American Rescue Plan Act Funds and allowing the Village Administrator the ability to take all actions necessary on behalf of the board to receive the CSLFR funds.

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

Discussion and possible action: Resolution 2021-06 for the use of highway 2 for the Box Butte County Fair Parade on Saturday August 7, 2021 from 9am to 11:30am.

Motion by Frost, second by Wacker to approve Resolution 2021-06 for the use of Highway 2 for the Box Butte County Fair Parade.

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

Discussion and possible action: Changing the residency requirements for Village employed police officers from a 5-mile distance from town to a must be able to respond to a call within 30 minutes. This would be a policy change to the police department handbook. The Chief of police and attorney were directed to rewrite the policy and bring the updated policy to the board for approval at a future meeting.

Department Leaders submitted written reports to the board, in the board packet, there were no questions or concerns.

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 by Wacker, second by Frost

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

ATTEST:

John Annen, Chairman

Barb Straub, Village Clerk