

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
June 21, 2022-6:00pm  
700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting information**  
**Meeting ID 893 1915 1743 Passcode 102889**

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by -Lori Dannar

Meeting called to order at 6:00 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 Novotny to excuse Trustee Frost from the June 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Hemingford Village Board of Trustees.

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

**Consent Calendar** items included the minutes of the May 17th, 2022 regular meeting. Claims against the Village of \$78290.31, Claims against the Utilities of \$102768.39, Claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center of \$3250.83. May 2022 Village Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliations reports. May 2022 Library Report. The appointment of Bob Wood to the Hemingford Housing Authority Board. (Apollo Court)

**Motion by** Hunter, Second by Novotny to approve the consent calendar as read.

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

**Absent:** Frost

**Discussion and possible action:** Approval of Resolution 2022-02 allowing the Hemingford Baseball Association to conduct a fireworks display at the ballfields on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to last past 10:00pm but not later than 11:00pm. The Hemingford Baseball Association ask permission to have a firework display as a closing ceremony at end of the season (June 29). A special event request application was received. Chief Bryner of the Hemingford Volunteer Fire Department had relayed to the board that Fire Department personnel would be on site to perform the lighting of the fireworks and take precautions against potential fire. Also, they would make the call to cancel the fireworks should the weather and conditions be too dangerous for a firework display.

**Motion by** Novotny, Second by Wacker to approve Resolution 2022-002 allowing the Hemingford Baseball Association to conduct a fireworks display on June 29<sup>th</sup> not to last later than 11:00pm.

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

**Absent:** Frost

**Administrators Report:** Sheriffs Deputies continue to check in at the Village office almost daily, there were 25 service calls for the month of May 2022 and 2 traffic stops. Text My Gov information will be going out with the next utility bills at the end of June, and will go live as of July 5, 2022, Brigitte is working to add a widget to make using Text My Gov from the Village website available. She will also be working on a sign-up campaign for the service during the month of July. We had a Low Power Factor penalty from Nebraska Public Power District in the month of May of 22% equaling \$5071.68. Kyle Huss has further information regarding this in the utilities report. – Barb Straub

**Utilities Department Report:** Mosquito spraying will start the week of June 20, 2022, the sprayer has been calibrated and tested and chemical purchased, we received a \$250 grant from Panhandle Public Health to go toward the prevention of Lime Disease. Cleaning of the water tower is coming up and is tentatively scheduled for mid-August. The Electric Power Factor issues are complicated, The Village received a tool to help monitor specific meters and motors for efficiency so we will start there, but in the case of May it looks like we are producing too much power from the solar array putting us in to a “leading” situation, Rich Eyman with Nebraska Municipal Power Pool is helping us try to resolve this problem, we are working on setting up discussions with GenPro, Valta, and NPPD to figure out exactly is causing the problem. Initial thoughts are the inverters may not be operating correctly to slow the power production down, or there may be a communication problem between the NPPD meter and the inverters. We will know better once we are able to speak with all parties. - Kyle Huss

Discussion and possible action: First Reading of Ordinance #813

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION \_\_\_\_\_ SUBSECTIONS \_\_\_\_\_, 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 Wacker to approve the first reading of Ordinance #813 and move to the second 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:** Chairman Annen informed the board that it was not his intention to run for re-election this year, and with that he would like to ask that the Board consider increasing the monthly pay to the Village Board of Trustees. Currently each member receives \$100 per month with the exception of the Chairman, who receives \$150/monthly. An increase in salary for the members would require the passage of an Ordinance and would not be effective until December 2022. This is a request for consideration at this time, Annen feels that this is a needed change to make it more feasible for board members to attend trainings and committee meeting out of town and that are in addition to the regular monthly meeting of the Hemingford Board of Trustees. Annen invited feedback regarding whether to introduce an ordinance for raises and the possible amounts of such raise next month.

**Discussion and possible action:** The roof on the Village Office building is in need of repair to stop the leaking into the upstairs apartment and down the stairwell. Weathercraft Co. from Scottsbluff submitted a proposal in the amount of \$3850.00. Weathercraft has all the materials in stock to complete the repairs.

**Motion by** Wacker, Second by Novotny to accept the proposal for roof repair on the Village office building as submitted by Weathercraft Co. from Scottsbluff in the amount of \$3850.00.

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

**Absent:** Frost

**Discussion and possible action:** As the Village no longer operates the Hemingford Care Center, the liability insurance as well as the Director and Officer liability insurances have been cancelled, if the Village would like there is an opportunity to purchase a "Tail" policy for each. There have been no claims un the past several years under the existing policy, and such coverage is costly.

**Motion by** Novotny, Second by Hunter to NOT purchase any Liability Tail policies for insurances terminated at the Hemingford Care Center.

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

**Absent:** Frost

**Discussion and possible action:** Ratification to increase the Village's line of credit, at the Nebraska Bank, used by the Hemingford Community Care Center from \$100,000 to \$200,000. There will be expenses due that may be the responsibility of the Village and the Care Center already exhausted the full \$100,000 so as a precaution, it is necessary to increase the limits to ensure all Village's portion of any obligations are met. Once the necessary expenses are paid, repayment of the credit line could be addressed during the budgeting process. One potential for repayment is using funds out of the sales tax account that could then afford the Village a clear line of credit to be used in the event of major repairs or disasters.

**Motion by** Wacker, Second by Hunter to approve the increase of the Village of Hemingford line of credit at the Nebraska Bank, from \$100,000 to \$200,00.

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

**Absent:** Frost

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:02 by Wacker, Second by Hunter

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

**Absent:** Frost

ATTEST:

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John Annen, Chairman

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Barb Straub, Village Clerk