

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 21, 2023-6:00pm

700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348

Zoom Virtual Meeting information

Meeting ID 894 1428 7472 Passcode 776818

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by – Lori Dannar

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 6:0 p.m.

Present: Hunter, Mahony, Wacker.

Absent: Novotny, Frost

Motion by Hunter, Second by Mahony to excuse Trustee Novotny and Trustee Frost from the March 21, 2023 regular meeting of the Village of Hemingford Board of Trustees Meeting.

Voting Aye: Hunter, Mahony, Wacker.

Consent Calendar items included the minutes of the February 21, 2023 regular meeting. Claims against the Village of \$34,789.91, Claims against the Utilities of \$100,847.44. Claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center of \$61,711.06 February 2023 Village Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliations reports. February 2023 Library Report. Appointment of Peggy Cattin to the Hemingford Public Library Board.

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

Voting Aye: Hunter, Mahony, Wacker.

Discussion and possible action: Hemingford Chamber of Commerce President Marcie Thomas ask the Board to close the 700 Block of Box Butte Ave. on June 16th from 3pm to 10pm so that they can host the annual Bands on the Butte community concert.

Motion by Mahony, Second by Hunter to approve the street closing on the 700 block of Box Butte Ave for the annual Bands on the Butte hosted by the Hemingford Chamber of Commerce.

Voting Aye: Hunter, Mahony, Wacker.

Discussion and possible action: Hemingford Splash Pad update, a new cost estimate will be finalized in the next week, the pad will be retro fitted for the addition recirculation abilities in the future, cost of features have gone up from the original estimate but can be offset by reducing the amount or style of the vertical elements while leaving the ability to phase other features in at a later time. Currently the construction time frame looks like late September or early October and will take approximately one to one and a half weeks to complete, making the Splash Pad Grand Opening at the beginning of the 2024 pool season.

Discussion and possible action: Approval of Resolution 2023-03 to redeposit the Sandhill State Bank CD into another CD. **No Action taken.**

Discussion and possible action: Approval of Resolution 2023-04 to raise the line of credit at Nebraska Bank for the purchase of the HVAC unit on the north wing of the Hemingford Care Center.

Motion by Hunter, Second by Mahony to approve Resolution 2023-04 to raise the line of credit at Nebraska Bank.

Voting Aye: Hunter, Mahony, Wacker.

Discussion and possible action: Hemingford Care Center Update, the facility became a Medicare approved facility in February. Census is a bit low but staffing is good, strong and caring and prepared for new residents. Vetus Foundation is looking at the possibility of closing the assisted living side, there have been no new admits on A/L for three years, but with the closing of the A/L side Vetus Foundation is looking at the possibility of creating and using that part of the facility as a memory care unit. There is a great need for such units and would increase the census at the facility rather easily. Lori has been invited to speak in front of the State Appropriations committee regarding State Medicaid reimbursements to long term health care facilities. New Vetus Foundation CEO Jeremy complimented the staff saying that both Lori and JaeAnn are outstanding in their positions and have put together a great team.

Discussion and possible action: Approval of the interlocal agreement with the Hemingford Rural Fire Protection Board. **No Action Taken.**

Discussion and possible action: Strategic Planning Challenge, as a result of the planning session there is a need to work on the streets in Hemingford and to find a funding source. Administrator Staub was directed to set up a meeting with Andy Forney a Public Finance Banker with DA Davidson for advice on street projects funding with Trustee Wacker and Mahony.

Utilities Department Report: Replaced a transformer at the south part of town that effected 6 residents for approximately 2 hours, working on the transformer bank at the cemetery. Lead water line service paperwork and surveys have been created and sent to residents. The PFA water sample results came back way lower than state regulations. And of course, more snow removal. – Kyle Huss

Administrators Report: Box Butte Sheriffs Office reports 7 calls for service and 6 traffic stops during the month of February, Chelsie Herian will be at the next regular Board meeting to review the strategic planning session, Diana Smith will be requesting appointment to the Hemingford Housing Authority Board.

Code Enforcement Report: Kyla will start working with Deputy Dannar and Attorney Stobel to review and update codes. There has been a request to make the entire east side of Sidney from Custer Street north to Niobrara a no parking zone. Researching the potential need for a revision of Ordinance 793 (ATV), and considering a yard beautification program. – Kyla Cotant

Public Comment: Erik Pehoviack 500 Ogallala- thanked the Village for the new electric meter, and suggested that the consent calendar be moved to the end of the agenda.

Motion: by Mahony Second by Hunter to adjourn at 7:10pm

Voting Aye: Hunter, Mahony, Wacker.

ATTEST:

Barb Straub, Village Clerk

Richard Wacker, Chairman