

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 15, 2022-6:00pm
700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348
Zoom Virtual Meeting information
Meeting ID 826 2731 5582 Passcode 833249

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by -Jake Frost

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

Present: Wacker, Hunter, Frost, Annen.

Absent: Novotny

Zoom:

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

Consent Calendar items included the minutes of the February 15th, 2021 regular meeting. Claims against the Village of \$53,645.24, Claims against the Utilities of \$119,603.23, Claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center of \$159,952.74. February 2022 Village Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliations reports. February 2022 Library Report.
Acceptance of resignation of Jay Johnson from the Community Redevelopment Authority.

Motion by Frost Second by Frost to approve the consent calendar with the correction of Hemingford Community Care Center claims in the amount of \$3786.57 for a total of \$163,739.31

Voting Aye: Wacker, Hunter, Frost, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Motion by Wacker, Second by Hunter to move item #2 to item #4 and item #4 to the end of the agenda.

Voting Aye: Wacker, Hunter, Frost, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Discussion and possible action: Acceptance of the resignation by Chief Dusty Bryner. All board members expressed best wishes to Chief Bryner and thanked him for his service and dedication to the Village of Hemingford.

Motion by Wacker Second by Frost to regretfully accept the resignation of Chief Dusty Bryner from the Village of Hemingford Police Department.

Voting Aye: Wacker, Hunter, Frost, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Discussion and possible action: Thank you presentation to Deputy Preston Walls from the Jespersen family. Barbara Jespersen, Grandmother to Maverick, spoke for the family thanking Deputy Walls for his quick response to an emergency call at Aaron and Brigette Jespersen's home where new baby Maverick was not breathing. Deputy Walls arrived and took control of the scene until EMS arrived. Maverick's family is more than grateful to Deputy Walls. Board members also commended the actions of Box Butte County Sheriff's Deputy Preston Walls.

Utilities Department Report: The snow removal went well; the crew has been working on the well house 3 residing and installing insulation. Old light bulbs at the library have been replaced with new LED lights.

Hemingford Community Care Center Report: The number of residents remains constant; the facility is highly restricted due to CMS not making changes yet. Staffing is still an issuer and cash flow restraints are limiting the use of agency staff, Stimulus funding has run out. All staff are reaching their limits with several working more than several hours over 40 per week.

Discussion and possible action: Box Butte County Sheriff Office contract with the village of Hemingford. Libby Stobel told the board that she had gotten some new numbers from the county attorney in the amount of \$132,000 per year with up front cost of \$15,000. The county was able to hire a new experienced Deputy already Nebraska certified so the salary cost was the reason for the increase that amounts to \$625 more a month than the prior proposal. The up-front costs are reduced from \$49,000 to \$15,000 as the county will take the Ford F150, at a value of \$29,000. The county will also take the AR15 rifle and suppressor 3 Glock 22 gen 4 40 caliber pistols and all ammunition at a value of \$5,000. The only question is the verbiage "up-front costs for equipment" the phrase gives the implication of the village purchasing equipment. Libby would rather that those funds were not called up-front cost for equipment.

Motion by Wacker Second by Hunter to allow the committee to have the final approval of the agreement between the Village of Hemingford and the Box Butte County Sheriff's Office and giving authorization to Chairman Annen to sign the agreement once approved by the committee.

Voting Aye: Wacker, Hunter, Frost, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

Motion to adjourn at 6:50 by Wacker, Second by Frost

Voting Aye: Wacker, Hunter, Frost, Annen.

Absent: Novotny.

ATTEST:

John Annen, Chairman

Barb Straub, Village Clerk