

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
November 16, 2021-6:00pm  
700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting information**  
**Meeting ID 841 9429 9408 Passcode 112086**

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by -Jake Frost

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

Present: Wacker, Novotny, Hunter, Frost.

Absent: Annen

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

**Motion by** Frost, second by Hunter to excuse Chairman Annen from the November 16, 2021 regular meeting.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Frost, Hunter, Wacker.

**Consent Calendar** items included the minutes of the October 19, 2021 regular meeting. Claims against the Village of \$96,965.69, Claims against the Utilities of \$110,780.99, Claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center of \$156,227.74. October 2021 Village Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliations reports. October 2021 Library Report.

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

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

**Absent:** Annen

**Discussion and possible action:** Hemingford Fire Department update and pumper truck purchase approval, currently the department has a 1984 Structure pumper, and has gotten 4 bids for replacement of that truck. The purchase of a new truck will improve the department ISO ratings. The Hemingford Fire Department and the Hemingford Rural Fire Protection District recommends the purchase of a Smeal Top Mount Pumper from Feld Fire Equipment. Cost for this dual purpose (structure and accident) truck is \$522,582.00 and takes approximately 300 days to build.

**Motion by** Frost, Second by Hunter to approve the purchase of a Smeal Top Mount Pumper from Feld Fire Equipment.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Frost, Hunter, Wacker.

**Absent:** Annen

**Discussion and possible action:** Approval of the Net Metering Certificate of Completion, Interconnection Agreement and Net Metering Policy. Resident questions regarding liability insurance requirements in the Net metering policy. It was suggested that the requirement be more clearly defined. Changes addressing proof of insurance prior to interconnection and for the duration of interconnection with the village's distribution system.

**Motion by** Hunter, Second by Novotny to approve the Net metering certificate of completion, interconnection agreement and the net metering policy with the suggested changes to the insurance requirement on page 2 of the net metering policy.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Frost, Hunter, Wacker.

**Absent:** Annen

**Discussion and possible action:** First Reading of Ordinance #812

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD, NEBRASKA ADOPTING AN ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTION POLICY, PROCEDURES, CHARGES, AGREEMENTS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Motion by** Novotny, Second by Frost to advance Ordinance #812 to the second reading at the next regular meeting of the Hemingford Village Board of Trustees.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Frost, Hunter, Wacker.

**Absent:** Annen

**Discussion and possible action:** Approval of Resolution 2021-13 moving the Hemingford Community Care Center Line of Credit from Bank of the West to Farmers State Bank. With the facility banking being moved to the Farmers State Bank it makes sense to also move the line of credit and Farmers State Bank is willing to offer the same line of credit that is currently held at Bank of the West

**Motion** by Hunter, Second by Novotny to approve Resolution 2021-13 moving the Hemingford Community Care Center line of credit to Farmers State Bank from Bank of The West.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Frost, Hunter, Wacker.

**Absent:** Annen

**Discussion and possible action:** Approval of agreement 2021-07 for the equipment lease between the County of Box Butte and the Village of Hemingford for the lease of one 2010 Supreme Bus; VIN 1FD4E4FS4ADA49266, for use at the Hemingford Community Care Center.

**Motion** by Novotny, Second by Hunter to approve agreement 2021-07 for the equipment lease between the County of Box Butte and the Village of Hemingford.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Frost, Hunter, Wacker.

**Absent:** Annen

**Discussion and possible action:** Approval of a December Performance Incentive for 365-day accident-free workspace.

**Motion** by Novotny, Second by Frost to pay a Performance Incentive as budgeted to village employees for 365 days accident free.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Frost, Hunter, Wacker.

**Absent:** Annen

**Discussion and possible action:** Approval of MC Schaff new well preliminary engineering services proposal.

**Motion** by Hunter, Second by Frost to approve the preliminary engineering services proposal as written by MC Schaff for a new drinking water well.

**Voting Aye:** Novotny, Frost, Hunter, Wacker.

**Absent:** Annen

**Administrators Report:** Treats on the Street went well with over 200 trick or treaters. During the month of November the village and utilities banking accounts were transferred to Farmers State Bank and for the most part went very smooth, the Hemingford Community Care Center move to Farmers State Bank is almost complete. Registration for Clerk School, March of 2022 is now open, and the Christmas Tree Lighting and Believe Soup Supper is December 1, 2021 at 5:30pm.

**Police Department report:** no report.

**Utilities Department Report:** Written Report, cemetery well is nearly complete, fire hydrant testing and flushing as well as annual sewer jetting is done with no unusual problems, working on preventative maintenance and pole replacement on the electrical system.

**Hemingford Community Care Center Report:** Written Report, Medicare/Medicaid mandated Covid-19 vaccine, reduction in agency staffing but still short 1 full time LPN, financially hold on but supplies are becoming more expensive and harder to find. Currently there are 21 nursing home residents and 9 assisted living.

**Motion** to adjourn at 6/52 by Hunter, second by Novotny

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

**Absent:** Annen

ATTEST:

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John Annen, Chairman

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Barb Straub, Village Clerk