

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
October 19, 2021-6:00pm  
700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting information**  
**Meeting ID 841 8636 8339 Passcode 058528**

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by -Jake Frost

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

Present: Wacker, Hunter, Frost, Annen.

Absent: Novotny

Public Open Meeting Act poster location was pointed out on the front panel of Chamber Council located at the Village office.

**Motion by** Wacker, second by Hunter to excuse Trustee Novotny from the October 19, 2021 regular meeting.

**Voting Aye:** Wacker, Hunter, Frost and Annen.

**Consent Calendar** items included the minutes of the September 21, 2021 regular meeting. Claims against the Village of \$63,110.97, Claims against the Utilities of \$147,195.62, Claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center of \$112,747.22. September 2021 Village Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliations reports. September 2021 Library Report.

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

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

**Absent:** Novotny

Open Public hearing on the 2022 One (1) and Six (6) Year- Street Improvement Program for the Village of Hemingford at 6:04pm.

Mike Olsen of MC Schaff and Associates explained to the board that the one and six remained unchanged from last year with a widening of southern residential blocks of Box Butte Ave still being on the six- year plan. The one addition that the board might want to consider is placing the Roland Street project on the one-year plan in the event the project becomes desirable. Mike also explained to new board members the purpose of One (1) and Six (6) year Street Improvement Program, and how the map of the plans and projects serves as a wish list that the Village would like to do as funding is available, and prioritizing the projects by those that need done sooner rather than later and those that can wait. Board members informed Olsen that the north Box Butte Ave project could be removed from the 1-year Plan, as it was completed by the County in 2021.

Seeing no further questions or comments from the board or public it was requested that Item #10 the utilities department report be moved to the #3 position on the agenda, so that Mike could update the board on the potential new drinking water well.

**Motion by** Wacker, Second by Frost to move item #10 to #3 on the agenda

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

**Absent:** Novotny

Utilities Department Report: Update on the potential new drinking water well, Mike Olsen told the board that he would have more information for the November board meeting but there are 3 steps we need to take in order to drill a new well. First, multiple 2- inch wells will be punched to evaluate sites for quantity and quality of water, a 4-6 in test well will be drilled with and do all the required water sampling in the area selected as the best site for a new well. Finally, the design and production stages will be sent for state review. He also explained that the State could require that we decommission well 1 to get permitting. At the November board meeting Mike will have an engineering cost estimate.

Kyle Huss then completed his report telling the Board that Sargent Drilling is at the cemetery drilling the new well which had to be moved to the west of the original site just a bit due to a large cavern they found. The new cemetery well is a 4 inch well that will pump 100 gallons per minute. Sprinklers and equipment have been winterized, and water repairs to an old unused service line at the Congregational Church has been completed.

**Motion** by Wacker Second by Hunter to close the public hearing on the Village of Hemingford One (1) and Six (6) Year Street Improvement Plan at 6:20pm

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

**Absent:** Novotny

Discussion and possible action: Approval of Resolution 2021-11 adopting the 2022 Village of Hemingford One (1) and Six (6) Year Street Improvement plan.

**Motion** by Frost Second by Wacker to approve Resolution 2021-11 adopting the 2022 Village of Hemingford One (1) and Six (6) Year Street Improvement Plan with the addition of the Roland Street project being added to the one-year plan

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

**Absent:** Novotny

Discussion and possible action: Introduction of Dustin Chester, Farmers State Bank, Sr. Vice President and Compliance Officer. Chester told the board that he had been the branch manager in Alliance since 2012, and that the bank was started in 2011 by a group of investors in Nebraska that purchased a bank in Dodge Kansas and since grown that one bank with \$50 million in assets to eight branches with just about \$320 million in assets. With the closure of the Bank of the West Hemingford Branch they see an opportunity to meet the needs of the Hemingford community, with the possibility of a branch in town. Chester is hoping to have a presence here in Hemingford in the next 30-45 days, starting with a loan production office and expanding from there. At the village's request, Farmers State Bank was approached as a banking option for the village. Chester told the board that Farmers State Bank could easily meet all the needs of the Village and the Care Center, they are a full- service bank that offers the same services as Bank of the West with no fees.

Discussion and possible action: Approval of Resolution 2021-12 appointing Farmers State Bank as the depository for the Village of Hemingford.

**Motion** by Hunter, Second by Wacker approving Resolution 2021-12 appointing Farmers State Bank as the depository for the Village of Hemingford effective November 1, 2021

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

**Absent:** Novotny

Discussion and possible action: Designation of signers on the village of Hemingford banking accounts.

**Motion** by Wacker, Second by Hunter designating all board members and the Village Clerk-Treasurer as signors on all village accounts including the Hemingford Community Care Center general fund. And the care center administrator will also be a signor on the HCCC general fund account. Signors on the HCCC Resident Trust account will be the HCCC Administrator and the Village Clerk-Treasurer.

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

**Absent:** Novotny

Discussion and possible action: Approval of Resolution 2021-10 Opposing Vaccine mandates and declaring the village of Hemingford to be an inclusive community where citizens are empowered with choice. Chairman Annen explained that he felt it was necessary to show support, with so many people losing their jobs because of vaccine mandates. The village recognizes that as a community, its residents know what is best for their health and safety and for their employees and their families.

**Motion** by Frost to approve Resolution 2021-10 with this comment, "I think it is a good thing that we stand up for our community and residents and let them know we are supportive of their freedom" Second by Wacker

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

**Absent:** Novotny

Discussion and possible action: Micro TIF program information, approval of Resolution 2021-09 to allow expedited review of redevelopment plans that meet the requirements of Section 18-2155(2) of NEB.REV.STAT 18-2101. The advantage of Micro TIF for eligible properties is that it allows for an approval process without hearings and multiple levels of review. The disadvantage is that the TIF is limited to 10 years, rather than 15. Once an application is approved, the CRA still is the body that issues the TIF bond, but as long as the application satisfies the requirements, it will be presented to the Board for approval.

**Motion** by Wacker, Second by Hunter to approve resolution 2021-09 to allow expedited review of redevelopment plans that meet the requirements of Section 18-2155(2) of NEB.REV.STAT.18-2101

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

**Absent:** Novotny

Administrators Report: Treats on the Street will be October 29<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 5:30pm with the costume contest at 5pm Judges are Jo Buchheit, D'Ann Krause, and Angus Frisch, there are 21 businesses participating. With the closure of Bank of the West they have given the Village 2 desks from their offices, The Village will be moving them into the office and the current desks will be given to the care center. CDBG grant admin training was complete on 10/19/21 and testing will be on 10/21/21 and 10/22/21. As per the conversation and directions at the budget workshop meeting employee evaluation and increase have been moved from anniversary date to the first full pay period of the new fiscal year. as budgeted increases were 5% of each employee's current salary. We received the notice to proceed from Game and Parks, meaning grant funds for the splash pad have been released. Hoping to get a bid packet out the first week of November.

Police Department report: Training in Kearney went well, one of the items that during training there was extensive conversations, was LB51 that effects the training hours required, (bumping it up to 38 hours in 4 years) but more importantly, how LB51 affects hiring of officers. New non-certified officers will be able to work with a department for 13 weeks and then must attend the academy, if unable to attend the academy on the 14<sup>th</sup> week they become ineligible for work until they complete the academy. Certified officers from another state would have to complete reciprocity training prior to working for any department in the state of Nebraska.

Hemingford Community Care Center Report: 1 new nursing home admission, so there are 9 on the assisted living side and 21 on the Nursing home side. We have applied for and been approved for the next round of provider relief funds but don't know the amount of the award yet. Working on a contract with the VA. There continues to be a staffing shortage across the state we are still short in the nursing, dietary and housekeeping departments. We were able to hire a maintenance person. There has been one staff member test positive for covid.

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:16 by Wacker, second by Frost

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

**Absent:** Novotny

ATTEST:

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John Annen, Chairman

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Barb Straub, Village Clerk