

MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
September 16, 2019 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by Lori Dannar

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

Present: Novotny, Hunter, Wacker, Planansky

Absent: Annen

Public Open Meeting Act poster location was pointed out on the front panel of Chamber Council

Motion by Planansky, Second by Hunter to excuse J. Annen from the September 16, 2019 regular meeting of the Village of Hemingford Board of Trustees

Voting Aye: Novotny, Hunter, Wacker, and Planansky

Absent: Annen

Consent Calendar items included the minutes of the August 28, 2019 regular meeting. Claims against the Village of \$44810.12, Claims against the Utilities of \$93657.66, Claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center of \$93657.66. August 2019 Village Financial Statements. August 2019 Library Report. Application for payment #3 to KL Wood in the amount of \$77851.03 for construction and to MC Schaff in the amount of \$17010.50 for engineering services for the 2019 Hemingford Street Project. Resolution 2019-10 to move the regular board meeting to the third Monday of the month temporarily for six consecutive months beginning October 2019. Appointment of Gerald Thomas to the Hemingford Housing Authority Board. Appointment of April Delsing to the Hemingford Library Board.

Motion by Planansky, second by Novotny to approve the consent calendar as read.

Voting Aye: Novotny, Hunter, Wacker, and Planansky

Absent: Annen

Open Public Hearing for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Village Budget at 6:05pm

Comments by Jim Gardner of Gardner, Loutzenhiser, & Ryan PC. Property value of Hemingford was \$44,947,927 the tax request for the village is \$217,525.80, there will be no increase in the tax request it will remain for a second year at 0.483951 cents, of which 0.339507 cents is the levy for the rural fire protection district. Budgeted disbursements and transfers are \$5815780.91 that includes \$1981256.50 HCCC expenses and disbursements as well as \$1,476,399 in capital improvement projects. The village has a 40% cash reserve, and is very good shape overall. There were no other public comments.

Close Public Hearing for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Village Budget at 6:10pm

Discussion and possible action: Approval of Resolution 2019-11 setting the Property Tax Request of \$217,525.80 for a tax rate of \$0.483951.

Motion by Novotny, second by Hunter to approve resolution 2019-11 setting the property tax request at \$217,525.80 with a tax rate of \$0.483951.

Voting Aye: Novotny, Hunter, Wacker, and Planansky

Absent: Annen

Discussion and possible action: Approval of additional 1% restricted fund authority.

Motion by Novotny Second by Planansky to approve the additional 1% restricted fund authority.

Voting Aye: Novotny, Hunter, Wacker, and Planansky

Absent: Annen

Discussion and possible action: Approval of the Village of Hemingford's 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget.

Motion by Planansky second by Hunter to approve the Village of Hemingford's 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget as presented.

Voting Aye: Novotny, Hunter, Wacker, and Planansky

Absent: Annen

First reading of Ordinance #809

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD, BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO ESTABLISH REVISED SEWER RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEM; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REPEALING ANY EXISTING ORDINANCES OR OTHER PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT THERE WITH; AND DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

Ordinance moves to second reading at the October 14th, 2019 regular meeting of the Hemingford Board of Trustees.

Hemingford Solar Project update: GenPro is still anticipating a construction start at the end of September, looking at the site trees will need to be removed, approximately 100, some are dead and dying and need to be removed anyway, GenPro will be in Hemingford donating and replanting 25 trees through out town to replace a portion of the lost trees. We are planning spring planting for the trees. Village Attorney, Adam Hoelsing reports that contracts are close a final review of the land lease agreements will be completed and there is one point that needs to be addressed on the Power Purchase Agreement. Adam would like to see the Village be a beneficiary of a performance bond, Molly Brown is checking in to that possibility and will be in contact with Adam and the attorney for Valta Energy.

Hemingford Community Care Center Report: Nursing Home census is 29 and assisted living is 11. The fire alarm panel was updated, and the facility will be conducting fire drills. New staff include a maintenance person, transport person and CNA, a full time RN has started and will be covering infection control, fall risks, QA and RN Coverage hours, and two CNAs. we continue to look for 1 full time cook, 2 full time LPN's, 1 full time Med Aide and 2-3 CAN's. the need for staffing agency nurses would be eliminated if we could hire 2 more LPNs. The facility generator is over 30 years old and is not working properly, we have reached out to see if there are grant funds available for this, and have some potential leads on funding. The front entry way will be getting a makeover, moving the metal inside door to the outside and there are donation funds that will pay for the automatic opener. It is uncertain yet where the wooden door will be moved to. Medicaid billing is starting to come in but there are still a few things we need to learn and get correct so that we will be fully reimbursed as we should be. The family picnic was on September 7th and was well attended, family and residents had a great time.

Village Administrators Report: the street project continues demolition on miles street will begin by the end of the week and the intersection at Kearney and Laramie should be completed also by the end of the week. Alliance City Manager ask if the village of Hemingford might be able to help next summer with mosquito spraying if needed. Right now, it is just a thought, trying to stay ahead of potential problems. Barb will be on vacation October 9 thru October 13 returning to the office on the 14th. The Deputy Clerk will prepare the October regular meeting and will be taking the clerks place for that meeting.

Hemingford Police Report: discussion and possible action, purchase of a records management system where alliance PD would be the host site, and requesting the funding for the system from the county E911 funds. The village has never requested funds from the county E-911 funds and this purchase would be an eligible expense for the use of those funds. The system would include software and computers for the three units and potentially one computer in the office.

Motion by Planansky and second by Novotny directing Chief Bryner to apply for Box Butte County E-911 funds to purchase the needed software and hardware to upgrade to the electronic records management system used by the Alliance PD, allowing Alliance to be the host server.

Voting Aye: Novotny, Hunter, Wacker, and Planansky

Absent: Annen

Discussion and possible action: Hemingford Police Department is in need of updating firearms, both service pistols and rifles. Chief Bryner would like to sell the current firearms and use the proceeds towards the purchase of updated firearms.

Motion by Novotny and second by Planansky to allow the Hemingford Chief of Police to sell older firearms and use the proceeds towards the purchase of new firearms.

Voting Aye: Novotny, Hunter, Wacker, and Planansky

Absent: Annen

Hemingford Utilities Report: Seth Heitz was hired and started on August 14th to replace Whisper, all water sanitary survey deficiencies are corrected, the painting of the water tower was the last of the deficiencies to be corrected. The department is busy preparing for colder weather, doing annual maintenance on the larger equipment and moving and organizing the supplies and parts in the shop and other storage sites.

Motion to adjourn by Planansky, second by Novotny at 7:12pm

Voting Aye: Novotny, Hunter, Wacker, and Planansky

Absent: Annen

John Annen, Chairman

ATTEST:

Barb Straub, Village Clerk