

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 20, 2022-6:00pm

700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348

**Zoom Virtual Meeting information**

**Meeting ID 892 8025 5011 Passcode 799732**

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by – Jake Frost

Meeting called to order at 6:20 p.m.

Present: Wacker, Novotny, Frost, Hunter, Annen

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

**Motion** by Novotny, Second by Wacker to move item #7 to the end of the agenda following the Administrators report.

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

**Consent Calendar** items included the minutes of the August 23, 2022 regular meeting. Claims against the Village of \$45,887.01, Claims against the Utilities of \$136,522.05, Claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center of \$13,376.21. August 2022 Village Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliations reports. August 2022 Library Report.

**Motion** by Wacker, Second by Frost to remove item 1d from the consent calendar, claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center, further discuss these claims.

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

**Motion** by Hunter, second by Frost to approve the consent calendar as read and with the removal of item 1d, the claims against the Hemingford Care Center.

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

**Discussion and possible action** on Consent Calendar item 1d, claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center included invoices for Rehab Solutions, a subsidiary of Vetus Foundation in the amount of \$9,551.21. The Vetus Foundation is holding revenues owed to the Village accumulated prior to their possession of the facility in the amount of \$11,279.76. It was the suggestion of the Chairman that these be paid but held until receipt of the funds owed to the Village by the Vetus Foundation.

**Motion** by Novotny, second by Wacker to approve payment to Rehab Solutions contingent upon payment of revenues owed to the Village by the Vetus Foundation.

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

**Discussion and possible action:** Approval of Resolution 2022-06 setting the Property Tax Request at \$285,433.07.

**Motion by** Frost, Second by Hunter to approve Resolution 2022-06 setting the Property Tax Request at \$285,433.07.

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

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

**Motion by** Wacker, Second by Hunter to approve the addition of 1% restricted fund authority.

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

**Discussion and possible action:** Approval of the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Village of Hemingford Budget.

**Motion by** Novotny, Second by Wacker to approve the Village of Hemingford Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget as presented.

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

**Discussion and possible action:** Barb Keegan of the Hemingford Volunteer Fire Department told the board that in the past month there have been 29 fire calls and 11 rescue calls. The department was awarded two grants and still waiting on the Department of Health and Human services for guidelines for the anticipated grant for a new ambulance. With supply issues if the department is awarded a grant for the ambulance, it is approximately 3 years out before the ambulance could be received by the department.

**Discussion and possible action:** Barb Keegan of the Hemingford Volunteer Fire Department is seeking approval by the board for the purchase of a new defibrillator using grant funds already awarded to the department. She also informed the Board that the agreement with the Rural Fire Protection District, the Village of Hemingford and the Hemingford Volunteer Fire Department is out dated and needs some adjustments. Libby Stobel, the Village Attorney will review the document and make suggestions for the updates for review of the other two entities.

**Motion by** Wacker, Second by Hunter to approve the purchase of a new defibrillator by the Hemingford Volunteer Fire Department.

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

**Discussion and possible action:** Review and approval of quotes for a new HVAC system for the library. Quotes were submitted by MPC of Chadron for \$8,677.20 and Fire and Ice Mechanical also of Chadron in the amount of \$5,800.00.

**Motion by** Wacker, Second by Frost to approve the quote by Fire and Ice Mechanical in the amount of \$5,800 for a new HVAC system at the Hemingford Library.

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

**Utilities Department Report:** Austin Lang started on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. Johnson Service will here soon to clean and camera the sewer system as part of the annual system maintenance, Cheryl will be done at the Cemetery October 1 this year but will continue to work two day a week at the library. – Kyle Huss

**Administrators Report:** The Sheriff's office has responded to 55 service calls and 3 traffic stops in the past 30 days. Straub will be taking vacation time September 26-28, Brigitte has a leadership class on the 28<sup>th</sup>

of the month so with both office personnel out the office will be closed on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September only. –  
Barb Straub

**Motion** by Novotny, Second by Frost to go into executive session at 6:58 pm for the purpose to discuss legal matters for the protection of public interest.

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

**Motion** by Wacker, Second by Frost return to regular session at 7:12 pm.

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

**Discussion and possible action:** Approval of Hemingford Care Center HVAC replacement bid from MPC Heating and Cooling of Chadron in the amount of \$98,727.70

Motion by Wacker, Second by Hunter to accept Hemingford Care Center HVAC replacement bid from MPC Heating and Cooling of Chadron in the amount of \$98,727.70

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

**Motion** to adjourn at 7:17 by Novotny, Second by Frost

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

ATTEST:

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Barb Straub, Village Clerk

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John Annen, Chairman