

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 21, 2021-6:00pm
700 Box Butte Ave. Hemingford, NE. 69348
Zoom Virtual Meeting information
Meeting ID 874 7713 2126 Passcode 479047

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening prayer by -Jake Frost

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

Present: Novotny, Hunter, Frost, Annen.

Absent: Wacker

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

Motion by Novotny, second by Hunter to excuse Trustee Wacker from the September 21, 2021 regular meeting.

Voting Aye: Novotny, Hunter, Frost and Annen.

Consent Calendar items included the minutes of the August 17, 2021 regular meeting, minutes of the September 14, 2021 Budget Hearing, and minutes of the September 15, 2021 Special meeting. Claims against the Village of **\$40987.21** plus an additional \$10 for cemetery filings that came in late, for a total of **40997.21**, Claims against the Utilities of **\$116515.55**, Claims against the Hemingford Community Care Center of **\$155765.12**. August 2021 Village Financial Statements and July and August bank reconciliations. August 2021 Library Report. The appointment of Robyn Armenta to the Hemingford Library Board.

Motion by Frost second by Hunter to approve the consent calendar as read with the addition of \$10 to the claims against the village for cemetery filings.

Voting Aye: Frost, Hunter, Novotny, Annen

Absent: Wacker

Discussion and possible action: Hemingford Fire Department update, Barb Keegan reported that there had been 39 fire calls and 84 rescue calls this year. The department is still looking to purchase a new ambulance but will end up going out for bid later that expected. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services completed their inspection of the fire department, with only a handful of deficiencies. It is required that records be kept current for 5 years and the department was only able to verify the last 3 years, so that will continue to be a deficiency for another 2 years when there will be 5 years of complete records. The ambulances met standards and the records were well kept just not enough of them to meet the criteria. There were only 5 reports that did not meet the 72 -hour rule of reporting, giving the department a 98.96% compliance rate.

Discussion and possible action: Approval of Net Metering Certificate of Completion, Net Metering Policy, Interconnection agreement and application- **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Discussion and possible action: First reading of Ordinance #812

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD, NEBRASKA ADOPTION OF AN ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTION, POLICY, PROCEDURES, CHARGES, AGREEMENTS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. - **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Discussion and possible action: Recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to rezone the old Hemingford Clinic property at 812 Laramie from commercial to residential. The sale of the property is pending and the intended purpose of the new owner is to transform the building into a single-family home. Surrounding properties on

the same block to the south, north and west are zoned residential with Mobius Communications across the street to the east being zoned commercial. - Lori Dannar

Motion by Novotny, Second by Frost to change the zoning at 812 Laramie (old Hemingford Clinic) to residential.

Voting Aye: Frost, Hunter, Novotny, Annen

Absent: Wacker

Discussion and possible action: Approval of Resolution 2021-07 to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads for the Village of Hemingford annual Certification of Street Superintendent and compliance.

Motion by Hunter, Second by Novotny to approve resolution 2021-07 to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads for the Village of Hemingford annual certification.

Voting Aye: Frost, Hunter, Novotny, Annen

Absent: Wacker

Discussion and possible action: Second reading of Ordinance #811

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD NEBRASKA AMENDING THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 32.76L SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B), RELATING TO VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICIES; SPECIFICALLY, THOSE REALTING TO OFFICER RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSE TIME AND REPEALING ANY OTHER ORDINANCES OR PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT THERE WITH, DIRECTING THE PUBLICATIONOF THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Due to the countywide difficulties in hiring qualified Law Enforcement Officers the board felt a change in the residency requirements would help attract candidates for the Hemingford Police Department. The ordinance eliminates the residency requirement, replacing it with a 30- minute response time to calls.

Motion by Frost, second by Novotny to suspend the Third (3RD) reading of Ordinance #811

Voting Aye: Frost, Hunter, Novotny, Annen

Absent: Wacker

Motion by Novotny, Second by Frost to pass and publish Ordinance #811

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HEMINGFORD NEBRASKA AMENDING THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 32.76L SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B), RELATING TO VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICIES; SPECIFICALLY, THOSE REALTING TO OFFICER RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSE TIME AND REPEALING ANY OTHER ORDINANCES OR PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT THERE WITH, DIRECTING THE PUBLICATIONOF THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting Aye: Frost, Hunter, Novotny, Annen

Absent: Wacker

Administrators Report: Credit on account for net metering at 500 Ogallala is \$41.45 and will be applied once the net metering agreement and policies have been adopted by the village board. To date there have been no further conversations with property owners regarding the street upgrades on Roland Street. Bank of the West Hemingford branch is closing on December 3, 2021. Hemingford Community Care Center administrator and Village of Hemingford Administrator met with representatives at Framers State Bank, Alliance Ne. to gather information regarding banking needs for the village on 9/16/2021. The 2021-2022 village budget is complete and has been submitted to the Nebraska State Auditors office. CDBG grant administration recertification training begins in October all done via Webinar. Out of the office taking the remainder of vacation time 9/29/21-10/04/21.

Utilities Department Report: There are no new updates on the potential for a new village drinking water well, we are waiting for preliminary approval from the Upper Niobrara White District on permitting, and MC Schaff on placement possibilities. We are on the list for the new cemetery well hoping for early to mid-October. Before winter we are digging out the drainage ditches and the sprinklers at the ballfields are fixed.

Hemingford Community Care Center Report: Nursing home census is 20 and 9 for assisted living. Currently in need of 2 charge staff for nights, 3 CNAs and 2 med aides to be finished with agency staffing. The quick CAN/Med Aide training has been extended. There may be another opportunity for some provider relief funds in the next week, will monitor that and be ready to apply as soon as the round is opened. Agency staff is becoming more and more expensive, causing a strain on the Care Centers finances. With the closing of the Bank of the West Branch we would like to explore the chance to see services offered by other banks.

Motion to adjourn at 6:54 by Hunter, second by Frost

Voting Aye: Frost, Hunter, Novotny, Annen

Absent: Wacker

ATTEST:

John Annen, Chairman

Barb Straub, Village Clerk