

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING MARCH 8, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Clearwater met in regular session Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7 p.m., in the fire hall meeting room. Meeting was opened at 7:01 p.m. Notice of meeting was given in advance by publication in *Summerland Advocate-Messenger* and notice was given to prior to meeting. Public was informed of location of Open Meeting Act poster. Present: Kevin Filsinger, Steve Stearns, Mike Klabenes, Kelly Kerkman, Steve Hankla. Others present: Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen, Kate Ahlers, Mason Herrman from Miller & Associates, Shirley Clinton, Carla Jacob, Sheriff Bob Moore, Dane Nielsen from Nielsen Insurance, reporter LuAnn Schindler, Angie Hupp.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Klabenes, to approve February 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Voting aye: Stearns, Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none.

The treasurer's report was given. Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to place report on file. Voting aye: Stearns, Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none.

Late water bills were presented. Three customers were notified bills needed to be paid by the 22nd.

Miller & Associates report: Mason Herrman presented results from the 2021 housing survey. Results assist Village in housing grant application. Fifty-nine residents filled out survey. Seventy-one percent of respondents said single family homes are most needed. Hindrances for people to move to town include lack of housing. Village will hold community meeting to discuss street conditions and how to pay for repairs on June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at fire hall meeting room.

Dane Nielsen from Nielsen Insurance presented Village insurance review. Changes to equipment being insured include selling of dump truck, trade-in of John Deere mower, new Bobcat broom attachment, new heater pan.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Klabenes, to move up agenda item 12, discussion of possible school land acquisition. Voting aye: Stearns, Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Discussion was held on whether Village wants to acquire land if lift station is needed for sewer; how far from school well is needed to avoid pump kickbacks; how many houses can current four-inch water main handle. Board mostly interested in track and tennis court areas. School auctioning land first weekend in June. Discussion held on how road would be put in for lots. Board will talk with attorney to figure out how to approve amount to bid without being public knowledge.

Carla Jacob presented a plan for old gas station building east of park playground. A Clearwater Historical Society is being formed and will file for 501(c)3 status. Planning fundraisers to fix up building to make museum with old school and Village memorabilia. Most pictures, awards and trophies not being moved to new school building. Research being done to see if building qualifies as historical site. Board to speak to attorney regarding Village keeping ownership of building and leasing to historical society.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to turn building over to historical society. Voting aye: Stearns, Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. After more discussion, board decided to speak to attorney about possibility of Village keeping ownership of building, carrying insurance, and leasing building to historical society for as little as \$1 per year.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to amend original motion to allow historical society to begin clean-up and fundraising while Board speaks to attorney. Voting aye: Stearns, Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none.

Two bids were received for haying two Village-owned plots of land. Jay Snider bid \$1,101.00, Eli Jacob bid \$1,500.00. Motion by Stearns, seconded by Filsinger, to approve Eli Jacob's bid to mow both lots for the 2021 mowing season. Voting aye: Stearns, Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Village to be paid after hay sold.

Economic report: Several applications for façade grant program being filled. Deadline of April 15, 2021 in place. New emails are up and running, but have a few bugs to work out. An Antelope County Job Fair will be held at the Antelope County fairgrounds Tuesday, March 23 for all county schools. There is no charge for any Antelope County businesses and farms who want to participate. Board discussed being willing to put \$5,000 per residence toward land purchase for housing project. Stearns mentioned the cost of building supplies has tripled, which will raise the price of the planned duplex project if grant is approved.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to move up agenda item 14, sheriff's report. Sheriff Bob Moore reported 82 hours, 43 minutes and three 911 calls for January 2021, and 79 hours, 18 minutes and zero 911 calls for February 2021. The sheriff's department and Village attorney Joe McNally are working together to move forward on nuisance violation charges.

Maintenance report: Kate Ahlers has been busy removing snow, and scraping street edges to improve water flow. Is registered for pesticide training class April 15. After animal control inspection, discussion was held regarding need for kennel taking up space in maintenance shop. Kennel doesn't need to be standing at all times, or needed at all if Village has agreement to store stray dogs elsewhere. Hurtig

Well Service fixed water leak at 212 Nevada St. Will return to replace meter. Next time he's in town, would also like Hurtig to tap water and sewer lines for camper pads north of town.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Filsinger, to pay Hurtig Well Service bill for water leak, then send Village invoice to homeowner as leak was on their side of line. Voting aye: Stearns, Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none.

Discussion on using bank run and rock, or millings from county to patch two extremely bad roads.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Klabenes, to approve trade-in of 2017 John Deere mower for 2021 John Deere mower for an after trade-in payment of \$4,100. Voting aye: Stearns, Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none.

Ahlers wants large A-frame or two-ton floor jacks and heavy-duty jack stands to lift mowers for replacing blades. Tip Top Lawn Care to send estimate for spraying football field. Discussion regarding possible 33 ft. by 60 ft. concrete pad to store equipment attachments on outside. Decision tabled until next month. Hose for hose reel on end gun football field sprinkler needs to be replaced. List of surplus equipment discussed. Three items, including Ford tractor and bar mower, Chevy straight truck with hoist, and three-point New Holland finish mower can be sold. One wooden trailer might not belong to Village. Will be moved to dump.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to sell three surplus items through Big Iron online auction. Voting aye: Stearns, Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Filsinger, to approve open sided storage building permit for Dana Kester. Voting aye: Stearns, Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none.

Antelope County planning to put down cement between bridges on 516 Ave. Would expect Village to pay for half mile portion in Village limits. Cement cost approximately \$200,000 versus \$50,000 for cold mix and oil with concrete around manhole covers. Board discussed finding out how much a bond levy for street repair would cost. County road discussion tabled until next month.

Library report: LuAnn Schindler spoke for the library board with concern for the storage and condition of old microfilm and village newspapers. Items should be stored in temperature and humidity-controlled area but are currently held in the old ambulance bay and are subjected to extreme temperature and humidity fluctuations. Discussion was held to possibly move them to the storage area in the new fire station. Library would like to get microfilm and newspapers digitized for easy access and to protect information in case items get ruined. Orchard currently raising approximately \$8,000 to digitize their papers. Schindler estimates Clearwater would need \$9-10,000. Fundraisers would be held, as well as applying for grants. Village going to speak to attorney to make sure digitizing for historical reasons would not create copyright issues. Library also qualified for grant to assist in hiring an intern for the summer.

Clerk report: Angie Hupp was contacted by representative of cross-country bicycling group who wanted permission to camp in the ballfield park the evening of June 28. New emails are working, with a few bugs still needing to be worked out, including migrating clerk's old email address to new. Waiting for Nebraska Payport to send agreement to begin online bill pay option. Received notice that the Village's audit waiver was approved. Hupp was awarded a full scholarship to attend the 2021 virtual Clerk Institute, so there will be no cost to the Village.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Klabenes, to approve transfer of \$112.06 from general checking to debit account to cover pesticide training registration and materials, as well as email account set-up payment. Voting aye: Stearns, Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none.

Old business: Village is on Rutjens Construction list to tap into water main for house southwest of town. Security cameras for park are still on backorder.

New business: Discussed status of baseball and whether there will be teams. Board's understanding that Clearwater, Ewing, and Orchard are going to create a Summerland team for baseball and softball. Stearns brought up possibility of Village cementing wide curb on east side of Main Street from Cornerstone Bank building, south to corner of Main Street and Nebraska Street to alleviate some of the mud and puddles and make snow removal and parking easier. Automate Dairy had a leak in Main Street building, so Board will wait to see if they need to tear anything up to fix. Klabenes asked if it was all right to tear out a fence along village-owned property that was damaged during tree removal. Board said it was not a problem. A culvert near Nevada and Frenchtown streets was smashed along top. Discussion was held regarding how to fix it. A faucet in the well room at the library is leaking. Filsinger and Ahlers have been trying to get it stopped.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Klabenes, to post a help wanted ad for summer help in the Summerland Advocate-Messenger. Voting aye: Stearns, Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Klabenes, to approve all claims. Voting aye: Stearns, Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none.

Black Hills Energy, propane	\$612.84	Debit Account, trnsfr	\$112.06
CORE Development, dues	\$400.00	Bomgaars, sup	\$92.72

Hi-Way Mart, fuel	\$37.63	One Office Solution, sup	\$55.26
Schumacher, Smejkal, Herley & Elm, legal	\$3,000.00	NNTC, util	\$195.23
Summerland Public School, misc	\$200.00	EMC Insurance, ins	\$2,903.09
Verizon Wireless, phone	\$88.09	Antelope Co. Sheriff, fees	\$1,202.25
Famers Pride, propane	\$336.92	Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, taxes	\$1,049.94
Economic Savings, tax trnsfr	\$2,723.99	General Savings, tax trnsfr	\$2,723.99
Angie Hupp, payroll	\$810.66	Kathleen Ahlers, payroll	\$2,861.21
Tina Snider, payroll	\$223.03	Graciela Reyes, labor	\$36.94
Kelly Kerkman, mtg	\$69.26	Kevin Filsinger, mtg	\$69.27
Mike Klabenes, mtg	\$69.26	Steve Hankla, mtg	\$69.27
Steve Stearns, mtg	\$69.27	ColdType Publishing, legal	\$198.63
McNally Law Office, legal	\$150.00	WEX Bank, fuel	\$930.32
Clearwater Market, sup	\$16.21	ERPPD, util	\$1,790.91
NE Public Health Enviro. Lab, samples	\$252.00	DHHS Dept. of Health, classes	\$260.00
Alan Potter, labor	\$144.00	US Post Office, postage	\$165.10
Sargent Drilling, srv	\$3,051.28	ERDBAU, Inc., util	\$1,010.00
One Call Concept, util	\$1.15	Bud's Sanitary, util	\$2,079.00
Water Savings, trnsfr	\$685.00	Sewer Savings, trnsfr	\$865.00
Lagoon Savings, trnsfr	\$1,450.00	General Checking, trnsfr	\$174.00
Petty Cash, postage	\$4.20	Hurtig Well Service, srv	\$360.00
Overhead Door Co., sup	\$52.00	Heartland Fire Protection, insp	\$107.45
Kathy Feusse, payroll	\$609.51	Syncb/Amazon, sup	\$151.82

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Filsinger, to adjourn. Voting aye: Stearns, Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk