

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING MAY 10, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Clearwater met in regular session Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., in the fire hall meeting room. Meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. Notice of meeting was given in advance by publication in *Summerland Advocate-Messenger* and notice was given to council persons prior to meeting. Public was informed of location of Open Meeting Act poster. Present: Kevin Filsinger, Mike Klabenes, Kelly Kerkman, Steve Hankla. Others present: Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen, Kate Ahlers, Tyler Hillmer from Miller & Associates, Carla Jacob, James Bolling, Angie Hupp. Absent: Steve Stearns.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to approve April 12, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

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

Late water bills were presented. One customer notified bill needed to be paid by the 20th to avoid disrupted service.

Miller & Associates report: Tyler Hillmer discussed preconstruction meeting held Monday, May 10 at 3 p.m. regarding wastewater project. Subcontractor Doernemann Construction intends to begin moving dirt in early June. Hillmer discussed qualifications for CDBG grants in the amount of \$250,000 to \$400,000, for Village to use to repair streets. Village only required 10 percent match of grant funds, versus 25 percent in years past. Grant requires residential streets to be fixed. Nebraska and Iowa streets likely choices if grant awarded. Discussion on whether asphalt or concrete is better. Asphalt goes further for amount, but doesn't last as long as concrete. Other roads could be included in project, but funds would have to come directly from Village, especially if business zoned areas were included. Application due July 31.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to approve Miller & Associates proceed with applying for CDBG grant on behalf of the Village. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Klabenes, to approve paying \$128,000 Miller & Associates invoice for wastewater project design. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to approve moving up agenda item 13 regarding Resolution 2021-01. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to approve Resolution 2021-01 for Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy loan to Village in amount of \$851,260 for wastewater project. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Filsinger, to approve lease agreement between Village and Clearwater Historical Society as written. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns. Hankla and Carla Jacob signed lease agreement for old gas station building located at 402 Nebraska St. for \$1 per year to be paid to Village by June 1 of every year. Village responsible for building insurance and utilities. Historical society responsible for maintenance and building upkeep.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Filsinger, to approve building permit application of James (JJ) Bolling. Bolling will move curve building from Wayne County property to his lot southwest of Village limits. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to table Sharon King building permit application until June. Discussion needs to be held with attorney and zoning regulations need to be looked into. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to approve special designated liquor license for July 31 at the rodeo grounds. Clearwater Chamber will hold rough stock competition that day. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Klabenes, to approve Brian King to economic development board. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to approve Dawn Curtis to CARC committee. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to approve Tessa Pelster to LB840 board. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Economic development report: Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen proposed a Main Street beautification project. A community member suggested placing approximately a dozen filled flowerpots along Main St. Sheridan-Simonsen and community member who made suggestion are willing to water and maintain pots. LB840 funds would be used for the project.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Filsinger, to approve up to \$3,000 in LB840 funds to use toward flowerpots and flowers for Main St. beautification. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to approve use of budgeted funds for subscriptions to Summerland Advocate-Messenger for all 10 graduating Clearwater seniors. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Sheridan-Simonsen also suggested using a marketing company to create a two-minute video about the Village with the possible tagline "Clearwater is calling you home." The Village would own all rights and the cost would be approximately \$2,500. No decision was made. A Chamber coffee open house was held at The Office Friday, May 7 for Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company. New Clearwater area technician Barry Stearns, as well as several other NNTC employees, attended to visit with the community. NNTC has community grant program that awards up to \$5,000 for technology-based projects. Anyone in service area can apply.

Workforce Housing Plan can be made an amendment to extend use of funds for housing development. Sheridan-Simonsen is talking with attorney and will bring more information to the June meeting.

Maintenance report: Decision on concrete pad for storage has been put on hold indefinitely. Tommy the Plumber has been called to town to look at putting a water meter inside a house on Iowa St. instead of in the middle of the driveway where it was originally placed. Letters regarding trimming trees overhanging the road will be sent out mid-summer.

Quotes were received by three businesses to replace Massey Ferguson compact tractor. A bid of \$13,000 from Kayton International for a 2020 Branson 2505H ROPS tractor; a bid of \$9,881 from Manzer Equipment for a Massey Ferguson MFGC1723E compact tractor; and a bid of \$9,997 from Reinke's Farm & City Service for a 2021 Massey Ferguson MFGC1723E compact tractor with grille guard and 10-year powertrain warranty or \$9,502 with a five-year powertrain warranty.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to approve the Reinke's Farm & City Service bid of \$9,502 for the 2021 MFGC1723E compact tractor with grille guard and five-year powertrain warranty. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Klabenes, to approve hiring a carpet cleaner to clean library, Village office and fire hall. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Sheriff's report: Sheriff Moore not in attendance. No report given.

Park report: Summerland Ball Association will drag and chalk fields for games. Both fields will be used. Village only responsible for mowing and putting out bleachers. Klabenes said 8mp security cameras are still backordered. Board decided to wait for them instead of going with a smaller megapixel.

Angie Hupp was contacted by a woman interested in placing a memorial bench in park. Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to approve placing of memorial bench in park near entrance to playground. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Quotes still being collected for concrete along east side of Main St.

Clerk's report: Only a third of dog tags have been paid. A letter will go out with May water bill to those we know have dogs. Signs will go up around town advertising spring clean-up May 26-June 2. J&J Sanitation will provide a roll-off dumpster in parking lot by park. Ray Bellar is also expected to provide a trailer for metal scrap. Signs will go around town and an ad will be placed in the Summerland Advocate-Messenger regarding a public hearing to be held Monday, June 14 at 7 p.m. to hear community input about condition of streets and what needs to be done to fix them. A letter was read from Bridget Scott to the Board of Trustees to ask that chemical spraying not be done near 101 Colorado St. Hupp presented a list of water meters that are not working correctly. Tyler Hillmer will contact Municipal Supply to see what needs to be done to remedy the situation as there shouldn't be problems so soon after installation.

Old business: Klabenes has hydrants in and sewer is almost ready for tie-in. He is waiting on Hurtig Well Service to tap into Village water and sewer mains for camping pads. Hurtig is also supposed to fix a leak on Neuer St., and replace a broken meter at a residence on Nevada St.

The Village sold three pieces of equipment on a Big Iron Auction online sale. The Village will receive a check for \$4,905 after fees and processing.

New business: Hupp was approached about what type of flowers should be put in flowerpots surrounding Main St. flagpole. Board suggested adjusting beautification budget to provide flowers for those pots as well.

Summerland Booster Club is asking all three towns for \$2,000 help pay for signs to direct drivers to new school building. Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Klabenes, to approve \$2,000 for school signage. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Kerkman has been approached about lawn care at the Community of Christ Church and empty lot by Derek Thiele house. Letter will be sent to church regarding upkeep. Board will discuss what needs to

be done with lot, since that is where the duplex is supposed to go. Klabenes needs the sand pile and barricades removed from the end of Montana St. so he can make a driveway for camper pads.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to go into executive session at 9:21 p.m. to protect public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to an individual. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to exit executive session at 9:41 p.m. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Filsinger, to approve summer employment of Hunter Klabenes, Matthew Feusse and Maryssa Long. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns. Abstain: Klabenes.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to pay KF Repair claim. Voting aye: Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns. Abstain: Filsinger.

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

Black Hills Energy, fuel	\$233.26	Debit Account, tnsfr	\$20.00
Bomgaars, sup	\$693.09	Eakes Office Solution, sup	\$119.98
City of Neligh, econ	\$3,482.03	NNTC, util	\$190.05
Fry Brothers Fertilizer, sup	\$110.00	Reinke's Farm & City Service, sup	\$195.03
EMC Insurance, ins	\$3,244.82	Love Signs, sign	\$1,300.00
Verizon Wireless, phone	\$89.10	Antelope Co. Sheriff, fees	\$1,202.25
Farmers Pride, fuel	\$496.33	Nebraska Dept. of Revenue, tax	\$1,132.16
Economic Savings, tax tnsfr	\$2,002.86	General Savings, tax tnsfr	\$2,002.86
Angie Hupp, pay	\$850.77	Kathleen Ahlers, pay	\$3,204.95
Tina Snider, pay	\$155.16	Melvin Ahlers, pay	\$182.85
Graciela Reyes, labor	\$36.94	Paul Horman, pay	\$108.06
Kelly Kerkman, mtg	\$69.26	Kevin Filsinger, mtg	\$69.26
Mike Klabenes, mtg	\$69.26	Steve Hankla, mtg	\$69.26
Steve Stearns, mtg	\$69.26	Big John Mfg. Co., Inc., rep	\$313.15
McNally Law Office, lgl	\$465.00	WEX Bank, fuel	\$175.34
Bearinger Tax & Accounting, fees	\$70.00	ERPPD, util	\$1,710.64
Northeast Neb. Econ. Dev., dues	\$655.00	AKRS Equipment, sup	\$68.52
Beckman Lumber Inc., sup	\$80.30	Barco Municipal Products, sup	\$88.39
Main Street Repair, rep	\$212.04	KF Repair, labor	\$500.00
Alan Potter, labor	\$64.00	NE Public Health Enviro. Lab, samp	\$237.00
One Call Concepts, util	\$3.46	US Post Office, pstg	\$110.00
Bud's Sanitary, util	\$2,092.50	Lagoon Savings, tnsfr	\$1,450.00
Water Savings, tnsfr	\$685.00	Sewer Savings, tnsfr	\$865.00
Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen, reimb	\$10.00	Quick Med Claims, srv	\$84.52
Clearwater Market, sup	\$5.33	Syncb/Amazon, sup	\$261.98
Nichole Sanne, reimb	\$124.7	Kathy Feusse, pay	\$639.52
Trista Hemenway, pay	\$33.25	Miller & Associates, srv	\$128,000.00

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Klabenes, to adjourn. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Absent: Stearns. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk