

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Clearwater met in regular session Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7 p.m., in the fire hall meeting room. Meeting was opened at 7 p.m. Notice of meeting was given in advance by publication in *Summerland Advocate-Messenger* and notice was given to board members prior to meeting. Public was informed of location of Open Meeting Act poster. Present: Kelly Kerkman, Steve Hankla, Steve Stearns, Kevin Filsinger, Mike Klabenes. Others present: ED Director Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen, Maintenance Kate Ahlers, Reporter LuAnn Schindler, Sheriff Bob Moore, Mike Reif with Terracon, Clerk Angie Hupp.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Kerkman, to approve the Sept. 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

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

Late water bills were presented.

Mike Reif from Terracon presented information regarding the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy's petroleum remediation program. They will be removing or aerating contaminated soil in front of Den's Repair across Main St., and by old gas station building at Main and Nebraska streets. The project is paid by NDEE with no cost to the Village.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Filsinger, to approve Terracon to proceed with project, pending all appropriate permits. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Miller & Associates report: Rutjens Construction making good progress on wastewater project. Lines are almost ready to test and they are just waiting on a few parts for the lift station.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to approve Steve Hankla and Angie Hupp as official signers for contracts, approved bills and other paperwork associated with the NAHTF grant housing project. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Filsinger, to approve paying Stearns Construction \$9,998 in LB840 funds to use towards purchase of NAHTF housing project land, pending LB840 loan committee approval. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Klabenes. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Stearns.

Economic development report: Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen, Angie Hupp and Miller & Associates representatives Joene Crocker and Ashley Weesner, met with Nebraska Department of Economic housing representative Barb Pierce on Friday, Oct. 8, to discuss process for NAHTF release of funds and contract. Discussion was held regarding what was learned at the meeting. Marketing video editing should be complete by December. Sheridan-Simonsen and Hupp will drive around town to create list of distressed and nuisance violation properties. Sheridan-Simonsen will send letter through ED office to suggest programs available to help property owners.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Filsinger, to approve digital façade payment of \$150 to Blade & Bliss. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Stearns, to move up agenda item 16, sheriff's report. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none. Sheriff's department received neighbor complaint regarding a property in Village limits. Board told Sheriff Moore to speak with property owner. Department willing to deliver nuisance violation complaint letters so receipt is documented.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to transfer \$150 from economic savings to economic checking for Blade & Bliss grant payment. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to transfer \$9,998 from economic savings to economic checking for Stearns Construction LB840 payment. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Klabenes. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Stearns.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Filsinger, to approve Ordinance 2021-5 changing zoning on an irregular tract of land located in the NW ¼ of Section 6, Township 25N, Range 7W of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska, belonging to Steve and Kathy Ahlers, to residential. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to approve Ordinance 2021-4 prohibiting portable storage containers and trailers in Village limits. After more discussion, motion was withdrawn and ordinance tabled pending more discussion with Village attorney.

Maintenance report: Work was done on Joan Allemang's water lines to clean out and increase water pressure. Estimate from Knife River Midwest was presented for street repairs next year. Discussion was held regarding how many streets could be fixed with millings and overlay instead of hot mix.

Library report: Mark Thiele still working with lighting company to fix random blinking problem in newly installed LED lights. Summer reading program was successful, with a total of 701 patrons visiting during the summer months. After school programs to begin this month.

Park report: Discussion was held regarding new quotes for security cameras. Quotes received from J&S TV & Electronics for \$9,664.20 and \$4,086.32, Xtra Productions for \$1,850 and Applied Connective Technologies for \$7,963.53. Clerk to find out if cameras recording signs need to be placed.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Stearns, to approve Applied Connective quote of \$7,963.53 to install security cameras around park and library building. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

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Motion by Stearns, seconded by Kerkman, to purchase two LED light fixtures from Echo Electric Supply at \$570.77 each for Main St. flagpole spotlights. ERPPD will install when they have time. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Discussion on pouring concrete along curb on east side of Main St. from Cornerstone Bank to Nebraska St. held. Rob Hoefler verbally quoted Stearns \$10 a running foot. Discussion on condition of sidewalk in front of office and library. Going to talk to Hoefler about replacing sidewalk as well. Kate Ahlers will speak to Automated Dairy to see if they want any concrete replaced in front of their Main St. building.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Klabenes, to hire Rob Hoefler to replace sidewalk in front of office and library and pour concrete along curb on east side of Main St. from Cornerstone Bank to Nebraska St. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Clerk report: Emma Powell sent a formal complaint regarding being asked to trim a tree in the alley by her house when the alley isn't maintained. Power poles and gas meters crowd alley, making it impossible to maintain. Hupp will contact ERPPD and Black Hills Energy about moving poles and meters.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to approve Ordinance 2021-3 raising clerk wage from \$12 to \$16 per hour. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Old business: No news on boring water line to house southwest of town. Dennis Sanne to continue position on CORE board.

New business: People illegally dumping items in public dumpster west of park. Ahlers to move for a while. Might need to add a camera to security set-up to cover dumpster.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Stearns, to approve paying Innovative Ag claim. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Stearns, Hankla. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Klabenes.

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

General Checking

Bomgaars, sup	\$422.43	Blackburn Mfg. Co., sup	\$108.90
Clearwater Market, sup	\$17.14	EMC Insurance, ins	\$3,272.57
Verizon Wireless, phone	\$75.45	Appera, sup	\$39.32
NNTC, phone/internet	\$218.10	Farmers Pride, fuel	\$193.42
McNally Law Office, lgl	\$295.08	ERPPD, elec	\$1,173.25
ColdType Publishing, adv	\$267.76	AKRS Equipment, sup	\$28.08
WEX Bank, fuel	\$819.30	Kayton International, Albion, equip	\$4,444.00
Black Hills Energy, fuel	\$60.00	American Legion Emblem Sales, sup	\$157.65
Antelope Co. Sheriff, srv	\$1,202.25	Debit Account, tnfr	\$11.96
Economic Savings, tnfr	\$2,688.10	General Savings, tnfr	\$2,688.10
Neb. Dept. of Revenue, tx	\$1,241.42	Clearwater Public Library, tnfr	\$2,250.00
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	Angie Hupp, pay	\$1,173.43
Kathleen Ahlers, pay	\$3,361.73	Melvin Ahlers, pay	\$336.61
Paul Horman, pay	\$74.80	Graciela Reyes, pay	\$36.94
Innovative Ag, rpr	\$350.00		

Water/Sewer Checking

Hurtig Well Service, rpr	\$1,526.16	Pettitt Plumbing, srv	\$354.56
One Call Concepts, Inc., srv	\$17.70	ERPPD, elec	\$543.94
US Post Office, srv	\$169.75	Bud's Sanitary, srv	\$2,106.00
Water Savings, tnfr	\$685.00	Sewer Savings, tnfr	\$865.00
Lagoon Savings, tnfr	\$1,450.00		

Economic Checking

Stearns Construction, grant	\$9,998.00	Blade & Bliss, grant	\$150.00
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Fire Checking

Island Supply Welding, sup	\$68.10	Heartland Fire Protection, sup	\$644.50
Quick Med Claims, srv	\$67.56		

Library Checking

Syncb/Amazon, sup	\$132.25	Nebraska Library Commission, dues	\$500.00
Faith King, pay	\$74.80	Kathy Feusse, pay	\$641.84
Kathy Feusse, miles	\$15.08	Rochelle Dixon, pay	\$33.25

Debit Account

Rackspace Email, srv	\$11.96
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Total bills: \$41,664.18; total wages: \$5,733.40

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to adjourn. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.