

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING JUNE 14, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Clearwater met in regular session Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., in the fire hall meeting room. Meeting was opened at 7:32 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: Mike Klabenes, Kelly Kerkman, Steve Hankla, Steve Stearns. Others present: Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen, Kate Ahlers, Ashley Weesner and Joene Crocker from Miller & Associates, Sheriff Bob Moore, Dawn Curtis, LuAnn Schindler, Angie Hupp. Absent: Kevin Filsinger.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to approve the May 10, 2021 regular meeting minutes after amending June 14 public hearing at 7 p.m. to public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Voting aye: Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Filsinger.

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

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

Miller & Associates report: Bill Kester from Cornerstone Bank and Anthony Guenther from USDA have been in contact regarding the USDA loan for the Village's wastewater project. Dirt work has begun on wastewater lagoon. Ashley stated Tyler Hillmer is waiting on reply from water meter suppliers regarding warranty, since several meters aren't working correctly.

Board reviewed and scored one proposal for general administrator for CDBG public works application for street improvements. Motion by Stearns, seconded by Klabenes, to approve Miller & Associates as general administrator of CDBG public works project, pending grant approval. Voting aye: Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Filsinger.

A public hearing was opened at 7:45 p.m. for the Citizen's Advisory Review Committee report. Dawn Curtis read report. Since November 2020, LB840 received \$12,895.81 in sales tax revenue and \$870.10 in loan payments. Account has spent \$331.72 in expenses and \$4,500 in emergency COVID-19 grants. The remaining \$5,500 of emergency COVID-19 grant funds was transitioned to digital façade grant program. Two applications totaling \$1,250 have been awarded. The committee found funds are being spent in accordance with state statutes. Hearing closed at 7:48 p.m.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to move up agenda item 14, sheriff's report. Voting aye: Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Filsinger. Sheriff Moore continuing work with attorney Joe McNally to prosecute ongoing nuisance violation case. Trouble with trucks running through stop sign on Iowa St. Sheriff's deputies worked the stop sign and Thiele Dairy spoke with their drivers to get issue under control. Department worked 72 hours, 33 minutes with one 911 call for Clearwater during the month of May. Sheriff is asking for more money to be allocated to department in next year's budget. Antelope County Sheriff's Department is extremely short-staffed, and more funds are needed to entice deputies to move here. Approximately 53 law enforcement positions currently open in northeast Nebraska and low wages make getting employees to move to Antelope Co. harder.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Kerkman to approve LB840 loan of \$15,000 to Elkhorn Acres RV Park. A six-site RV parking area with hookups is self-funded and will cost approximately \$30,000. Terms include 10-year loan with 3 percent fixed interest, automatic monthly payment setup, and possible partial interest forgiveness. Voting aye: Kerkman, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Filsinger. Abstain: Klabenes.

Economic Development report: Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen would like Board feedback on strategic plan to approve at July meeting to include in CDBG application. A copy of the economic development contract with Neligh was presented. An annual 5 percent increase sets the 2022 amount at \$13,230. The Board will approve contract at July meeting. Sheridan-Simonsen thanked LuAnn Schindler for volunteering to water the new Main St. flowerpots and flowers around flagpole and by library. Acknowledgement also went to Paul Horman for taking care of the flagpole flowers and large Main St. flag for so many years.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to approve marketing video by B&B Video at a cost of \$2,450, providing revisions can be made at half price or less in a year. Voting aye: Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Filsinger.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Kerkman, to approve transfer of \$15,000 from economic savings to economic checking for LB840 loan. Voting aye: Kerkman, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Filsinger. Abstain: Klabenes.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Stearns, to approve transfer of \$1,400 from economic savings to economic checking to pay for flowers, pots, and News Channel Nebraska marketing video. Voting aye: Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Filsinger.

Maintenance report: Jay Snider mentioned to Kate Ahlers that sand is plugging sprinklers. Ahlers will flush lines as well as run hydrant into white bucket, let water settle and see if there is sand. Might also help with problems Dennis Herley and Joan Allemang have had. Since concrete pouring along east side

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of Main St. has been tabled, millings to be placed at driveway entrance of Automated Dairy on Main St. to prevent trailers from bottoming out. Plumber needs to be called to put meter in at 205 Colorado St.

Angie Hupp will send letters to several people who need to mow and/or clean property before rodeo weekend. Will also send letters in July to people who have trees overhanging Village streets and alleys. Trimming deadline of September 1 will be implemented. Phone number to Brian Beckman will be included in letter and Village will use Beckman to trim trees not trimmed by deadline. Property owners will be responsible for paying for tree trimming, whether they hire company or Village does. Hupp to call assessor's office to find out if trees on edge of Dixon property are responsibility of Village or County.

Concrete bids for curb along east side of Main St. tabled until companies have time to provide quotes.

Library report: Fluorescent lights in library do not come on when weather is cool and humid. Library board concerned about possible fire hazard and patrons having to use flashlights to look for books. Hupp to get installation quotes from Dan Kerkman and Mark Thiele to install LED fixtures in library and clerk's office. Quotes will be discussed at July meeting.

Park report: Security cameras still stuck at port for unknown reason. Klabenes asked Central Engineering to find different distributor. Was told cameras from new distributor will arrive in a couple of weeks.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to deny building permit application for Sharon King. King wanted to place two semi-trailers to use as storage sheds. According to Clearwater zoning regulations, storage buildings should only be placed on lots that have homes or where homes are being built, have permanent foundations, and not be made of corrugated type metals. Semi-trailers violate these codes. Klabenes was approved for semi-trailer storage at Jan. 11, 2021 meeting, but after reviewing zoning regulations, removed his trailer from Village limits. Voting aye: Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Filsinger.

Clerk's report: Thirteen dog owners still haven't paid for tags or notified office that dogs are no longer owned. Hupp will go door to door to ask that dog tag fees be paid.

Old business: Hup to call Rutjens Construction and ask when they will get water line to Andrew Blecher house southwest of town. Klabenes will talk to other plumbers in area to see if there are more willing to work in Clearwater since plumbers usually used are all busy.

New business: Barb Tichota volunteered to paint flagpoles by Village office. Board said it was fine. Up to Tichota whether Village buys paint or she does and gets reimbursed.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to approve paying Antelope County up to \$20,600 to grind and mill 1,260 feet of River Rd. from Kerkman's driveway north to Highway 275. Voting aye: Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Filsinger.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Kerkman, to approve payroll of Hunter Klabenes. Voting aye: Kerkman, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Filsinger. Abstain: Klabenes.

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

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

General Account

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| Knife River Midwest, rpr | \$80,409.38 | AKRS Equipment, sup | \$4,161.35 |
| Bomgaars, sup | \$209.01 | Reinke's Farm & City Service, sup | \$9,977.53 |
| Northern & Double S Mfg., sup | \$25.84 | K&T Central Plains Plumbing, rpr | \$310.19 |
| Clearwater Market, sup | \$5.00 | EMC Insurance, ins | \$3,297.72 |
| Verizon Wireless, phone | \$88.12 | Appeara, sup | \$108.80 |
| B's Enterprises, sup | \$170.00 | NNTC, phone/internet | \$199.43 |
| Neligh Auto & Machine, sup | \$15.52 | Eakes Office Solutions, sup | \$588.12 |
| Kayton International, sup | \$137.15 | J&J Sanitation, srv | \$150.00 |
| Main Street Repair, rpr | \$7.14 | ColdType Publishing, adv | \$282.87 |
| McNally Law Office, lgl | \$300.00 | WEX Bank, fuel | \$974.87 |
| ERPPD, elec | \$1,314.24 | Fry Brothers Fertilizer, sup | \$169.08 |
| Intuit, sup | \$425.97 | Antelope Co. Sheriff, srv | \$1,202.25 |
| Debit Account, tnfr | \$11.96 | Economic Savings, tnfr | \$2,213.73 |
| General Savings, tnfr | \$2,213.73 | Neb. Dept. of Revenue, tx | \$1,144.52 |
| Petty cash, cash | \$21.05 | Black Hills Energy, fuel | \$9.23 |
| 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 | Hunter Klabenes, pay | \$612.69 |
| Maryssa Long, pay | \$171.04 | Matthew Feusse, pay | \$598.64 |
| Angie Hupp, pay | \$880.17 | Kathleen Ahlers, pay | \$3,313.80 |

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| Melvin Ahlers, pay | \$170.38 | Paul Horman, pay | \$74.79 |
| Tina Snider, pay | \$135.74 | Graciela Reyes, pay | \$36.94 |
| Innovative Ag, srv | \$236.59 | | |

Water Account

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| HTM Sales Inc., sup | \$225.11 | Neb. Public Health Enviro. Lab, smp | \$30.00 |
| One Call Concepts, Inc., srv | \$5.38 | ERPPD, elec | \$554.41 |
| US Post Office, srv | \$137.15 | Bud's Sanitary, srv | \$2,092.50 |
| Water Savings, tnfr | \$685.00 | Sewer Savings, tnfr | \$865.00 |
| Lagoon Savings, tnfr | \$1,450.00 | | |

Economic Account

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| Shamrock Nursery, sup | \$972.96 | News Channel Nebraska, srv | \$380.00 |
| Debit Account, tnfr | \$15.50 | | |

Fire Account

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| Antelope Memorial Hospital, sup | \$758.84 | | |
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Library Account

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| Library Thing, sup | \$300.00 | Clearwater Market, sup | \$15.32 |
| ESU #8, sup | \$3.00 | Syncb/Amazon, sup | \$141.64 |
| Centurion Technologies, sup | \$55.50 | Debit Account, tnfr | \$84.06 |
| Nichole Sanne, reimb | \$139.10 | Kathy Feusse, pay/mil | \$671.32 |
| Trista Hemenway, pay | \$41.56 | Faith King, pay | \$306.50 |

Debit Account

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| Nebraska State Patrol, bckgrd ck | \$15.50 | GoDaddy.com, lib website | \$84.06 |
| Rackspace Email, srv | \$11.96 | | |

Total bills: \$135,769.44; total wages: \$5,957.25

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Stearns, to adjourn. Voting aye: Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Filsinger. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk