

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Clearwater met in regular session Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., in the fire hall meeting room. Meeting was opened at 7:28 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, Accountant Regina Krebs, Attorney Joe McNally, Bill Thiele, Tom Thiele, Cody Kester, Dick Kester, Rodney Brabec, Doug Sanne, Clerk Angie Hupp.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to approve the Aug. 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none. Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Stearns, to approve the Aug. 30, 2021 amended special meeting minutes. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none. Motion by Stearns, seconded by Filsinger, to approve the Aug. 9, 2021 CDBG hearing 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. Four customers were notified water would be turned off if bills not paid by Sept. 20.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Stearns, to move up agenda item 10, final tax request hearing. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Chairman Hankla opened the final tax request public hearing at 7:32 p.m. Regina Krebs presented the report. Floor was opened to the public for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of the proposed 2021-22 Village of Clearwater budget and tax request. No public comment was presented. Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Klabenes, to close tax request hearing. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none. Hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Kerkman, to approve Resolution 2021-07, setting final tax levy request at \$67,105 and adopting the budgeted appropriations. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Filsinger, to approve the 2021-2022 budget as published. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Filsinger, to increase base of restricted funds by 1 percent. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Kerkman, to approve Schumacher, Smejkal, Herley & Elm, P.C. to perform Fiscal Year 2020-2021 single audit for \$14,800. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none. Clerk will contact USDA representative to see if portion can be paid through grant funds for wastewater project.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Klabenes, to approve paying Miller & Associates \$21,603.77 out of the grant account, pending USDA approval, for services provided with the wastewater project. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to pay Cornerstone Bank \$30,507.86 out of grant account, pending USDA approval, for interest on wastewater project loans. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Kerkman, to approve USDA grant agreement for wastewater project in the amounts of \$861,000; \$350,000 and \$330,600. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Stearns, to approve USDA loan resolution for wastewater project in the amount of \$1,798,000. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Klabenes, to approve planning commission recommendation to change irregular tract of land located in the NW ¼ of Section 6, T25N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Antelope County, Nebraska, belonging to Steve and Kathleen Ahlers, from agricultural to residential. Ordinance will be approved and published at October 13, 2021 meeting. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Filsinger, to approve Resolution 2021-05, selling the West 105.50 feet of the East 145.50 feet of Lot 3, Contois Subdivision, Village of Clearwater, Antelope County, Nebraska, to Jaci Bruhn for \$4,999. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to approve transferring \$4,999 in LB840 funds from economic savings to economic checking to pay Village general for Bruhn land. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to approve garage building permit for Bill Kester at 602 Dibble St. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Klabenes. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Stearns.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Filsinger, to approve RV camper pad building permit for Mike Klabenes at 403 Neuer St. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Klabenes.

Economic development report: Clearwater received Neb. Affordable Housing Trust Fund grant for \$221,000 to build a duplex in town. "Clearwater's Calling You Home" marketing video moving along with interviews of several residents and businesses. Attorney Kyle Peterson has office hours at The Office in Clearwater. Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen submitted a grant application to NNTC to set up a tele-health/video calling room at the public library. Sheridan-Simonsen has gone over hours for the fiscal year. Hourly rate set in the contract with Neligh is \$33.08/hour. She will try to keep hours as low as possible for the month of September. Contract renews with new fiscal year on October 1.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Stearns, to move up agenda item 27, attorney report. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Stearns, to go into executive session. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none. Entered executive session at 8:09 p.m.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Filsinger, to close executive session. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none. Executive session closed at 8:36 p.m.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to move up agenda item 28, sending nuisance violation letters. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Bill Thiele, Dick Kester and Doug Sanne addressed board with concerns regarding condition of town and asked Attorney Joe McNally questions regarding nuisance violation process. They would like to see more actively being done to clean up properties that violate town's nuisance ordinances. Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to approve hiring off-duty law enforcement officer to document properties in violation to present to board. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Filsinger, to approve transferring \$276.31 from economic savings to economic checking for Blade & Bliss digital façade grant. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Maintenance report: Vandalism is continuing problem at park. Klabenes has not heard from company who is supposed to be putting in security cameras, so received board permission to look elsewhere to see if progress can be made. Armor coating of River Rd. south of the highway and one block of Colorado St. will be completed soon. Board said to add armor coat to Don Zegers' apartment driveway per agreement made in past. Kate Ahlers talking with Knife River to get quotes to mill and pave Nebraska, Iowa and Main streets next time they're in area. Jay and Tina Snider have sand in their sprinklers. Ahlers will flush fire hydrants nearby to see if that helps.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Filsinger, to hire Fin Folk from Elwood, Neb. to clean and inspect water tower after clerk contacts Neb. Rural Water to see if company is recommended. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Library report: New LED light fixtures have been installed in library and Village office. Some are blinking for unknown reason, installer Mark Thiele is working to fix it. New exit signs will also be installed soon.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Filsinger, to approve interlocal agreement between Antelope County and Village of Clearwater for law enforcement services through Antelope County Sheriff's Department, from September 30, 2021 to September 30, 2023. Village to pay sheriff's department \$1,202.25 per month. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Park report: Discussion held on leaving goalposts on football field for youth practices.

Decision on replacing Main St. flagpole spotlights tabled until clerk receives more information. Board would like to replace current halide lights with LED.

Discussion on bids for pouring concrete along curb on west side of Main St. from Cornerstone Bank to Nebraska St. tabled until Stearns receives quote.

Clerk report: Reinke's Farm & City Service sent bill of \$167.92 for looking at problem on new mower. Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to contact Reinke's and ask to split bill in half. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

CORE Development sent letter stating Dennis Sanne's term is up at end of the year so Clearwater needs to find volunteer to be on the CORE board.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Klabenes, to approve transferring \$5,548.16 from grant checking to general checking to rectify State depositing funds into wrong account. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Old business: Clerk still trying to touch base with Bauer Underground or Rutjens Construction to bore water line to residence southwest of town.

New business: Culvert at RV park caving in. Klabenes would like to utilize 40 ft. culvert sitting there with board permission.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Klabenes, to approve paying Orval's Auto Service claim. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Hankla.

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

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

General Checking

Bazile Creek Power Sports, sup	\$200.00	Fry Brothers Fertilizer, sup	\$150.00
Bomgaars, sup	\$110.00	Municipal Supply, Inc., sup	\$1,389.64
Barco Municipal Products, sup	\$1,234.93	Reinke's Farm & City Service, rpr	\$83.96
Clearwater Market, sup	\$36.57	EMC Insurance, ins	\$3,266.70
Verizon Wireless, phone	\$74.51	Appeara, sup	\$39.32
NNTC, phone/internet	\$208.84	Rueter's, rpr	\$225.00
AKRS Equipment, sup	\$901.45	K&T Central Plains Plumbing, rpr	\$150.31
McNally Law Office, lgl	\$315.00	ERPPD, elec	\$1,237.08
Neb. Department of Ag, dues	\$25.00	Hi-Way Mart, fuel	\$472.10
ColdType Publishing, adv	\$347.73	Lichtenberg Tire Pros, rpr	\$158.49
Cornhusker Press, sup	\$49.80	WEX Bank, fuel	\$657.02
Main Street Repair, rpr	\$18.14	Black Hills Energy, fuel	\$71.73
Antelope Co. Sheriff, srv	\$1,202.25	Debit Account, tnfr	\$35.46
Economic Savings, tnfr	\$2,679.88	General Savings, tnfr	\$2,679.88
Neb. Dept. of Revenue, tx	\$1,569.06	Orval's Auto Service, rpr	\$53.55
Hunter Klabenes, pay	\$438.15	Maryssa Long, pay	\$47.79
Matthew Feusse, pay	\$233.61	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	\$1,131.53	Kathleen Ahlers, pay	\$3,478.40
Paul Horman, pay	\$74.80	Graciela Reyes, pay	\$36.94

Water/Sewer Checking

Neb. Public Health Enviro. Lab, srv	\$220.00	One Call Concepts, Inc., srv	\$16.54
ERPPD, elec	\$695.99	US Post Office, srv	\$258.75
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

General Checking, tnfr	\$4,999.00	Blade & Bliss, grant	\$276.31
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Library Checking

Syncb/Amazon, sup	\$211.52	Clearwater Historical Society, sup	\$60.00
Blackburn Mfg. Co., sup	\$49.53	Faith King, pay	\$124.75
Trista Hemenway, pay	\$209.87	Kathy Feusse, pay	\$397.10
Kathy Feusse, reimb	\$277.42	Clearwater Market, sup	\$21.74

Debit Account

Rackspace Email, srv	\$11.96	Neb. State Patrol, srv	\$15.50
Neb. DHHS, srv	\$8.00		

Grant Checking

General Checking, tnfr	\$5,548.16	Rutjens Construction, srv	\$513,336.20
Miller & Associates, srv	\$21,603.77	Cornerstone Bank, int	\$30,507.86

Total bills: \$603,457.91; total wages: \$6,172.94

Public was asked to leave for employee evaluation of Clerk Angie Hupp.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Filsinger, to approve pay raise to Hupp of \$4/hour effective September 1, 2021, for hourly wage of \$16. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Filsinger, to adjourn. Voting aye: Kerkman, Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Klabenes. Voting nay: none. Meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk