

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2021

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Clearwater met in regular session Monday, December 13, 2021 at 8 p.m., in the fire hall meeting room. Meeting was opened at 8 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: Kevin Filsinger, Kelly Kerkman, Mike Klabenes, Steve Hankla, Steve Stearns. Others present: ED Director Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen, Maintenance Kate Ahlers, Reporter LuAnn Schindler, Clerk Angie Hupp.

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

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

Late water bills presented. No customers were sent disconnect notices this month.

Miller & Associates report: Hankla reported that Construction still waiting for lift station parts to complete project. Discussion held regarding generator for lift station as well as gravel needed on road to lagoon and tree pile that needs to be removed. Motion by Stearns, seconded by Filsinger, to approve Rutjens Construction pay request #3 for \$870,143.23, pending USDA approval. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to approve the Elkhorn Rural Public Power District invoice for \$43,429.44 to install wiring for lagoon center pivot, and construction assistance. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none.

Economic development report: Clearwater's Calling You Home marketing video launched Monday, Dec. 6 and received great feedback. Clearwater did not receive NNTC grant but will apply again next year. Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen looking into grants and opportunities for Clearwater expansion. An updated housing study may need to be completed. Antelope Co. Job Fair will be at fairgrounds Jan. 27, 2022. All county schools plan to attend and all Antelope Co. businesses can participate free of charge. Clearwater Advisory Review Committee met Nov. 22. Members found LB840 funds are being spent in appropriate manners per State statutes.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to approve a Workforce Housing Plan addition to the Clearwater LB840 plan to address housing shortage in town. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Stearns, to approve transferring \$2,500 from economic savings to economic checking to cover December claims. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none.

Maintenance report: Kate Ahlers has been trying to line up with Pollard Pumping to clean out Main St. culvert. Klabenes has contact with another company who might be able to be here sooner. He will talk to them and let Hankla know. Forty-foot culvert for north side of historical building ordered and will be delivered soon. Ahlers will ask Rick Funk to install.

Library report: Library ordered banner with pertinent information on it and would like hung on south side of library but building exterior needs to be painted first. Village will work on that in early spring. Between ESU #8 visits and after-school programs, library usage has tripled. Library board recommended a raise to \$11 per hour for librarian Kathy Feusse since she became certified. Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Filsinger, to approve raise to \$11 per hour for librarian Kathy Feusse. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none.

Sheriff's report not presented.

Park report: Security cameras have been ordered. Applied Connective still waiting on recorder and hope to install by end of December.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Klabenes, to approve updated interlocal agreement between Village and Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Kerkman, to approve Sargent Drilling quote of \$48,414 to install liner in school well #68-1 to repair sand issue. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Stearns, to certify appointment of Reed Miller, Class A street license #S-514, engineer license #E-4486, as street superintendent from Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2022 for purpose of 2022 highway incentive payment by NDOT. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Filsinger, to approve Ordinance 2021-6 setting wages and salaries from Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2022. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Kerkman, to approve Miller & Associates as Village engineers from Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2022. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Klabenes, to approve designating Cornerstone Bank in Clearwater bank for Village from Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2022. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none.

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Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to approve fire hall meeting room as official Village meeting room for Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2022. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to table approval of Village attorney for 2022 until next month. Board will invite attorney Kyle Petersen to January meeting to talk with him. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none.

Clerk report: Black Hills Energy has agreed to move meters along alley in Block 11, but wanted deadline. Board suggested March 1. Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to approve transferring financial bank bonds from multiple sources to the state's suggested single bank collateral pool program. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none.

Old business: Discussion held regarding prohibiting portable storage containers. Decision to table until further notice was made. No progress on water line bore installation to house southwest of town has been made. Board members will see if they can get more information than Hupp has been receiving.

New business: Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Klabenes, to approve signing ownership papers and paying \$609 bill to Elkhorn Rural Public Power to install electricity to historical society museum building. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to approve claim of \$1,000 for KF Repair. Voting aye: Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Filsinger.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Filsinger, to approve remaining claims and payroll totaling \$974,553.31; wages: \$5,060.88. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none.

General Checking

Bomgaars, sup	\$168.02	Eakes Office Solutions, sup	\$297.36
Clearwater Market, sup	\$14.03	EMC Insurance, ins	\$3,272.57
Verizon Wireless, util	\$74.39	Echo Group, Inc., sup	\$1,141.54
NNTC, util	\$102.27	Neb. Municipal Clerk Institute, mtg	\$443.00
McNally Law Office, lgl	\$150.00	ERPPD, util	\$1,773.07
ColdType Publishing, adv, rent	\$678.20	Precision IT, sup	\$1,634.75
WEX Bank, fuel	\$330.13	Rueter's, sup	\$2,294.99
Knife River Midwest, sup	\$2,715.00	Rob Hoefler, srv	\$4,805.00
Farmers Pride, util	\$50.00	Cornerstone Bank, fees	\$25.00
Kayton International Neligh, sup	\$91.40	Black Hills Energy, util	\$289.41
Softline Data, Inc., fees	\$680.00	Switzer Welding, rpr	\$96.00
Antelope Co. Sheriff, srv	\$1,202.25	Debit Account, tnfr	\$11.96
Economic Savings, tnfr	\$2,004.27	General Savings, tnfr	\$2,004.27
Neb. Dept. of Revenue, tx	\$963.36	Graciela Reyes, pay	\$36.94
Kelly Kerkman, mtg	\$69.27	Kevin Filsinger, mtg	\$69.26
Mike Klabenes, mtg	\$69.27	Steve Hankla, mtg	\$69.26
Steve Stearns, mtg	\$69.26	Angie Hupp, pay	\$1,248.29
Kathleen Ahlers, pay	\$2,935.25	Melvin Ahlers, pay	\$58.18
KF Repair, rpr	\$1,000.00		

Water/Sewer Checking

One Call Concepts, Inc., srv	\$3.85	Alan Potter, srv	\$162.50
US Post Office, srv	\$143.00	Bud's Sanitary, srv	\$2,106.00
Water Savings, tnfr	\$685.00	Sewer Savings, tnfr	\$865.00
Lagoon Savings, tnfr	\$1,450.00	ERPPD, util	\$518.59

Economic Checking

B&B Video Productions, srv	\$2,450.00	ColdType Publishing, rent	\$60.00
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Fire Checking

Northeast Community College, srv	\$49.84	Quick Med Claims, srv	\$106.19
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Library Checking

Syncb/Amazon, sup	\$186.18	Clearwater Market, sup	\$10.25
Faith King, pay	\$66.50	Kathy Feusse, pay	\$369.40

Grant Checking

ERPPD, srv	\$43,429.44	Rutjens Construction, srv	\$870,143.23
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Debit Account

Rackspace Email, srv	\$11.96
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Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to adjourn. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk