

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Clearwater met in regular session Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 8 p.m., in the fire hall meeting room. Meeting was opened at 8:01 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 Stearns. Others present: Maintenance Kate Ahlers, Attorney Kyle Petersen, Reporter LuAnn Schindler, Cody Kester, Jay Snider, Clerk Angie Hupp. Absent: Steve Hankla.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to approve the January 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Hankla.

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

Late water bills presented. No customers sent disconnect notice this month.

Miller & Associates report: Rutjens Construction still waiting for lift station parts to complete project. Emergency generator has been ordered.

Economic development report: Angie Hupp read economic development report due to absence of director Sheridan-Simonsen. After discussion with attorney Kyle Petersen, Sheridan-Simonsen suggested a few changes to the workforce housing plan and included an ordinance for approval. The change included funds being eligible only to qualified businesses, not to individuals. LB840 Loan Review Committee recommended paying \$4,999 to the Clearwater Community Development Group after implementing the workforce housing plan. Finalizing prerequisites to begin duplex housing grant project in spring.

Public hearing opened at 8:14 p.m. to discuss workforce housing plan addition. Discussion was held. No public comment was heard. Public hearing closed at 8:16 p.m.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Filsinger, to approve Ordinance 2022-2 adding workforce housing to economic development plan. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Hankla.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to approve paying \$4,999 in LB840 workforce housing funds to Clearwater Community Development Group for 603 Second St. house construction. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Hankla.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Filsinger, to approve transferring \$4,999 from economic savings to economic checking to pay CCDG grant. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Hankla.

Discussion was held regarding CCDG interest in splitting a portion of south end of park for next housing project. Stearns and Jay Snider expressed concern regarding lack of shade on other Village land for tent camping during rodeo weekend and other events. Sewer pipe depth and proximity to small ballfield also a concern. Group's plan was originally to clean up blighted properties, not develop unused land. Board decided to table decision until next month.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to table until next month Ordinance 2022-4 authorizing chairman to submit application for subdivision plat survey on south end of park. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Hankla.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to approve Ordinance 2022-3 adding a local legislation chapter to the Village Municipal Code Book. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Hankla.

Maintenance report: Kate Ahlers utilized warm weather to do some road patching. Ahlers concerned about condition of 515 ½ Ave. beginning at curve and heading south. Road to lagoon needs to be grated by Rutjens or Antelope County before gravel added. Village passed annual kennel inspection. Water line being run to house at 85130 515 ½ Ave. southwest of town. Schrage shop next door will need water run eventually since well was shared by both house and shop. Village will ask Rutjens Construction to include curb stop to shop now, if possible.

Library report: Eight people took instapot cooking class. Library received \$3,500 in federal ARPA funds. Plans being made to use funds for shelving and other updates. Blinking lights have been replaced. New lights not causing a problem.

Sheriff's report: none.

Park report: Hupp spoke to electrician about putting electric hand dryers in park restrooms. He said it shouldn't be a problem. Board agreed to move forward. Discussion held regarding old bleachers. Board members will look at condition, keep the best ones, and sell the rest. Will have Rob Hofer pour concrete slab at big baseball field along first baseline for one set of bleachers.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to approve use of Mutual Finance Organization funds of \$10,000 to assist Clearwater Volunteer Fire Department with purchase of ambulance cot. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Hankla. Comment made to investigate new law that may state municipalities can no longer purchase used ambulances, so Village can be prepared in future.

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Clerk report: Clerk school runs same week as March meeting. LuAnn Schindler agreed to record and take minutes for Hupp. Begin running summer help and mowing bid ads in February papers. Discussion held regarding Bud's Sanitary Service contract. Holly from Bud's mentioned to Hupp that contract might not be implemented correctly. Board asked Petersen to look over contract and bring info to March meeting. Discussion held regarding changing maintenance help wanted ads to include wage range to hopefully entice people to apply. With Klabenes leaving, a new board member needs to confirm bills paid after each meeting. Tabled until next month. Hupp is putting together a new employee manual and gave a copy to each of the board members to view and make suggestions. Discovery made that automatic withdrawal was being made from one customer's bank account to pay the utility account of another customer accidentally, over a period of two years.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Klabenes, to approve paying back utility customer \$112.56 in accidentally withdrawn funds and not to require second customer to pay back charges. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Hankla.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Filsinger, to approve resignation of Mike Klabenes from planning commission, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2020. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Hankla. Abstain: Klabenes.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Filsinger, to approve resignation of Mike Klabenes from board of trustees, effective at end of February meeting, since Klabenes is moving out of town. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Hankla. Abstain: Klabenes.

Old business: Water line southwest of town and maintenance help wanted discussed earlier in meeting.

New business: Nebraska Dept. of Environment and Energy surveying municipalities to gauge interest in potential grants for stormwater improvements. Board interested in using to fix ditches and replace culverts if possible. League of Nebraska Municipalities surveying for possible group Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance program for full-time employees of League municipalities. Board interested in seeing if that becomes an option. Grant funds are available for housing through CORE.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Filsinger, to approve claims totaling \$48,916.39. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Hankla.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Klabenes, to approve payroll totaling \$3,997.16. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Hankla.

General Checking

Herley's Collision Repair, rpr	\$1,411.50	Flagpoles Etc., sup	\$343.85
Bomgaars, sup	\$65.98	City of Neligh, srv	\$3,494.16
Northeast Neb. Clerks' Assoc., dues	\$20.00	Bearinger Tax & Accounting, srv	\$70.00
EMC Insurance, ins	\$3,272.59	Verizon Wireless, util	\$76.03
WEX Bank, fuel	\$225.93	Pollock Redi Mix, sup	\$1,131.48
Rueter's, sup	\$91.66	Neb. Dept. of Revenue, tax	\$825.50
NNTC, util	\$104.95	ColdType Publishing, adv	\$164.28
Black Hills Energy, util	\$577.33	ERPPD, util	\$1,244.13
CORE Development, dues	\$400.00	Jarecki Lay & Sharp, lgl	\$300.00
Clearwater Market, sup	\$24.61	Antelope Co. Sheriff, srv	\$1,202.25
Debit Account, tnfr	\$11.96	Graciela Reyes, pay	\$36.94
Economic Savings, tnfr	\$2,462.25	General Savings, tnfr	\$2,462.25
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	\$1,352.22
Kathleen Ahlers, pay	\$1,627.86	Melvin Ahlers, pay	\$66.48

Water/Sewer Checking

Alan Potter, srv	\$296.00	Eco Specialized Services, srv	\$4,500.00
Neb. Public Health Enviro Lab, srv	\$15.00	Neb. Rural Water Assoc., dues	\$125.00
One Call Concepts, Inc., srv	\$11.12	ERPPD, util	\$606.44
Municipal Supply, Inc., sup	\$1,635.49	Mueller Land & Cattle, reimb	\$112.56
US Post Office, srv	\$120.00	Bud's Sanitary, srv	\$2,592.00
Water Savings, tnfr	\$685.00	Sewer Savings, tnfr	\$865.00
Lagoon Savings, tnfr	\$1,450.00		

Economic Checking

Clearwater Chamber, dues	\$50.00	Debit Account, tnfr	\$15.50
Clearwater Comm. Dev. Group, grnt	\$4,999.00		

Fire Checking

Stryker Sales Corporation, sup	\$10,000.00	Lazy T Tire & Implement, srv	\$116.00
Quick Med Claims, srv	\$130.96	Island Supply Welding, sup	\$37.20

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Amazon, sup	\$239.25	Clearwater Market, sup	\$76.85
Grafted Tree Engraving, sup	\$25.25	ESU #8, sup	\$25.50
Petty cash, cash	\$99.28	Faith King, pay	\$58.17
Kathy Feusse, pay, miles	\$614.49		

Debit Account

Rackspace Email, srv	\$11.96	Nebraska State Patrol, srv	\$15.50
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Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Klabenes, to enter executive session to discuss possible litigation. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Hankla. Executive session entered at 9:41 p.m. Executive session ended at 10:15 p.m.

Motion by Klabenes, seconded by Kerkman, to proceed with litigation of nuisance case with attorney Kyle Petersen. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Hankla.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to adjourn. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Klabenes, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Hankla. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk