

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING APRIL 11, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Clearwater met in regular session Monday, April 11, 2022 at 8 p.m., in the fire hall meeting room. Meeting was opened at 8:03 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: Cody Kester, Kevin Filsinger, Steve Hankla, Steve Stearns. Others present: Maintenance Kate Ahlers, Attorney Kyle Petersen, Reporter LuAnn Schindler, Economic Development Director Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen, Marshall Waller, Sheriff Bob Moore, Clerk Angie Hupp. Board member Kelly Kerkman arrived at 8:13 p.m.

Clarification for clerk that board approved paying Bud's Sanitary their new rate. Motion by Kester, seconded by Stearns, to approve the March 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kester, Hankla, Stearns. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kerkman.

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

Late water bills presented. One customer sent disconnect notice this month.

Community awards for 2021 were presented by Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen. Business of the Year was presented by Stearns to Steve Hankla for Orval's Auto. Volunteer of the Year was presented by Filsinger to LuAnn Schindler. Community Organization of the Year was presented by Hankla to Cody Kester for Sons of the Legion.

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Miller & Associates report: Lift station has been delivered and Rutjens Construction is working to install it. Discussion was held regarding whether to permanently install emergency generator at lift station. Consensus was to have Rutjens pour concrete pad big enough for generator and propane tank and bolt both next to lift station. Will need to purchase new propane tank to be installed. Sand around fenceposts between new lagoon and creek has been blown away and several posts are hanging in the air. Rutjens will be asked to place rock around posts. Filsinger mentioned kitchen sink in Lutheran Church hasn't drained properly since sewer was lined. Work will have to be done to figure out where the problem is.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Kester, to approve signing Program Guidelines for NAHTF grant project. Voting aye: Filsinger, Hankla, Kester, Kerkman. Nay: none. Abstain: Stearns.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Filsinger, to approve special designated liquor license for The Waterhole for June 24-25, 2022. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Kester, Stearns, Hankla. Voting nay: none.

Discussion was held regarding The Waterhole's interest in having a food truck on First St. during rodeo Saturday, June 25. Board worried truck would be located in congested area, inhibiting traffic. Debb Pofahl will be invited to May 9 meeting to discuss further and Attorney Kyle Petersen will create food truck ordinance. Motion by Kester, seconded by Filsinger, to postpone decision on food trucks until May 9 meeting. Voting aye: Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Kester, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to approve transfer of \$350 from general checking to debit account to purchase electric hand dryers for park bathrooms. Voting aye: Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Kester, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Kester, to approve transfer of \$1,000 from economic savings to economic checking for operating costs. Voting aye: Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Kester, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Kester, to approve transfer of \$2,000 from general checking to water/sewer checking to rectify clerk deposit mistake. Voting aye: Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Kester, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to table discussion of Bud's Sanitary Service contract and Ordinance 2022-6 changing customer trash rates until the end of the meeting after closed session discussion with attorney. Voting aye: Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Kester, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

Discussion held regarding state of streets. Kate Ahlers said armor coat is better than doing nothing or streets will need to be returned to gravel. Ahlers will make list of street sections to be armor coated and speak to County if there's only a few, to see if willing to work together. Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to approve advertising for armor coat bids. Voting aye: Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Kester, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

Economic development report: Since 2012, Clearwater has received more than \$727,000 from local sales tax. Personalized mailboxes will be presented to all graduating Summerland Public School seniors at the May 6 commencement practice. Five high school students have volunteered to help with clean-up efforts in Clearwater in May. Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen is working with Shamrock Nursery to prepare for planting season for the 19 planters along Main St.

Maintenance report: MTS Tree Service shredded trees in ditch along River Rd. north of Hwy. 275. Fry Brothers Fertilizer agreed to spray lagoon. Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to approve Fry Brothers Fertilizer to spray around lagoon. Voting aye: Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Kester, Kerkman. Voting nay: none. Grimes Asphalt and Paving sent Ahlers a quote for hot mix along several streets. Angie

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Hupp will provide amount of highway allocation funds provided by the State at May meeting so board knows how much is available in budget for street repairs.

Library report: ARPA funds used to provide three programs during summer reading. Library looking for part-time help for the summer.

Park report: Bathroom doors need to be replaced. Kester will measure door he has to see if it will fit boys' bathroom door that had to be duct taped in corner last year. Summerland Ball Association will be using field for baseball and softball season this year.

Clerk report: Clerk's conference March 13-18 was extremely exhausting but educational. Hupp accumulated 46.5 hours that week. City of Neligh participating in tire amnesty for Antelope County April 21-23. All residents can drop tires off free of charge. Kester will check claims every month. Hankla will work with Hupp to finish employee manual to present at May meeting. Hupp working on clean-up letter to send out with April utility bills and has ordered roll-off dumpster from J&J for May 2. Also creating welcome letter with pertinent information to give new residents. Hupp will ask Leenda Thiele if she's willing to translate clean-up and welcome letters for non-English speaking residents. Will work with bank to figure out how to best change authorized check signers as all authorized signers on board will leave at end of year. League of Nebraska Municipalities is moving forward with group health insurance after large amount of interest was shown.

Unfinished business: Discussion was held regarding adding a base wage range to maintenance operator help wanted ads. Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to include a base wage of \$21/hr. with negotiations for a wage increase with certifications. Voting aye: Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Kester, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

New business: Discussion held regarding how to use Federal ARPA funds. It would be helpful to have updated and accurate GPS locations that can be taken in the field for water and sewer lines, curb stops and meters. Hupp will continue working with Miller & Associates to figure out best way to proceed with project. ARPA usage reporting set for 2024, with funds required to be used by 2026. Hankla asked Petersen about private road regulations for Joe Thiele land behind old school building.

Sheriff's report: Two 911 calls and 69.15 hours for Clearwater in March.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Filsinger, to enter executive session at 9:46 p.m. to discuss possible litigation. Voting aye: Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Kester, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Stearns, seconded by Kerkman, to exit executive session at 10:20 p.m. Voting aye: Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Kester, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to approve Stearns Construction claim. Voting aye: Filsinger, Hankla, Kester, Kerkman. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Stearns.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Kester, to approve remaining claims and payroll. Voting aye: Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Kester, Kerkman. Voting nay: none. Claims: \$42,445.49; wages: \$6,481.34. Voting aye: Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Kester, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

**General Checking**

LuAnn Schindler, srv	\$50.00	Miller & Associates, srv	\$252.00
Precision IT, rpr srv	\$23.75	Ramada by Wyndham Midtown, srv	\$464.75
Eakes Office Solutions, sup	\$129.52	Verizon Wireless, util	\$77.04
WEX Bank, fuel	\$687.19	Farmers Pride, fuel	\$50.00
NNTC, util	\$181.66	ColdType Publishing, adv, rent	\$876.63
Clearwater Market, sup	\$29.58	MTS Tree Service, srv	\$1,800.00
ERPPD, util	\$1,217.58	Black Hills Energy, srv	\$357.57
Clearwater Public Library, tnfr	\$2,250.00	Neb. Dept. of Revenue, tax	\$671.94
Jarecki Sharp & Petersen, lgl	\$300.00	Antelope Co. Sheriff, srv	\$1,202.25
Debit Account, tnfr	\$361.96	Water/Sewer Checking, tnfr	\$2,000.00
Economic Savings, tnfr	\$2,097.29	General Savings, tnfr	\$2,097.29
Petty cash, cash	\$20.75	Stearns Construction, srv	\$591.00
Kelly Kerkman, mtg	\$69.26	Kevin Filsinger, mtg	\$69.26
Steve Hankla, mtg	\$69.26	Steve Stearns, mtg	\$69.26
Cody Kester, mtg	\$69.26	Graciela Reyes, pay	\$36.94
Angie Hupp, pay	\$2,046.38	Kathleen Ahlers, pay	\$3,298.88

**Water/Sewer Checking**

Neb. Public Health Enviro Lab, srv	\$15.00	Alan Potter, srv	\$105.00
Powertech, sup	\$14,775.00	One Call Concepts, Inc., srv	\$10.32
ERPPD, util	\$604.21	Bud's Sanitary, srv	\$2,581.25
US Post Office, srv	\$143.85	Water Savings, tnfr	\$685.00
Sewer Savings, tnfr	\$865.00	Lagoon Savings, tnfr	\$1,450.00

**Economic Checking**

Holt Co. Economic Dev., sup	\$149.91	Grafted Tree Signs, Engraving, sup	\$83.25
ColdType Publishing, rent	\$60.00		

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**Fire Checking**

Northeast Community College, srv   \$84.00

**Library Checking**

Syncb/Amazon, sup	\$1,059.29	Curtis Mork, prog	\$350.00
TeddyBear Mobile, prog	\$500.00	Wildlife Encounters, prog	\$595.00
Impact Racks, sup	\$278.00	Clearwater Market, sup	\$23.05
ColdType Publishing, adv	\$42.00	Petty cash, sup	\$85.94
Faith King, pay	\$66.49	Kathy Feusse, pay	\$810.08

**Debit Account**

Rackspace Email, srv                   \$11.96

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Filsinger, to postpone trash service contract and Ordinance 2022-6 for customer rate increases to May 9, 2022 meeting. Voting aye: Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Kester, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to adjourn. Voting aye: Filsinger, Hankla, Stearns, Kester, Kerkman. Voting nay: none. Meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk