

**VILLAGE OF CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**JULY 13, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Clearwater met in regular session Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., in the fire hall meeting room. Meeting was opened at 7:30 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, Steve Hankla, Kelly Kerkman, Cody Kester. Others present: Jeff Schlecht, Maintenance Kate Ahlers, Economic Development Director Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen, Reporter LuAnn Schindler, Attorney Kyle Petersen, Clerk Angie Hupp, Jim Thiele.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Filsinger, to approve the nomination of Jeff Schlecht as new board member replacing Steve Stearns. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Kester. Voting nay: none. Schlecht read the oath of office.

Motion by Kester, seconded by Kerkman, to approve June 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none.

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

Late water bills presented. Two customers received disconnect notices this month.

Miller & Associates report: Hankla told board generator purchased for lift station is too small and won't work. The same company that provided the first generator will remove it and install new one for the difference in cost of the generator. Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kester, to approve purchase of new, larger generator. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Schlecht, seconded by Filsinger, to approve program guidelines for NAHTF #21-TFHP-35032 grant project. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to waive three readings of Ordinance 2022-11. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Kester, seconded by Schlecht, to approve Ordinance 2022-11 changing the intent of Large Lot Residential district in zoning regulations from village limits to jurisdiction. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Discussion was held regarding list of vacant properties Angie Hupp put together to receive a courtesy letter informing them of the new vacant property registration ordinance. After going through the list, a motion was made by Kerkman, seconded by Kester, to approve sending the letter. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Discussion held regarding amount in fees to place in resolution for vacant property registration. Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Kester, to approve residential and commercial fees beginning at \$250, doubling every six months up to the ten times maximum allowed by law. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kester, to approve transferring \$500 from economic savings to economic checking for operating costs. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Kester, seconded by Filsinger, to approve fiscal year 2022-2023 agreement with City of Neligh to contract economic development director services for the annual sum of \$14,586.08. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Discussion held regarding raising board member pay. After looking at comparisons from other villages, no action was taken.

Sheriff report: none.

Economic development report: Steve Stearns told Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen a public groundbreaking for the NAHTF duplex project will likely be in August. Economic board recommended applying for the Foundation for Rural Services Community Grant through NNTC again this year. The \$5,000 would be used to create a telehealth room at the library.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Schlecht, to approve applying for the rural services community grant with an approximate match of \$5,000. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Maintenance report: Rutjens Construction satisfactorily fixed corner of 515 ½ Ave. going to lagoon. Antelope County supposed to make Nebraska St. from River Rd. to Hwy. 275 hard surface again in the next year or two. The approved quote for hot mix on Iowa St. includes State radius, so Kate Ahlers will ask Grimes Asphalt to extend hot mix equal distance to the south instead. Grimes hoping to begin around August 8. Still need a plumber to fix several issues in town. Sheridan-Simonsen gave Hupp an Elgin plumber's phone number to try. Armor coating to be put on the January agenda for next spring/summer. Discussion was held regarding cost of mowing problem lots. One lot has too many junk vehicles to mow easily. Hupp to send letter telling them to remove junk and mow the lawn. Once junk is removed, Village would charge \$100/hr. to landowner if they refuse to take care of the issue.

Park report: Baseball season over successfully. Pipe covers in historical building concrete were flipped over. Hupp to look through security camera footage to see who was messing with them. Ahlers to talk to Rob Hoefler about pouring concrete slab for visiting team bleachers along baseball field.

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Library report: Board would like to discuss options to expand library. Due to water main lines connected to well in library building, concrete walls and roof slope, it would be difficult to expand to the south. Possibility of finding different storage area and renovating old ambulance bay into usable library space. Outer wall of library also needs to be painted so library can install sign. LuAnn Schindler offered help from husband if board would buy paint.

Clerk report: Hupp reminded board of July 15 deadline for incumbents and August 1 deadline for non-incumbents to be on November election ballot. Clearwater needs two more board members. Estimated Clearwater income from State for municipal equalization in fiscal year 2022-2023 to be \$21,873.81 and highway allocation to be \$58,394.

Attorney report: none.

Unfinished business: Hupp reported hearing of unauthorized food truck at park during rodeo Saturday. Suggested creating food truck ordinance to have in place before next rodeo. Discussion held regarding what to include. Attorney Kyle Petersen to present ordinance at August meeting.

New business: Bud's Sanitary Service charged Legion, Waterhole, and Village extra \$35 for trash accumulated during rodeo weekend. They suggested getting a roll-off next year. Board stated it was cheaper to have Bud's pick it up and to remind them of the extra trash before next rodeo.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kester, to approve Orval's Auto claim of \$410.65. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Hankla.

Motion by Schlecht, seconded by Kerkman, to approve KF Repair claim of \$625. Voting aye: Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Filsinger.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Kester, to approve remaining claims and payroll. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none. Claims: \$42,075.46; wages: \$8,558.37.

**General Checking**

Loffler Companies, Inc., srv, 594.29; Knife River Midwest, sup, 6,056.10; Precision IT, srv, 47.50; Herley's Collision Repair, rpr, 70.00; Bomgaars, sup, 81.89; Reinke's Farm & City Service, sup, 8.42; EMC Insurance, ins, 3,410.69; Clearwater Market, sup, 19.15; Fry Brothers Fertilizer, sup, 177.10; Switzer Welding, sup, 216.00; Verizon Wireless, srv, 76.00; WEX Bank, fuel, 1,704.06; J&J Sanitation, srv, 498.60; Kayton International, sup, 49.76; Antelope Co. Register of Deeds, srv, 16.00; AKRS Equipment, sup, 157.85; NNTC, util, 164.07; ERPPD, util, 1,414.45; ColdType Publishing, srv/rent, 874.39; Black Hills Energy, util, 106.51; Neb. Dept. of Revenue, tx, 1,922.14; Jarecki, Sharp & Petersen, srv, 300.00; Antelope Co. Sheriff, srv, 1,202.25; Debit Account, tnfr, 11.96; Economic Savings, tnfr, 1,921.63; General Savings, tnfr, 1,921.63; Clearwater Public Library, tnfr, 2,250.00; Petty cash, cash, 12.99; Payroll, pay, 7,507.90.

**Water/Sewer Checking**

Neb. Public Health Enviro Lab, srv, 793.75; PeopleService, Inc., srv, 1,000.00; Dale Salber Services, Inc., srv, 550.00; One Call Concepts, Inc., srv, 5.52; Neb. Dept. Revenue, tx, 517.47; Kevin Fry, srv, 427.83; Farmers Pride, sup, 4,747.01; ERPPD, util, 872.55; Bud's Sanitary, util, 2,778.50; US Post Office, sup, 120.00; General Checking, tnfr, 50.00; Water Savings, tnfr, 685.00; Sewer Savings, tnfr, 865.00; Lagoon Savings, tnfr, 1,450.00.

**Economic Checking**

ColdType Publishing, rent, 60.00.

**Fire Checking**

Quick Med Claims, srv, 150.88.

**Library Checking**

Kathy Feusse, reimb, 265.12; Clearwater Market, sup, 3.95; Petty cash, cash, 94.29; Debit Account, tnfr, 165.05; Payroll, pay, 1,050.47.

**Debit Account**

GoDaddy.com, srv, 165.05; Rackspace Email, srv, 11.96.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Kester, to adjourn. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk