

**VILLAGE OF CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Clearwater met in regular session Monday, November 14, 2022, 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 before meeting. Public was informed of location of Open Meeting Act poster. Present: Kevin Filsinger, Steve Hankla, Kelly Kerkman, Jeff Schlecht. Others present: Maintenance Troy Behnke, Economic Development Director Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen, Reporter LuAnn Schindler, Librarian Kathy Feusse, Attorney Kyle Petersen, Brian King, Marsha Hart, Clerk Angie Hupp. Board member Cody Kester arrived at 8:39 p.m.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to approve October 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kester.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Schlecht, to place treasurer's report on file as presented. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kester.

Late water bills were presented. Three customers received disconnect notices this month.

Miller & Associates report presented. No information has been received to finalize wastewater project. USDA requires a full audit of finances for fiscal year 2021-2022. Out of approximately half a dozen auditors contacted, only one, HBE out of Lincoln, is willing to perform the audit. A letter of intent will be approved at the December meeting.

Library report presented. Librarian Kathy Feusse presented an end-of-year report. Feusse makes activity kits that people can pick up at grocery store, sends books and crafts to two daycares in town, has several ESU classes come to the library every week, hosts adult classes, and has begun a monthly Lego brick builders club. There are a craft table and two fundraisers planned for the Old-Fashioned Christmas on Dec. 4. In fiscal year 2021-2022, 3,223 patrons visited the library; 2,140 children's books checked out; 493 daycare participants; 194 summer reading participants; 187 ESU programs; 733 store craft kits picked up; and 266 other programs. Feusse stated she is grateful for the support of the village and the space she has to provide services, but would like to see an expansion to be able to host activities at the library instead of having to move them to other spaces.

Discussion was held regarding a quote from Stearns Construction to remodel the old ambulance bay to expand the library. There was also talk of discussing with ESU the idea of moving the library to an unused space in the old school building. Hankla will speak with ESU administration and discussion will be continued in December.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Filsinger, to increase insurance on the historical building at 402 Nebraska St., from \$50,000 to \$60,000. Since the items in the building are irreplaceable and replicas would not be the same, the insurance just needs to cover the building and replaceable items like shelving. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kester.

Sargent Drilling gave the Village a bid of approximately \$25,000 to reline the municipal well at the school. Once repairs were underway, they found the pump, casing, and screen all needed to be replaced. Motion by Schlecht, seconded by Filsinger, to approve paying the final cost of \$65,867.30 for the required repairs. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kester.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Schlecht, to waive the three readings of Ordinance 2022-16. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kester. Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to approve Ordinance 2022-16 setting Angie Hupp's wages to \$20/hour effective Oct. 1, 2022. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kester.

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

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Filsinger, to use the 40 ft. culvert the Village already has for the duplex driveways. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kester.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Schlecht, to approve paying Blade & Bliss \$93.19 in façade grant funds for a new business sign. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kester.

Economic report presented. Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen reported that the Village has been awarded the downtown revitalization planning grant of \$53,000, and a \$5,000 grant for a telehealth room at the library from the Foundation for Rural Services through NNTC. A groundbreaking was held for the NAHTF duplex project on Oct. 27. In just over 12 months, the Village of Clearwater has been awarded \$279,000 in grant funds. The Clearwater Chamber of Commerce received the Mid-States Rodeo Association Large Purse Rodeo of the Year award for the third year in a row.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Schlecht, to waive three readings of Ordinance 2022-17. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kester. Motion by Schlecht, seconded by Kerkman, to approve Ordinance 2022-17 amending the economic development plan definitions of qualifying businesses able to apply for LB840 funds. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kester.

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Maintenance report presented. Troy Behnke has been busy winterizing and cleaning out Village buildings. Discussion was held regarding bids for a new lawnmower. Due to the cost of items already purchased, the board decided to hold off a year on a mower purchase.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Filsinger, to approve purchase of a used 2016 payload from Rueter's for \$71,400 after a \$31,000 trade-in of old payload. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kester.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Schlecht, to approve purchase from Big Iron Auction of a snowplow attachment for payload of \$4,200. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kester.

Kester joined the board at 8:39 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding changing the yield sign to a stop sign at the angled corner of First and Second streets in front of Automated Dairy. Board decided against changing it unless it becomes an accident-prone corner. Behnke went through a list of items to be sold. Resolution to sell items will be approved at December meeting. Discussion was held regarding accrual and use of comp time instead of paying overtime. Full-time employees may accrue up to 40 hours of comp time to be used within a year from hiring anniversary date. Attorney Petersen will create a resolution to approve at December meeting. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of getting a tablet or laptop for maintenance use. Clerk Hupp will contact NNTC to see how much internet would be for the shop. More discussion to be held at December meeting.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kester, to approve adding a maintenance email account, at the request of Behnke. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Park report presented. Crow's nest torn down, sewer abandoned, everything winterized.

Sheriff's hours presented. Antelope Co. Sheriff's Dept. spent 169.47 hours and had four 911 calls in September and worked 67.75 hours with three 911 calls in October.

Clerk's report presented. Hupp reported a complainant who wanted to remain anonymous, asking the board to address the residents who leave their trash cans and trash at the curbs all week instead of taking them back toward their buildings. The board decided that unless a formal complaint was presented, they weren't going to worry about it. The water meter billing system UBMax was purchased by gWorks. Hupp will keep the board informed of any major changes.

Hupp purchased a jacket with the Northeast Nebraska Clerks' Association for \$51. Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to reimburse the \$51. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Feusse and Hupp will be cleaning and shampooing carpets in the library and office the week of Thanksgiving. Attempts were made to hire a carpet cleaner over the last year with no results. Hupp informed the board of planned purchases of picture frames and corkboard to clean up the office walls as well as a new office chair. Discussion was held regarding what to do with 2010 flood fundraiser t-shirts, and old Clearwater baseball and softball shirts that are taking up space in the old ambulance bay. The board suggested taking them to the Old-Fashioned Christmas to give away and to give any remaining to the historical society for use as they see fit. Hupp informed the board of a resident who has begun asking for printed copies of the meeting minutes every month. After researching state statutes, the village is allowed to charge for copies. The rate is currently 25 cents per page for black and white. Minutes are available to read in the village office or on the website free of charge. Four empty houses have been put up for sale since the vacant property registration letters went out in September.

Unfinished business: none presented.

New business: Concordia Lutheran Church has drainage problems in the church kitchen, which goes to an old septic tank instead of being piped into the village sewer. In order to fix the problem, they will need to tap into the sewer with a second line. Discussion was held regarding whether to charge for a second line, especially as little as it will be used. Motion by Kester, seconded by Kerkman, to approve only charging Concordia Lutheran Church for one sewer line. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Schlecht, seconded by Kerkman, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none. Entered executive session at 9:23 p.m.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kerkman, to exit executive session. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none. Exited executive session at 9:44 p.m.

Motion by Kester, seconded by Schlecht, to approve paying claims and payroll for claims: \$168,626.71; wages: \$6,039.74. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none.

**General Checking**

City of Neligh, srv, 3,490.69; Bomgaars, sup, 618.05; Bearinger Tax & Accounting, srv, 70.00; EMC Insurance, ins, 3,628.75; WEX Bank, fuel, 500.68; Big Iron Auction, equip, 4,200.00; Rueter's, sup, 211.01; NNTC, util, 166.54; ColdType Publishing, adv, 210.72; ERPPD, util, 1,220.14; Black Hills Energy, util, 194.67; Rueter's, equip, 35,700.00; Summerland Public School, fees, \$900.00; Capital One Spark, sup, 45.94; Neb. Dept. of Revenue,

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tx, 1,556.56; Jarecki Sharp & Petersen, lgl, 300.00; Antelope Co. Sheriff, srv, 1,202.25; Economic Savings, tnfr, 1,891.00; General Savings, tnfr, 1,891.00; Petty cash, cash, 26.00; Payroll, pay, 5,063.66.

**Water/Sewer Checking**

US Post Office, srv/sup, 147.70; Neb. Public Health Lab, srv, 30.00; City of Neligh, srv, 275.00; One Call Concepts, Inc., srv, 1.60; Sargent Drilling, srv, 66,267.30; Neb. Dept. of Revenue, tx, 520.73; ERPPD, util, 643.56; Rueter's, equip, 35,700.00; Bud's Sanitary Service, srv, 2,714.00; Water Savings, tnfr, 685.00; Sewer Savings, tnfr, 865.00; Lagoon Savings, tnfr, 1,450.00.

**Economic Development Checking**

Blackburn Mfg. Co., sup, 61.30; Three & Co. Baking, sup, 60.00; Clearwater Market, sup, 13.37; McNally Law Office, lgl, 75.00; Blade & Bliss, grant, 93.19.

**Fire Checking**

Quick Med Claims, srv, 426.42; Northeast Community College, edu, 55.63.

**Library Checking**

Clearwater Market, sup, 9.30; Neb. Library Commission, dues, 500.00; Capital One Spark, 37.65; Payroll, pay, 976.08.

**Credit Card Receipts**

Dollar Tree, lib sup, 3.75; Walmart, lib sup, 21.90; Target, lib sup, 12.00; Amazon, office sup, 33.98; Rackspace, emails, 11.96.

Motion by Filsinger, seconded by Kester, to adjourn. Voting aye: Filsinger, Kerkman, Hankla, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Clerk