

VILLAGE OF CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Clearwater met for a regular meeting Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7 p.m., in the fire hall meeting room. Meeting opened at 7 p.m. Notice of meeting was given in advance by publication in *Summerland Advocate-Messenger*, was posted at US Post Office in Clearwater, Clearwater Market, and Cornerstone Bank-Clearwater and was given to board members prior to meeting. Public was informed of location of Open Meeting Act poster.

Present: Cody Kester, Marsha Hart, Brian King, Jeff Schlecht. Others present: clerk Angie Hupp, maintenance operator Troy Behnke, engineer John Zwingman, economic development director Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen, attorney Kyle Petersen, librarian Kathy Feusse and Rustin Fletcher. Absent: Kelly Kerkman.

Motion by Hart, seconded by King, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 8, 2023, where no quorum was present and the meeting was adjourned. Voting aye: Hart, King, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kerkman.

Motion by Schlecht, seconded by King, to approve the minutes of the special meeting on January 15, 2023. Voting aye: Schlecht, King, Hart, Kester. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kerkman.

Motion by Kester, seconded by Hart, to approve the treasurer's report as presented and to place on file. Voting aye: Kester, Hart, King, Schlecht. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kerkman.

Discussion held regarding building permit application for Rustin Fletcher at 609 Montana St. to add a 32 ft. by 36 ft. building to expand the Kidz Corner Clubhouse daycare. The building will sit where a shed is currently, plus take up a little more space. The board questioned whether the building would meet the zoning setback requirements. Kester told Fletcher that he didn't see any issues with it getting passed but that they better make sure to do it correctly, so the board was going to send it to the planning commission first and they would review their recommendations at the March meeting.

Motion by Hart, seconded by Schlecht, to approve a \$2,000 claim from Rembolt Ludtke LLP for sewer bond counsel to be paid by lagoon grant funds. Voting aye: Hart, Schlecht, King, Kester. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kerkman.

Economic development report presented. Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen stated that the Village should be proud of all they've done with LB840 funds since they began the program. Since July 2012, the Village has received more than \$879,000 in local sales tax and other towns are taking notice and using Clearwater as an example of what can be accomplished. The telehealth room is constructed and nearly operational.

Motion by Hart, seconded by King, to approve a \$3,728.50 claim from Stearns Construction for construction of the telehealth room to be paid by Foundation for Rural Services grant funds through the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce. Voting aye: Hart, King, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kerkman.

Motion by Hart, seconded by Schlecht, to approve a \$750 LB840 façade grant to Two Bills Steakhouse for exterior signage. Voting aye: Hart, Schlecht, Kester, King. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kerkman.

Motion by Schlecht, seconded by King, to approve a \$750 LB840 digital façade grant to Two Bills Steakhouse for a point-of-sale system. Voting aye: Schlecht, King, Hart, Kester. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kerkman.

Motion by Kester, seconded by Hart, to transfer \$5,250 from economic savings to economic checking to cover the approved grant payments. Voting aye: Kester, Hart, King, Schlecht. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kerkman.

Maintenance report presented. Troy Behnke suggested talking to Jared Nolze about tree removal in the ditch by his field to assist with water flow out of that edge of town. Behnke stated he is still waiting on plumber Ryan Flenniken to come to town to work on several projects they have waiting for him.

No library report presented. Kester stated that several things have been discovered that might add to the expense and complication of the library/village office building remodel and a joint board meeting with the village and library boards has been suggested as the best way to spread information and make decisions. A date of Feb. 26 was suggested as the best date between both boards' regular meetings. The village board also has to have a public hearing to discuss new and changing liquor licenses and that is the first date available after the notice can be published in the paper. King said he will try to make it but won't know for sure until closer to the day. The rest of the village board, as well as village engineer John Zwingman were amenable to the 26th. Library board president LuAnn Schindler was not present but had let clerk Angie Hupp know earlier in the day that they will have a quorum available and librarian Kathy Feusse said she is available so Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. for the public hearing and 7 p.m. for the joint meeting was set.

No park or sheriff's reports presented.

Clerk report presented. Hupp was informed that there was a witness to a local company hitting and knocking over one of the concrete flowerpots surrounding the Main St. flagpole. The driver set the pot back up but it is in the wrong spot and is missing a large chipped area. The board wasn't sure how much they wanted to push the issue and decided to discuss it in executive session to protect the company.

Motion by Kester, seconded by King, to approve creating a haying contract clarifying that the ground is only for haying and is not to be used for any other purpose. All haying is to be completed and removed between June 1 and Nov. 1. The contract, which will be written by attorney Kyle Petersen, will be good for the calendar year in which it is signed. Voting aye: Kester, King, Schlecht, Hart. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kerkman.

No unfinished business presented.

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New business discussed. It has been suggested again that the board look at options to open land for residential building. Not only the edge of the park but also parts of the tree dump or lagoon. The board is open to considering ideas to create more housing opportunities.

Confirmed Monday, March 11 as the date for the next regular board meeting.

Motion by Hart, seconded by King, to enter executive session at 7:52 p.m. to receive legal advice and prevent needless injury to individuals. Voting aye: Hart, King, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kerkman.

Motion by Kester, seconded by Schlecht, to exit executive session at 8:03 p.m. Voting aye: Kester, Schlecht, King, Hart. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kerkman.

Motion by Hart, seconded by King, to approve claims and payroll. Claims: \$40,265.31; wages: \$7,830.33. Voting aye: Hart, King, Schlecht, Kester. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kerkman.

General Checking

City of Neligh, srv, 4,426.95; Precision IT, srv, 107.25; Bomgaars, sup, 484.03; Nebraska Mediation Center, srv, 100.00; Farmers Pride, fuel, 342.70; Bearinger Tax & Accounting, srv, 70.00; Clearwater Market, sup, 16.06; Neligh Auto & Machine, sup, 98.46; NNTC, util, 160.34; Western Oil II, LLC, fuel, 823.21; ERPPD, util, 1,279.15; Black Hills Energy, util, 729.79; ColdType Publishing, adv, 162.00; Jarecki Sharp Petersen, lgl, 300.00; Antelope Co. Sheriff, srv, 1,302.25; Economic Savings, tnfr, 2,317.34; General Savings, tnfr, 2,317.34; Neb. Dept. of Revenue, tx, 2,123.87; Capital One Spark Card, sup, 705.50; EMC Insurance, ins, 4,132.67; Payroll, pay, 6,888.92.

Water/Sewer Checking

Neb. Public Health Enviro Lab, srv, 15.00; One Call Concepts, srv, 1.18; Municipal Supply Inc., sup, 1,267.66; ERPPD, util, 818.41; US Post Office, sup, 136.00; Bud's Sanitary Service, srv, 3,442.00; Neb. Dept. of Revenue, tx, 573.69; Capital One Spark Card, srv, 64.65; Water/Sewer Savings, tnfr, 3,000.00.

Economic Checking

Blackburn Manufacturing, sup, 25.20; Shamrock Nursery, sup, 852.04; Clearwater Market, sup, 23.17; Stearns Construction, srv, 3,728.50; Two Bills Steakhouse, grant, 1,500.00; ColdType Publishing, sup, 5.50; Capital One Spark, sup, 9.52.

Fire Checking

Northeast Community College, srv/mil, 792.40.

Library Checking

Clearwater Market, sup, 11.48; Payroll, pay, 941.41.

Grant Checking

Rembolt Ludtke LLP, srv, 2,000.00.

Credit Card

US Post Office, srv, 64.65; Amazon, sup, 176.41; Walmart, sup, 9.52; Royelle Truck Outfitters, sup, 529.09.

Motion by Kester, seconded by Schlecht, to approve adjourning the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. Voting aye: Kester, Schlecht, Hart, King. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kerkman.

Chairperson Kelly Kerkman

Clerk Angie Hupp