

VILLAGE OF CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 10, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Clearwater met for a regular meeting Monday, Mar. 10, 2025 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: Kelly Kerkman, Marsha Hart, Cody Kester, Brian King, Jeff Schlecht. Others present: clerk Angie Hupp and attorney Kyle Petersen.

Motion by Kester, seconded by King, to approve minutes of Feb. 10, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Voting aye: Kester, King, Schlecht, Hart. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Kerkman.

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

At February meeting, board tabled fertilizing and weed-spraying bid approval in hopes of getting second bid. Still only had one bid so board decided to move forward. Kerkman texted owner Troy Young to ask if he'd honor discount even though it was past deadline. Young said yes.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Hart, to approve bid from Y&Y Lawn Services of \$2,242 after five percent discount for 2025 fertilizing and weed spraying of park, baseball field and veteran's park. Voting aye: Kerkman, Hart, Kester, King, Schlecht. Voting nay: none.

Rutjens Construction and VRBA Construction only companies to send bids for sewer extension to 85130 515 ½ Ave. project. Rutjens Construction bid \$83,652 with completion date of Sep. 15. VRBA Construction bid \$103,526 with completion date of Sep. 1. Based on information provided, engineer John Zwingman sent recommendation to hire Rutjens Construction.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by King, to approve Rutjens Construction as contractor for 85130 515 ½ Ave. sewer extension project. Voting aye: Kerkman, King, Schlecht, Hart, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Schlecht, seconded by Kester, to allow Advanced Consulting Engineering Services to prepare and present notice of award and contracts for 85130 515 ½ Ave. sewer project. Voting aye: Schlecht, Kester, Hart, Kerkman, King. Voting nay: none.

Read Ordinance 2025-1 regulating the speed of vehicles on US Highway 275 within the Village of Clearwater, Antelope County, Nebraska corporate limits; repealing ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing when the ordinance shall be in full force and effect; and providing for publication of ordinance in pamphlet form.

Angie Hupp explained that Neb. Dept. of Transportation asked for new ordinance even though nothing had changed because last one filed was from 1958.

Motion by Kester, seconded by Schlecht, to waive three readings of Ordinance 2025-1 regulating speed on Hwy. 275 within corporate limits. Voting aye: Kester, Schlecht, Kerkman, Hart, King. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Kester, seconded by Hart, to approve Ordinance 2025-1 regulating speed on Hwy. 275 within corporate limits. Voting aye: Kester, Hart, Kerkman, Schlecht, King. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Schlecht, to switch CD #13472 from a 12-month term to a seven-month term in order to yield higher interest rate. Voting aye: Kerkman, Schlecht, King, Kester, Hart. Voting nay: none.

Economic development report presented by Hupp. Website redesign estimated to begin May or June. Shelby Snodgrass is new assistant economic development director for Neligh. Lauren Sheridan-Simonsen working on LB840 application with a local business. Sheridan-Simonsen and Hupp created flyers to send to all Clearwater businesses asking for interest in putting up trimlights.

Maintenance report presented by Kerkman and Hupp since maintenance operator Troy Behnke at conference in Kearney. Behnke working on fixing meters and has more on order for replacement. Trail camera used for security at tree dump stolen and turned off. Behnke figured out two minors took it. Sheriff's Deputy Darin Ternus spoke to one of the minors and parents, equipment was returned in working order and minors apologized. Kerkman stated Behnke wants to add second camera to cover more of dump area and lockboxes to prevent theft in future.

Discussion held regarding whether to advertise for seasonal help or contract for mowing. Board decided to advertise for both and see what garners more interest.

No library or sheriff's reports presented.

Clerk report presented. Hupp will be at clerk's conference all next week and reminded board that week will involve some overtime hours. Contacted ALLO to ask about laptops ordered and paid for in December for office and January for library. They stated one laptop in stock and second in any day. Should be delivered to office this week. NDOT released 1&6 street plans and highway through Clearwater and intersection approaches taken off due to budget constraints. Not sure what that means for help extending sidewalk from Main St. to highway crosswalk. Zwingman has talked to State about it but hasn't gotten much information. Keno is running at Two Bills Steakhouse. Annual audit is almost done. Invoices sent to dog owners for annual licensing fees. Received another service charge on keno checking because bank said minimum balance is \$500, not \$100. Hupp told board she's waiting on reply from lotto guy regarding how to handle account. Board said to go ahead and transfer money to stop service charges because money still used by Village.

Unfinished business tabled. No updates regarding sidewalk extension or paving of River Rd. and Nebraska St. Zwingman needs board to decide how to move forward with financials on proposed subdivision but board would like Zwingman or Sheridan-Simonsen there to discuss.

Confirmed next regular meeting date of Apr. 14 at 7 p.m.

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Attorney report presented. Discussion held regarding enforcement of mandatory water and sewer hook-ups at 205 Colorado St. Letter written in English and Spanish delivered to owners on Dec. 8 by Deputy Ternus and owners given 90 days to comply. Owners haven't talked to Hupp or asked for meeting and 90 days have passed. Petersen informed board next step would be to file criminal ordinance violation case in county court, where court likely to impose fine and ask for compliance. After that, can file civil case in district court with possibility for mandatory compliance. Board decided to send one more letter of final notice with 30 days to comply and explanation of next steps.

No public comment heard.

Motion by Hart, seconded by Schlecht, to approve claims and payroll. Claims: \$60,398.64; payroll: \$7,500.45. Voting aye: Hart, Schlecht, Kerkman, Kester, King. Voting nay: none.

General Checking

Bomgaars, sup, 65.57; Farmers Pride, sup, 272.40; ERPPD, util, 1,161.00; NNTC, util, 162.63; ALLO Business, srv, 36.00; Western Oil II, fuel, 299.45; ColdType Publishing, adv, 213.00; Black Hills Energy, util, 747.02; Jarecki Sharp Petersen, lgl, 300.00; Antelope Co. Sheriff, srv, 1,302.25; General Savings, tnfr, 2,924.48; Economic Savings, tnfr, 2,924.48; Y&Y Lawn Services, srv, 2,242.00; Neb. Dept. of Revenue, tx, 1,694.32; EMC Insurance, ins, 4,646.47; Payroll, pay, 6,752.78.

Water/Sewer Checking

Neb. Public Health Enviro Lab, srv, 15.00; PowerManager, sub, 4,262.50; One Call Concepts, Inc., srv, 1.21; ERPPD, util, 693.97; Two Rivers Irrigation, sub, 320.00; Bud's Sanitary Service, srv, 3,437.00; US Post Office, sup, 219.00; Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, srv, 5,731.25; Neb. Dept. of Revenue, tx, 574.83; Water/Sewer Savings, tnfr, 3,000.00.

Fire Checking

Antelope Memorial Hospital, sup, 7.28; CLIA Laboratory Program, cert, 228.00; Quick Med Claims, srv, 20.26.

Library Checking

Eakes Office Solutions, sup, 130.99; Clearwater Market, sup, 11.45; Payroll, pay, 747.67.

Capital One Credit Card

ALLO Business, refund, (96.32); Amazon, refund, (179.99); Hi-Way Mart, fuel, 58.08; US Post Office, srv, 42.50.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Kester, to close and adjourn meeting at 7:39 p.m. Voting aye: Kerkman, Kester, King, Schlecht, Hart. Voting nay: none.

Chairperson Kelly Kerkman

Clerk Angie Hupp