

**VILLAGE OF ELM CREEK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 24, 2017, 7:30 P.M.**

A Regular Meeting of the Elm Creek Village Board of Trustees was convened in open and public session at the Elm Creek Village Center, 535 W. Boyd Avenue, Elm Creek, Nebraska at 7:30 p.m. on August 24, 2017. Advance Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by posting of Notice in three public places within the Village and publication in the Beacon Observer, as shown in the Certificate of Posting affixed to these minutes. Advance Notice was simultaneously given to the Chairman and all members of the Board of Trustees and their acknowledgment of receipt of Notice and the agenda are affixed to these minutes. Chairman Jim Gunderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. by calling for the roll with the following members responding: Davis Miner, Jim Gunderson, Cory Halliwell, and Mike Brown. Absent: Gary Brouillette. Jim announced that the Open Meeting Laws were in the hallway leading to the meeting room for the public's inspection.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Cory to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 27, 2017 and the Claims for the month of August 2017 in the amount of \$64,181.36. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. Absent: Gary. The motion carried. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Davis to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the Special Meeting on August 22, 2017. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. Absent: Gary. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

EMPLOYEE REPORTS: Clint informed the board that Ed's Sanitation is coming next week to jet a quarter of the villages sewer lines. Annual maintenance the village does each year. Clint took the ball field bleachers from the ball fields and put them over at the football fields on the visiting team side. The school would like to get new bleachers and they are really pushing to get this done. Clint was talking to Cory Spotanski and his preference would be to go with the more expensive option of bleachers as they will last longer than if you were going with cheaper ones. The board agreed that something needs to be done and would consider doing a 50/50 split with the school. Clint would like to have ones that have the wheel kit so that could transport them easier back and forth between the ball fields and football fields.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Captain Bob reported that once again things have been quiet on this side of the county for the month of July. There have not been any thefts here locally as there have been quite a few in the eastern part of the county. He also informed the board that they have a new computer system that they are working with on their reporting.

REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM #1: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: NE Department of Economic Development and South Central Economic Development to discuss resources that might assist the community

Kelly Gewecke, Business Development Consultant with Nebraska Department of Economic Development and Lori Ferguson, Community Consultant with South Central Economic Development District were at the board meeting to visit with the board about resources that might assist the community. The board informed them we were at ground zero and wanted to know what the first steps in the process were to become eligible for any resources. Jim Gunderson said our #1 priority would be updating some of the infrastructure in Elm Creek, not so much the Community Building construction they had discussed awhile back. The 2nd priority would be land acquisition in order to put in a municipal well if needed and for housing and growth Elm Creek. Kelly and Lori said we would need to do a Needs Assessment Survey or Needs Survey with the community first. The board wants to do the survey and wanted to know the cost of doing one. Lori couldn't give the board an exact amount as it varies but will have some numbers to the board next week sometime. The board has requested the ladies to come back to our next meeting on September 12th to discuss further the steps we need to take.

AGENDA ITEM #2: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Myron Zechmann with Lions Club requesting updates to the Elm Creek Welcome Signs

Agenda item skipped

AGENDA ITEM #3: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Additional 1% Allowable Increase in the Restricted Fund Authority

In preparation for the annual budget, Dana Cole requested that the board vote on the allowed additional 1% Restricted Fund Authority. As part of the annual budget, the Village is automatically granted a 2.5% increase in the restricted funds authority but are allowed to vote on an additional 1% increase. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Cory to approve the additional 1% increase in the total 2017-2018 Restricted Funds Authority subject to limitation. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Mike, and Cory. Nays: none. Absent: Gary. The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #4: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Setting date for Special Budget Hearing/Meeting in September

The board decided to set the date for the Budget Hearing for Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00pm with a Special Meeting to follow at 7:30pm. The September Regular Meeting will still be held on Thursday, September 28th at 7:30pm.

AGENDA ITEM #5: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Acceptance of Resignation from Gary Brouillette, Village Board Trustee

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Mike to accept the resignation from Gary Brouillette after the October 2017 meeting. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. Absent: Gary. The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #6: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Remove Gary Brouillette from Village Accounts

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Davis to remove Gary Brouillette from the Village accounts effective immediately. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. Absent: Gary. The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #7: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Add new signer to Village Accounts

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Mike to add Wendy Clabaugh, Cory Halliwell, Davis Miner and Jim Gunderson as signees to all financial accounts. Ayes: Jim, Davis, and Mike. Abstain: Cory. Nays: none. Absent: Gary. The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #8: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Executive Session

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Mike to go into executive session at 9:03pm to discuss clothing allowance and time clock descriptions. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. Absent: Gary. The motion carried. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Davis to come out of executive session at 9:44pm. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. Absent: Gary. The motion carried. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Davis to approve the Work Boot/Work Clothing Allowance for Employees at \$150.00 per year. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. Absent: Gary. The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #9: Adjournment

All agenda items having been considered, it was moved by Davis and seconded by Cory to adjourn this Regular Meeting. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. Absent: Gary. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:47p.m.

Chairman-Elm Creek Village Board

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

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