

**VILLAGE OF ELM CREEK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BUDGET HEARING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016, 7:00 P.M.**

**BUDGET HEARING**

Chairman Jim Gunderson opened the 2016-2017 Budget Hearing at 7:02pm by calling for the roll with the following members responding: Jim Gunderson, Gary Brouillette, Kathy Labs, Davis Miner and Cory Halliwell. Absent: None. Jim announced that the Open Meeting Laws were in the hallway leading to the meeting room for the public's inspection.

Gene Ulmer and Blake Saltzgaber, with Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP, presented the 2016-2017 Budget to the Board. Gene noted that property tax request was an increase of \$5,800.00 or 3% from last year's request and that our total certified valuation had increased 14% from last year and was most likely attributed to the property revaluations in the county. Gene further explained the budget figures to the Board and answered any questions they had regarding the budget figures. With no further questions, it was moved by Jim and seconded by Davis to close the Budget Hearing at 7:40pm.

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**VILLAGE OF ELM CREEK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016, 7:30 P.M.**

A Special 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 September 13, 2016. Advance Notice of this hearing 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 Affidavit of Publication 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 opened the Special Meeting at 7:43pm by calling for the roll with the following members responding: Jim Gunderson, Gary Brouillette, Kathy Labs, Davis Miner and Cory Halliwell. Absent: None. Jim announced that the Open Meeting Laws were in the hallway leading to the meeting room for the public's inspection.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**AGENDA ITEM #1: Passage of Resolution to Set Final Property Request at an Amount that Differs from the Prior Year Request**

Jim introduced and read in full Resolution No. 2016-5:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-5**

WHEREAS, Nebraska statutes 77-1601 and 77-1601-2 authorizes the Governing Body to set a final property tax request at an amount that differs from the prior year request.

WHEREAS, The Chairperson and Village Board of Elm Creek, Nebraska, has conducted a public hearing as prescribed by law and heard and considered comments concerning the propriety of setting the property tax request at a different amount.

WHEREAS, The Chairperson and the Village Board of Elm Creek, Nebraska, hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the Village that a property tax request be set at an amount that differs from the prior year request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF ELM CREEK, NEBRASKA, that the property tax request for the fiscal year 2016-2017 is set and allocated to the various funds as follows:

Fund	Property tax request
General	\$ 135,099.00
Bond	<u>37,525.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 172,624.00</u>

Passed and approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Board Secretary

A motion by Jim and seconded by Gary to pass Resolution No. 2016-5 to set the final property tax request at an amount that differs from the prior year request. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Gary, Cory, and Kathy. Nays: none. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #2: Passage of Ordinance to Adopt the Budget Statement for 2016-2017 Fiscal Year**

Jim then introduced an Ordinance by Title and designated it as Ordinance No. 2016-17:

VILLAGE OF ELM CREEK

**ELM CREEK, NEBRASKA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-17**

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE OF ELM CREEK, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That after complying with all procedures required by law, the budget presented and set forth in the budget statement is hereby approved as the Annual Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017. As sums of money contained in the budget statement are hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Village of Elm Creek, Nebraska. A copy of the budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and to the County Clerk of Buffalo County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Board Secretary

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Kathy to suspend the statutory rule requiring that Ordinances be read on three separate occasions, so that Ordinance No. 2016-17 might be introduced, read by title 3 times, and adopted at the same meeting. Ayes: Jim, Gary, Cory, Davis and Kathy. Nays: none. The motion carried.

It was called to question as to the adopting Ordinance No. 2016-17 adopting the 2016-2017 budget. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Cory to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-17 adopting the budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017. Ayes: Jim, Gary, Cory, Davis and Kathy. Nays: none. The motion carried and Ordinance No. 2016-17 is duly adopted by the Village of Elm Creek, Nebraska.

**AGENDA ITEM #3: Dalton Keeton Eagle Scout Project**

Dalton Keeton, a sophomore at Elm Creek Public Schools, and a member of the Life Scout Troop 155 is looking to complete his Eagle Scout project. His ideas for the project would benefit several organizations and he would like to build/install an American Flag Retirement Fire Pit. He is requesting to place it near the Memorial by the Library. The fire pit would contain a 55 gallon drum removable barrel with a lid on it and a plaque that would say what it is for. The lid would only come off when the Flag Retirement Ceremony is taking place. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Davis to allow Dalton to earn his Eagle Scout by allowing the project to build a Flag Retirement Fire Pit. Ayes: Jim, Gary, Cory, Davis and Kathy. Nays: none. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #4: Church Street Bridge Repair**

Dave Wilke with Wilke Construction was here to discuss the bridge repair project and what it would entail. Clint will contact Lance and have him come and take measurements to the approaches. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #5: Tyler Hillmer combining two residential lots**

Tyler explained that he has purchased lots 5 & 6 in the Meads Subdivision and that he will be building his house over the two lots. He will need to have his surveyor draw up a plat to have the two lots combined into one lot and replatted. He will have all the information ready for our next meeting so that he can get the board approval and continue the process to start building.

**AGENDA ITEM #6: Garbage Truck**

Clint and Jim went to Lincoln to take a look at the garbage trucks that he had been provided quotes for. In Clint's opinion, he is not in favor of the International as they have lots of issues and constantly in for repairs for electrical problems, he was also not in favor of the Freightliner as he said the seats were not very comfortable. He does really like the Kenworth the best even though it was the most expensive one. It has all the features they are looking for, and would only need to make some slight modifications. The board would like Clint to contact the sales person and try to negotiate a lower purchase price.

**AGENDA ITEM #7: Homecoming Bonfire**

Calli Meier and Tammy Miner were at the meeting to get the Village Boards approval to have the homecoming bonfire in town and make an exception to the ordinance regarding the open burn ban. They have already contacted Morgan Meier with the Village Agency Board and have his permission to use the Village Hall for the student's supper and to have the bonfire on the Village Agency lot as long as they use a metal tank to put the fire wood in and that it would be located in the sand volleyball court and have the mess cleaned up afterwards. They have also contacted the Fire Department

and have the Fire Chief's, Jeff Schnacker, approval to have the bonfire in town as well. The Fire Department will be present during the bonfire and they will need to have a Burn Permit signed by Jeff Schnacker. Other approved events for the kids will be games and a car smashing. We are trying to get the Community involved and get the 'School Spirit' back into the Community for these kids during Homecoming Week. The Community is welcome to join in on the festivities and they are invited to the Bonfire. Calli and Tammy will be hanging flyers at the local businesses and the school regarding the Homecoming Bonfire scheduled this Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The board thought it was a great idea to bring the Homecoming Bonfire back into town and to get the Community involved in the festivities. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Kathy to allow the Homecoming Bonfire in town on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, with an exception to our Village Ordinance with open fires in town.

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Davis to go into executive session at 9:12pm to discuss land acquisition update. Ayes: Jim, Gary, Cory, Kathy, and Davis. Nays: none. The motion carried. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Cory to come out of executive session at 9:22pm. Ayes: Jim, Gary, Cory, Kathy, and Davis. Nays: none. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #8: Adjournment.**

All agenda items having been considered, it was moved by Davis and seconded by Cory to adjourn this Special Meeting. Ayes: Jim, Gary, Cory, Kathy, and Davis. Nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

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Chairman-Elm Creek Village Board

(SEAL)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk