

**VILLAGE OF ELM CREEK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 27, 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 April 27, 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 Gary Brouillette. Absent: Mike Brown. 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 Gary to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 23, 2017 and approval of the Claims for the month of April 2017 in the amount of \$66,169.32. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

EMPLOYEE REPORTS: Clint reported that Mike is back to work so Clint now has his full staff. Clint also reported that he was approached by Louis Butler informed him that the Church street bridge was not wide enough. It does not meet the required width needed. Clint contacted the village engineer and Wilke Construction. Wilke said they will move the guardrails out several inches on both sides to make it right. The board would like to have the bridge closed during the construction time for the crew's safety.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Officer Ristine reported on behalf of the Buffalo County Sheriff's Department as Captain Bob Anderson was unable to attend. He reported all has been good here in Elm Creek.

REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM #1: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Steve Martin to discuss Buffalo Stampede Fireworks Date and Budget

Steve Martin was present to discuss Buffalo Stampede fireworks date and budget. The dates this year are August 25th – 27th and there is a home football game Friday night with Kenesaw. They discussed doing the fireworks on that Saturday night and use the same budget as last year. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Davis to allow Steve Martin to use \$3,000 in Keno funds to purchase the fireworks for that Saturday, August 26, 2017 Fireworks display. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #2: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Village Audit Dana F Cole & Company

Bob Beran with Dana F Cole presented the Audit Report to the Village Board. Bob gave a brief summary of their findings. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Cory to approve the Audit Report from Dana F Cole and Company. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #3: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Westside Feeders 4-H Club of Elm Creek Community Service Project Opportunity

Devon Anderson and Alex Meier with Westside Feeders 4-H Club of Elm Creek is looking for community service projects for the 4-H kids. They have approximately 25-35 kids that ages range from 8 years to 18 years of age. Jim Gunderson had some ideas of what they could do, with supervision. Some of Jim's suggestions were to paint fire hydrants, paint the yellow lines downtown for the angled parking and painting the posts in the parking lot of the Fire Department and Village Hall. This will give them some ideas to take back to their club to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM #4: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: West Elm Avenue Street Repair Cost Estimate

Lance put together a cost comparison of 6" x 24' of Asphalt Pavement versus concrete to fix West Elm Avenue from the 10E access road to North Easy Street. There was discussion as to the cost of fixing the street and if it could be assessed to the property owners. Jim and the board members would like to have Jeff Meads, Cliff Meads, Tanner Cavenee and Tyler Hillmer present at the May Regular meeting to discuss the street issues. Jim asked Wendy to contact them about coming to the next meeting to discuss the issues. No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM #5: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Water Well Project

Jim is still working with Stan Ourada on the ground down south for a new well if the Village would ever need to have one put in. Testing, per Clint, would cost approximately \$15,000 to \$17,000. Right now, Jim just wants to secure the ground so if down the road the Village would need it, it would be available immediately. Lance is going to do some inquiring on the wells and testing and report back to the board. No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM #6: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Hiring a replacement Lifeguard for 2017 pool season

Amber contacted Jim the night before the lifeguard meeting to inform him that Darrin Hunt had declined his offer as lifeguard and took a job with Barry Littell. Amber asked Jim if she could hire Sydney Hubbard as a replacement as she was next in line on the list to be hired. Jim said that would be fine. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Cory to replace Darrin Hunt with Sydney Hubbard as a lifeguard for the 2017 pool season at \$9.00/hour. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #7: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: FCCLA request for KENO funds for National Competition in Nashville, TN

Morgan Sindt represented the Elm Creek FCCLA in their request to propose their Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 27th. They were requesting approval from the Village Board to have the streets with the route closed off during the event and to have the street route painted/marked for the walkers/runners. The board approved of the 5K Fun Run/Walk and told Clint to have enough paint supplied to the FCCLA so they can mark their route. Morgan and the FCCLA members will be contacting Carol Jorgenson with the Rescue Squad to have EMT's available on this day as well. This fundraiser is to help the FCCLA members raise enough money to help with the expenses of those going to the National FCCLA Conference in Tennessee. They have 3 teams consisting of 5 members that will be going to nationals and it will cost \$900 per student to go. The FCCLA was also requesting KENO funds to help pay for the members travel expenses. Jim Gunderson expressed what a great program FCCLA is for these students, his daughter is also involved in FCCLA, and he just questions why the school is not helping with the cost of the travel expenses. In the past, whatever the cost was for each member to go, that member would have to do fundraisers to earn money to pay for their own expenses and if they didn't earn enough the remaining balance due was out of their own pocket. With it being a school organization, he feels the school should be helping more with those expenses. It would

be no different than if football went to state or any other sport team, vocal/band group, speech team or school club. The school pays their travel expense. The board feels it is not up to the Village to start paying out KENO funds for school organizations travel expenses. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Gary to DENY the request for KENO funds. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried.

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

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Gary to go into executive session at 8:52pm to discuss the rate study, personnel manual and banners. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Cory to come out of executive session at 10:01pm. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Davis to approve changes to Section 3.6 in the personnel manual as approved at the March meeting. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, and Gary. Nays: none. 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 Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:02p.m.

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

Chairman-Elm Creek Village Board

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