

**VILLAGE OF ELM CREEK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 25, 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 May 25, 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, Mike Brown, and Gary Brouillette. Absent: None. 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 Davis and seconded by Cory to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 27, 2017 and approval of the Claims for the month of May 2017 in the amount of \$91,711.72. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, Mike and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

EMPLOYEE REPORTS: Clint reported that the water tower tests have come back clean and that DHHS has approved and granted the placement of putting the water tower back into service. Clint made a request to purchase 2 mats for the ball field concession stand a 3'x6' rug for \$73.22 and a 3'x10' rug for \$128.07. The board told him to go ahead and make the purchase. Jim mentioned all the public comments regarding how nice the ball field concession stand and bathrooms look after the construction/remodeling Clint and his guys did over the winter months. Jim also mentioned that we need to start thinking about replacing the water heater at the pool. It would need to be a commercial grade water heater. Clint said Mark Canning quoted one that would be approximately \$4,130.00.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Officer Ristine reported on behalf of the Buffalo County Sheriff's Department. He explained they have started some ESU (SWAT) training at the schools. They are trying to make appearances at more events. Jim reminded him of the 5K this Saturday at 9am and he was going to get back to the department and have at least 2 officers available for this event.

REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM #1: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Stuck's Last Call to request Buffalo Stampede Street Dance Saturday, August 26, 2017

There was no one present from Stuck's Last Call at the meeting. Stuck's Last Call was requesting to have the street blocked off on Saturday, August 26th for their annual street dance during the Buffalo Stampede Celebration. They are requesting to have a ½ block area cordoned off to serve alcohol located in front of Stuck's Last Call as they have done in years past. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Davis to allow Stuck's Last Call to have their street dance as they have done in past years for Saturday, August 26th. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, Mike and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #2: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: West Elm Avenue Street Repair

The board had requested to have Cliff Meads, Jeff Meads, Tanner Cavenee and Tyler Hilmer present to discuss West Elm Avenue. The street needs work done to it as there is a lot of traffic including trucks that continuously are tearing the street up and Clint and his staff have continually filled the pot holes but to no avail. The board wanted to discuss options with the property owners to hear their input as to what they would like to have done. Cliff would like to see signs put up for NO truck traffic and then have the sheriff's office enforce it. Officer Ristine told the board that the sheriff's department could not enforce it by just putting up a sign. The board would need to pass an Ordinance stating that the street is a No Truck Traffic street. Once the ordinance was passed and a sign put up, they could then enforce it.

Cliff also mentioned that when the road is as rough as it is right now, it deters the traffic to use an alternate route. When the road has been patched and nice they see heavier traffic, especially those that like to speed as it is such a long street and it allows the cars to pick up speed. Lance, our village engineer had suggested to take up what is there and either replace with asphalt or concrete. Pricing for this was estimated at approximately \$260,000 as discussed at the last month's meeting. Cliff doesn't want to have asphalt or concrete done and have it assessed to the property owners as the lots aren't selling the way they are and then having to add more cost to it when they do sell. Jim said he knows that something needs to be done but we just don't know exactly what that should be. Jim said the board will give it a thought and told them to keep it in mind and let the board know if they have any good ideas.

AGENDA ITEM #3: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Utility Rates

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Davis to go into executive session at 8:01pm to discuss the utility rates. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, Mike and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Cory to come out of executive session at 8:59pm. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, Mike and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #4: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Ordinance to amend Utility Rates for Garbage Collection

Item skipped.

AGENDA ITEM #5: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Ordinance to amend Utility Rates for Water Usage

Item skipped.

AGENDA ITEM #6: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Pool Heater Purchase

The pool heater needed replaced this season. The new one has been installed but they had some issues with the gas meter but Black Hills Energy seems to have it fixed and is now working better. Clint has not seen a bill for the new heater but thought he was quoted around \$15,000 for the heater, materials and labor. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Davis to allow the purchase of the pool heater in an amount not more than \$15,000.00. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, Mike and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #7: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Executive Session

Item skipped.

AGENDA ITEM #8: 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, Mike and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:03p.m.

Chairman-Elm Creek Village Board

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

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