

**VILLAGE OF ELM CREEK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 28, 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 September 28, 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 7:31 p.m. by calling for the roll with the following members responding: Davis Miner, Jim Gunderson, Cory Halliwell, Gary Brouillette and Mike Brown. 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 Jim and seconded by Davis to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 24, 2017, the Budget and Special Meetings on September 12, 2017 and the Claims for the month of September 2017 in the amount of \$71,676.99. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, Gary and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**EMPLOYEE REPORTS:** Clint reported to the board that Cory Spotanski wants to have the pep rally downtown and wanting to have some bleachers possibly moved downtown by the lions club. The homecoming football game against Overton is at 3:00pm on Friday and the school will have the pep rally downtown at 12:15pm with student dismissal at 1:00pm. The board did not see any issues with this. Clint also requested from the board that he would like to have 2 more sand volleyball courts put in by the east side of the village hall. That would give the village 5 sand volleyball courts. Mike and Davis suggested to Clint to check with Allmand Bros., Inc to rent portable lights for the Buffalo Stampede volleyball tournament since this year they were not able to finish the tournament as it was too dark to continue. The board did not see an issue with adding 2 courts but would like Clint to also check next year with Allmand Bros, Inc. Wendy asked the board if they wanted her to run the employment ad in the Kearney Hub and The Beacon again along with running it in the Holdrege, Lexington and Cozad papers. Davis said he would post the employment ad on his facebook page and see if we can draw more applicants. Wendy is to email Davis the employment ad.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Officer Valenzuela was present with the Sheriff's Department and reported they are trying to show more of a presence in town, especially during school drop off and pick up times. He explained some of the changes on the police report due to the new computer software they are now using. He took note of the Homecoming festivities and will take that information back to the Sheriff's department.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**AGENDA ITEM #1: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Luke McKeon Eagle Scout Project**

Luke McKeon is currently working on his Eagle Scout project and is working on building and installing new back stops for the ball fields. He has been painting boards and working with Clint on this. So far his out-of-pocket cost is approximately \$715.00 which the board told Luke to hang onto his receipts so we can reimburse him the expense. He estimated the total cost to be approximately \$1,200. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Gary to approve the project with the approximate costs not to exceed \$1,300.00. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, Gary and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #2: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Homecoming Bonfire**

Rodney Cornell and Dan McKeon and Luke McKeon were in attendance for the Senior Class 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 contacted Morgan Meier and have the Village Agency Boards permission to use the village hall and ground facility to have their homecoming supper and bonfire. Doug Hild with the fire department has approved the burn permit for the bonfire. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Cory to allow the Homecoming Bonfire in town on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, with an exception to our Village Ordinance with open fires in town. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, Gary and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #3: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Follow-up with SCEDD regarding Survey and Housing Study**

Lori Ferguson with SCEDD brought in a proposal to the board with 3 different scenarios for the board to look over. The village could apply for a NIFA grant of 30% to help pay for a housing study in conjunction with their comprehensive plan package (including survey, comp plan, blight study and zoning update), or they could apply for a NIFA grant that would cover 50% of the cost of a housing study which would also include a survey. However, the village cannot be the applicant. The planning commission would have to be the applicant for the NIFA grant. After looking at the costs to do surveys and the study's, the best option for the village would be to do all the CNAS, housing, planning package and surveys with the 30% NIFA grant. Lori also recommended that one or two members of the board should meet, prior to our next regular meeting, with the planning commission to let them know what the village is looking to do and that they could also have the volunteer committee meet at the same time to update all of them on what the board is looking to do. Cory had spoke with Lance Harder who said the village should also look into a Drainage Study Grant. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Davis to have SCEDD do the CNAS, Housing, Planning Package with the 30% NIFA grant with the total package cost to the city of approximately \$26,600.00. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Mike, Gary and Cory. Nays: none. The motion carried. The board will follow up with Lori and let her know a meeting date.

**AGENDA ITEM #4: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Filling the position of Village Board of Trustee Vacancy**

Jim announced with the resignation of Gary Brouillette last month and the posting of the notice of vacancy that would need to be filled from November 2017 to December 2018 that we have had one interested candidate for the position. Jim nominated Tanner Tool to fill the vacancy for November 2017 through December 2018. Jim called for a vote from the board. The vote was 4-0 in favor of Tanner Tool. Jim declared Tanner Tool as the new Trustee of the Village Board with his term starting November 2017 and will serve until the end of the term which will be December 2018.

**AGENDA ITEM #5: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Filling the position of Village Agency Board Vacancy**

Jim asked the board members if any of them would be willing to replace Gary as one of the Village Agency Board members. Cory is already on the Agency board and they felt it may be a conflict of interest to have Tanner on the Agency board since his brother is on the board. Jim said he would do it if no one else wanted to. It was then decided that Jim would serve on the Agency Board.

**AGENDA ITEM #6: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Banners**

Mike will work on the artwork to be voted on at the next meeting. No action taken.

**AGENDA ITEM #7: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Red Top Motel**

Jim asked Luke what we can do to have the Red Top Motel cleaned up. It has multiple code violations. Luke was going to drive by and take a look at the property after the meeting. Wendy is to email Luke the owner's information. Luke's recommendation was to send them a letter like they did with Leah Sutherland's properties. Luke thought he would have the letter sent out by Tuesday.

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

Item skipped

**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, Gary and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:31p.m.

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Chairman-Elm Creek Village Board

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk

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