

**VILLAGE OF ELM CREEK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 26, 2016, 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 26, 2016. 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, Kathy Labs 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 Jim and seconded by Davis to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 28, 2016 and approval of the Claims for the month of May 2016 in the amount of \$75,363.40. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, Kathy and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**EMPLOYEE REPORTS:** Clint reported the frame is set in for the bathrooms, Builders has not seen the doors come in yet, the Garbage truck broke down and Elliott Sanitation out of Lincoln let us borrow one, Steve Martin should have ours fixed by tomorrow. Meads Addition Street will be our next project. The guys will cold mix the holes and re-evaluate what to do. McGuire Iron will be here to do the tank inspection. The pool is up and running. Ropes are up on the poles in the cemeteries. Jim reported we need to contact Steve Martin and change the date for the Stampede Fireworks. Originally we were to have them on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> but due to the away football game, we are changing the Fireworks Display date to be Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. The sewer on Mill Street collapsed and need to tear up and fix. The slides on the big playground equipment broke. Clint attempted to fix but the first section needs to be replaced. Quote to replace is \$1,226.39. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Gary to order new section to repair slide and to pay from the Keno funds. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, Kathy and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Sergeant Ristine here for Captain Bob. There have been a small number of calls for the community for April. The deputies are encouraged to be more visible. They will have a bike here so will be more visible around town.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**AGENDA ITEM #1: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Brady Cell Phone**

Brady already has a cell phone plan that he would like to keep and would rather be reimbursed instead of having a personal phone and work phone. His monthly payment is estimated at \$55-\$56 a month. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Gary to reimburse Brady a monthly fee of \$55.00/month to be used as village phone. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, Kathy and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #2: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Firstier Bank**

Shaun asked about redoing the sidewalk in front of the Bank due to liability. The board explained what they did with Curt Foster. Shaun had a bid from Popple Construction for \$4,816.50. It was suggested we do the same cost share with the bank as we did with Foster's. Luke will draw up the agreement to be 50/50 on the tear out and repour sidewalk and 100% village expense on the curb and gutter. A motion was made by Jim and seconded

by Cory to approve the sidewalk/gutter repair with Firstier Bank with proportions as set before at \$4,816.50.  
Ayes: Jim, Gary, Cory, Davis and Kathy. Nays: none.

**AGENDA ITEM #3: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Library Board**

Members of the Library Board were present to request a pay increase for Jane as she has been there for 27 years. The Village Board will discuss this and vote at the next meeting. The library would also like to have Wi-Fi at the library along with a couple of computers, printer and software for Jane to run reports. They have checked into having internet service with Charter Communications and were told it would be \$39.00 installation and \$39.00/month for the 1<sup>st</sup> year and after 1 year the monthly cost would increase. Jim suggested that we get two computers for the library. A laptop for Jane and a desk top for the public use. Jessica will get with Wendy about looking into the software needed for Jane to run reports and a printer. The library received a check for \$200.00 from the state that needs to be endorsed over to the library. The library board would also like to have the inside of the library updated sometime in the near future.

**AGENDA ITEM #4: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Darren Robinson Buffalo County Economic Development**

Darren was at the meeting to discuss a Preliminary Grant Application for \$375,000 maximum for Civic & Community Finance Fund. The funds would need to be matched so the community would need to raise \$375,000 to receive the full \$375,000 grant amount. The new facility in the community would be owned by the Village and located in the village. It would be operated by the village. Application is due June 15 if we act now, if we decide to wait until the next cycle we would have to wait 1 year. Various options were discussed to raise funds. Some discussions were a ½% sales tax increase as an option which would need to be voted on by the public.

**AGENDA ITEM #5: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Executive Session**

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Gary to go into Executive Session at 8:50pm to discuss the Civic Center. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, Kathy and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Davis to come out of Executive Session at 9:30pm. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Cory, Kathy and Gary. Nays: none. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #6: Adjournment**

All agenda items having been considered, it was moved by Davis and seconded by Cory to adjourn this Regular Meeting. Ayes: Jim, Davis, Gary, Kathy and Cory. Nays: none. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman-Elm Creek Village Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

(SEAL)