

**VILLAGE OF ELM CREEK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 26, 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 October 26, 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: Jim Gunderson, Cory Halliwell, and Mike Brown. Absent: Davis Miner and Gary Brouillette. Jim announced that the Open Meeting Laws were in the hallway leading to the meeting room for the public's inspection.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Jim skipped down to agenda item 1 to approve the additional funds and then came back to approve the consent agenda. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Mike to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 28, 2017, the Claims for the month of October 2017 in the amount of \$41,053.57. Ayes: Jim, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. Absent: Davis and Gary. The motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**EMPLOYEE REPORTS:** Department reports were skipped over as Clint was not here at the meeting yet and no one has shown up for the Sheriff's Department yet. We will come back to this item later in the meeting. Clint reported to the board that NPPD will have a planned power outage November 5<sup>th</sup> from midnight to 6am. The board asked Clint how the new employee, Devon, was working out. Clint reported that he is fine. He is a real smart kid and learning fast. Said he was catching on real quick. The board discussed the moving of the November and December regular meetings due to the holidays. The meetings have been set for November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup>. Donna Trampe was at the meeting to ask the board about the letter she received in regards to the Red Top motel property. She wanted some clarification from the board as to what their expectations were. Last summer they had done some clean up and drilled doors shut on buildings to keep trespassers out as well as spraying weeds and putting up a white lattice fence. They had cleaned out some of the items in storage and realize there is more work to be done. They had the intentions of putting items on sale during the Elm Creek garage sale days but due to busy hectic schedules between all their families it did not get done. They are hoping to do this next year. She said they had been approached by the school and Jeff Meads about purchasing the property and had also been contacted by Davis Miner with Ag Dryer. Jim asked about the condition of the buildings and Donna said the Dish building was okay but the other ones were not good. The duplex/apartment needed a new roof as it has a leak. She is hoping once harvest is done they can make it over to do some work on the property appearance.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** No report

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**AGENDA ITEM #1: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Eagle Scout Project – request for additional funds**

The funds spent ended up being more than what was approved at last month's meeting for the Eagle Scout Project. In order to refund Dan McKeon the board will need to approve the additional funds to do so. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Cory to approve the additional \$119.83 in funds. Ayes: Jim, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #2: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Leah Kenney – Turkey Trot**

Leah Kenney was in attendance representing Elm Creek FCCLA and was requesting the board's permission to have a Turkey Trot 5K in Elm Creek. She brought a copy of the map for the 5K and said instead of painting the street to mark the route, they will use chalk instead. They are planning to hold the 5K on November 18<sup>th</sup> with registration at 9am and the run to begin at 10am. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Cory to approve the FCCLA Turkey Trot for November 18<sup>th</sup>. Ayes: Jim, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #3: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Banners**

Jim explained what the plans are and where the village is planning on hanging the banners. They will be a double-sided banner that will hang on the poles downtown and along highway 30. Mike will make a few more modifications before we finalize anything. No action taken.

**AGENDA ITEM #4: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Handbooks**

There was discussion not to make any changes to the handbooks in regards to the Christmas and New Year's holiday. In the past, when the holiday fell during the week, the employees were given 2 days paid leave. Jim thought we may need to change the handbook but will check with Luke to see if it needs to be in the handbook or just approved and voted on at a meeting since it doesn't happen very often that it falls during the week. No action taken.

**AGENDA ITEM #5: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Closing of Alley east of Ken Butler**

No action taken.

**AGENDA ITEM #6: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Rate increase request by Buffalo County Sheriff's Office**

Will discuss at the next meeting. No action taken.

**AGENDA ITEM #7: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Crushing Concrete at Lagoons**

After some discussion, it was moved by Jim and seconded by Cory to approve the crushing of concrete at the lagoons for a total of \$9,250.00 by Gary Reynoldson. Ayes: Jim, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #8: DISCUSSION /ACTION RE: Dump Truck Repairs**

It was approved by Mike and seconded by Cory to have the dump truck repairs done by Aussie Hydraulics in the amount of \$973.49. Ayes: Jim, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #9: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: Executive Session**

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Cory to go into executive session at 8:20pm to discuss personnel. Ayes: Jim, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried. It was moved by Jim and seconded by Cory to come out of executive session at 9:07pm. Ayes: Jim, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried. Ayes: Jim, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #10: Adjournment**

All agenda items having been considered, it was moved by Cory and seconded by Mike to adjourn this Regular Meeting. Ayes: Jim, Cory, and Mike. Nays: none. The motion carried.  
The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08p.m.

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Chairman-Elm Creek Village Board

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk

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