

VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 7, 2021 – 7:00 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Held at Elmwood Village Hall

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, July 7, 2021. Chairperson Miki Bruns called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Bruns stated that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted.

Roll Call was answered by Jared Blunt, Pat Wray, Becky Kicak, Renee Holland & Miki Bruns.

Minutes: Wray made a motion, seconded by Kicak to approve June 16, 2021 Minutes. RCV: Yes: All approved 5-0
Holland made a motion, seconded by Blunt to approve the Claims and Payroll for June 17 – July 7, 2021 RCV: Yes: All approved 5-0

Claims: American Exchange Bank \$25, Bauer Underground \$5,125, Bromm Lindahl Freeman-Caddy & Lausterer \$46.50, Christiansen Tree Service \$5,050, Clements Insurance Agency \$1,923, Curtis Klabenes \$25.45, IRS \$1730.04, Intuit QuickBooks \$17.50, Julie Corr \$84.93, Layne Christensen Company \$2,878.85, Lincoln Journal Star \$334.38, Lovell Excavating \$600, Menards \$14.82, Midwest Lab \$203.08, Michael Todd & Company, Inc \$577.72, NE Public Health Lab \$223, NE Dep. Of Revenue \$2,110.41, Nicole Baumgart \$44.58, One Call Concepts \$37.28, OPPD \$2,925.35, Quill Corporation \$304.47, Rob's Electronics \$120, Rutalkn Inc. \$27,785, U.S. Postal Service \$182, Windstream \$202.21, Payroll \$8,409.99 RCV: Yes: All approved 5-0

New Business

Discussion/Action Ordinance 2021-2 – updated employee pay rate

Motion by Wray to waive the 3 readings, second by Kicak. RCV: YES: All approved 5-0

Kicak read Ordinance 2021-2

Motion by Holland to approve Ordinance 2021-2, second by Wray. RCV: YES: All approved 5-0

Discussion/Action Dog License late fee

The board discussed the matter and what the late fee charge should be on licensing your pets after the due date listed on the flyers that were mailed out to everyone.

Motion by Holland to implement a \$50 late fee per household that does not comply with licensing their pets by the deadline listed on the pet licensing flyers, second by Kicak. RCV: Motion approved 4-1 Yes – 4 Abstain – 1 (Wray)

Discussion/Action Special Designated License Local Recommendation Application

Moriah let the board know that the board needs to approve the Special Designated Licenses and set the fee for those. Motion by Kicak to add Special Designated License Local Recommendation Application of \$80 to the master fee schedule, second by Blunt RCV: YES: All approved 5-0

Motion by Holland to approve Harvest Moon Hustle Liquor License for 9-10-2021 event from 5pm – 11pm, Second by Kicak. RCV: YES: All approved 5-0

Discussion/Action Broken climbing ropes on the playground

Jeff fixed the climbing ropes with a washer and Bruns said if it keeps breaking, we will buy the factory part.

Discussion/Action Harvest Moon Hustle – September 10, 2021

Harvest Moon Hustle Relay will be September 10, 2021

Discussion/ Action Market to Market – September 25, 2021

Market to Market Relay will be on September 25, 2021

Discussion/Action New Merry go round options – Julie Anderson

Julie presented some different options to the board on replacing the current merry go round. Julie stated that if someone else is interested in putting on a fundraiser to raise the funds they are more than welcome to do so.

Brunns made a statement that social media portrayed the board wrong on the decision that was made on a legal and liability level, no one showed up at the meetings to oppose it. After further discussion, the board agreed to pull back the removal and have the merry go round inspected by a professional before taking further actions. If it is inspected and deemed unsafe and unrepairable then the merry go round is to be removed ASAP.

Motion by Kicak to hold off on removal of merry go round pending Professional Inspection with a \$500 cost. If the merry go round is repairable then Jeff will contact the certified welder that volunteered to do the work and see what the turnaround time is to get it fixed. If the merry go round is not fixable then it is to be removed

immediately and not to exceed \$1,000, second by Holland. RCV 4-1 4-Yes 1-No(Wray)

Unfinished Business

Discussion/Action Merry go round – Removal Quotes

The board discussed this during merry go round options and it isn't to exceed \$1,000 if the merry go round is deemed unrepairable from the professional inspector.

Reports/Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Library: Motion by Kicak to approve the Bills & payroll for July 1st, second by Holland. RCV: Yes: All approved 5-0

Park: Jeff received the drinking fountain from the UMC Wellness Committee and when he looked further into the install process it is a different set up then the one, we currently have. Bruns reached out to Nicole Hoffman from the UMC Wellness Committee to see if they could cover the plumbing installation cost of the water fountain since this additional cost wasn't in question on the original water fountain. Nicole said they don't have the funds at this tie due to other fundraisers. Kicak made a motion for Todd Valley Plumbing to install the new water fountain at the park for up to \$600, second by Wray. RCV YES: All approved 5-0

The bathroom faucet hasn't been running all month. Jeff is aware of the handle issue and is getting that fixed. Gus has finished painting the lines at the park.

Streets: Gus is working on getting the lines painted around town. Bauer Underground is going to replace the curbs that had issues. Hein Construction that does the crack sealing around town will come back in August to patch some areas and seal cracks in the streets. Christensen Tree Service came and removed the three trees we had bids for in the budget. Jeff spoke with Ethan Hohman to patch the concrete area where the water leak was repaired on East D Street.

Water: Jeff will be meeting with NE Rural Water Assoc. to examine a small leak in a service line located by 324 East D. Street.

Sewer: There was a sewer back up with a resident's property on West and D Street. Jeff had to call in Lovell Excavating to come run a camera in the main sewer lines. It was determined that the problem was not in the city line. It was recommended that the resident get someone to run a line from the house to the street.

Planning/Zoning: Motion by Wray to approve May & June 2021 Minutes, second by Blunt. RCV: YES: All approved 5-0. Next Meeting is July 19, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Public Comment:

Lou Allgayer – Stated to the board that the company that grinds wood at the dumpsite will NOT grind root balls & they don't want anything over the size of 24' – 36' in diameter.

Dawn Romine – Stated to the board that she is working on communicating better with Moriah so that the public is aware of when the meetings are being held so they can voice their opinions on any topics that arise. Also asked if the playground merry go round is even an issue and if anyone has ever reported getting hurt on it.

Correspondence:

Future Agenda Items:

- Comprehensive plan Ordinance
- Zoning Ordinance
- Sub-Division Ordinance
- 112 N 4th Street
- Ordinance 2021-3 Master Fee Schedule
- Jeff's Annual Review (August 4th Meeting)

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm



X *Miki Bruns*

Miki Bruns
Chairperson

X *Mariah Lenz*

Mariah Lenz
Clerk/Treasurer