

VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 3, 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, February 3, 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: Kicak made a motion, seconded by Holland to approve January 20, 2021 Minutes with the noted correction. RCV: Yes: All. Approved 5-0.

Kicak made a motion, seconded by Blunt to approve the Claims/Payroll for February 2, 2021. RCV: Yes: All Approved 5-0

Claims: Amazon \$363.79, Black Hills Energy \$122.82, Ed Blunt \$31.36, Cass County Refuse \$65.00, DHHS Division of Public Health \$220.00, EM Public Schools \$1,545.00, Elmwood Public Library \$2,333.33, IRS \$1168.47, Intuit QuickBooks \$5.25, L & K Electric \$500.00, Lincoln Journal Star \$124.48, Mary's Tax Service LLC. \$66.08, Meeske Ace Hardware \$39.89, NE Dpt. of Revenue \$369.03, OPPD \$3,550.22, Todd Valley Plumbing & Heating, Inc. \$204.79, Windstream \$201.90, Payroll \$3544.38

RCV: Yes: All. Motion approved 5-0

New Business

Discussion/Action Planning/Zoning Appointee – Grace Ronhovde

Bruns discussed with the board that Grace Ronhovde was interested in joining the Planning/Zoning board and filling the vacancy. Motion made by Blunt to appoint Grace Ronhovde to Planning/Zoning Committee, Second by Holland. RCV: Yes: All approved 5-0

Discussion/Action Bess Streeter Aldrich Membership Dues

Holland made a motion to approve the \$25 Membership fee to Bess Streeter Aldrich, second by Kicak. RCV: Yes: All 5-0

Discussion/Action Trustee's – Authorization to make emergency decision

Wray questioned the authority of Bruns making the call to bring in extra help to clear the streets. Bruns made sure to see if we had the money in the budget before bringing in additional help because Jeff could not keep up or handle pushing that amount of snow with the town pickup. It was way too much snow for one person to keep up with. Bruns contacted the board members on the issue and what she recommended as Chairperson, then the decision was made to bring in Ag Builders LLC that the village has used in the past to help clear the streets and open them up wider so that Jeff could maintain the streets easier. Ag Builders LLC came into help widen and do a quick clean-up of the streets. The board members discussed the matter and most of the members felt that the issue was handled properly, and the help was much needed in this situation.

Discussion/Action Tiff Account

Moriah briefed the board that she has been in contact with the Village attorney Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather and where we are on the process of Phase 1. We will make a payment to RUTALKN from the money in the Tif account pending final review from the Attorney. We will then move into phase 2.

Discussion/Action Tobacco/Alcohol License fees to the school from 2018-present

Moriah informed the board that Brandon Collins with the Elmwood-Murdock Public School contacted her asking about the fees in question since they hadn't received anything. Moriah investigated the issue

and found that the Village had not paid their Alcohol/Tobacco fees to the school since 2018. The fees that the village collected from the businesses in Elmwood are now paid up to date to the Elmwood-Murdock Public School.

Unfinished Business

No Unfinished

Reports/Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Library: Kicak made a motion to approve the Library 2/1/2021 Council Approval Report and January Payroll, second by Holland RCV: Yes. All 5-0

Park: Jeff is continuing to check the bathrooms once a week to make sure the heat is working fine so pipes do not freeze. Jeff will make sure the gazebo light timer is set appropriately so that the lights are not on all day.

Streets: Jeff is continuing to clean up the snow on the streets. Jeff is also to line up dates for the bids we have from Christensen Tree service for removal this spring/summer.

Water: Moriah contacted the software company and asked them what they recommended in this situation of not being able to manually read the meters since the amount of snow we received, and Mitch from Power Manager recommended charging everyone the base rate so that the meter reads were accurate come the next reading month.

Sewer: No Report

Planning/Zoning: Next Meeting is February 18, 2021 @ 7:00pm Comprehensive plan, Housing Study & Zoning Ordinance.

Public Comment:

Correspondence:

Future Agenda Items:

Present Audit – Michael Hoback
Planning/Zoning book finalization
Summer Help

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

X *Miki Bruns*

Miki Bruns
Chairperson

X *Mariah Lenz*

Mariah Lenz
Clerk/Treasurer