

December 5, 2007

The Village of Elmwood Board of Trustees met in regular session with Trustees Cline, Winter, & Meyer present and with Chairman Blunt presiding. All signed the "Notice of Acknowledgement of Meeting". Butch Sailors, Lou Allgayer, Michelle Fields, George Fields, David Barga, Bonita Drake, & Dan Spaulding were, also, in attendance.

Chairman Blunt declared the Open Meeting Act Posted.

Presentation of the minutes of the November 21 meeting. Chairman Blunt declared the minutes approved as presented.

Presentation of the Financial Report for November. Motion by Cline, 2nd by Winter to accept it as given. RCV: Aye: Meyer, Cline, Winter, Blunt Nay: none; Absent: Hogue.

Clerk Drake indicated that the street note could be paid off without causing a shortage in the street operating fund. Motion by Winter, 2nd by Cline, to pay off the street note at the current payoff amount on December 19th. RCV: Aye: Meyer, Cline, Winter, Blunt Nay: none; Absent: Hogue.

Visitors: Michelle Fields voiced her concern for the safety of residents because of a Pit Bull allowed to run in her neighborhood. She indicated that she had seen the dog running at least 8 times in the past year. She is afraid of dogs and this dog causes her great stress. She, also, indicated that there are two adult dogs and pups located a 225 West D Street. Clerk Drake indicated that a letter has been sent to the location after a complaint was received at the last meeting from Mike Winter indicating he and his wife have been threatened by a dog at that residence. Chairman Blunt spoke on the need to find someone with "Animal Control" training and equipment to address this type of problem. Barga was asked to check on ordinances that may be effective in controlling the number and types of dogs allowed in Elmwood.

Lou Allgayer asked, as a library board member, if a notice could be included on the Water Bill that the Library is accepting dry cell batteries for recycling. This is a public service in order for more persons to visit the library and experience the facility. Blunt indicated this would be a good idea as long as the proper storage for this type of items is provided with concern for the safety of the individuals and the library property. He, also, indicated there are guidelines for the storage of used batteries from the EPA and DEQ.

Allgayer, further, directed questions concerning the zoning of the property directly across from the post office. He was told to make a formal request for a zoning change with the Planning Commission and that all the information is available at the Library or at the City Hall.

Unfinished Business; Pending vehicles issues were addressed. Blunt indicated he had visited with Brody Baer and he assured him that the vehicles on the property could be up and running within one hour as they did not have batteries in them. After discussion the board directed Barga to notify Baer that the board would visit his property on December 16th, at 1:00 p.m. with the intention to see if the vehicles are operable the criteria will be for the vehicle to start and be driven around the block without moving a battery from one to the next. Each must operate as required to be declared as operable. If indeed these vehicles are all operable as indicated by Mr. Baer the case will be dismissed.

The run off issues at the Carol Moss residence were discussed and the board voted to take no action at this time.

Reports of Boards & Commissions:

Street: Discussion of the one & six year street plan. Motion by Winter, 2nd by Meyer, to approve the plan with no changes. All voted aye.

No other action taken

Presentation of the Claims: American Exchange Bank \$4,000, Federal Withholding \$1,518.68; Elmwood Public Library \$1,150; Omaha Public Power \$2,328.85; American Exchange Bank \$4,000; Cass County Refuse \$60; Windstream \$95.16. Payroll for 10/28/07 \$2,866.33. Motion by Meyer, 2nd by Cline, to pay the claims as presented. RCV: Aye: Meyer, Cline, Winter, Blunt Nay: none; Absent: Hogue.

New Business: Appointment of the Village Engineer. Motion by Meyer, 2nd by Cline to appoint JEO as the Village Engineer. RCV: Aye: Meyer, Cline, Winter, Blunt Nay: none; Absent: Hogue.

Personnel discussion: Motion by Meyer, 2nd by Cline, to award village employees, Drake & Spaulding with a year end bonus of \$100. RCV: Aye: Meyer, Cline, Winter, Blunt Nay: none; Absent: Hogue.

There being no further business Chairman Blunt declared the meeting adjourned.

Bonita Drake

Edward Blunt