

VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 20, 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, October 20, 2021. Chairperson Miki Bruns called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Bruns stated that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted.

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

Minutes: Kicak made a motion, seconded by Blunt to approve October 6, 2021 meeting minutes. RCV: Yes:

Approved 3-0

Claims & Payroll: Blunt made a motion, seconded by Kicak to approve the Claims and Payroll for

October 19 & 20, 2021 RCV: Yes: Approved 3-0

Claims: AMGL \$3,900, Bauer Underground \$5,000, Black Hills Energy \$96.46, Cass County Refuse \$65, Christensen Tree Service \$2,500, Elmwood Cultural Arts & Learning Center \$1,350, Frontier Coop \$186.93, IRS \$721.88, Intuit QuickBooks \$5.25, Layne Christensen Company \$375, Meeske Ace Hardware \$1.29, Midwest Lab \$137.30, NE Dept. of Revenue \$1,920, Quill \$381.44, Verizon Wireless \$53.83, WireBuilt Company \$29, Payroll \$3,492.49 RCV: Yes: Approved 3-0

New Business

Discussion/Action John Powers Cat issue

Bruns asked John how the cat situation is coming along with getting rid of cats. John said he was re-homing some and he is down to 14 cats. We will continue to monitor this situation and John will check with his Attorney on what he can do to become a non-profit cat sanctuary but will be filling out a conditional use permit. Moriah will check with the town attorney on this matter.

Discussion/Action Elmwood Community Association – Alli Beach & Dana Kollars

Alli and Dana showed up to talk to the board and ask if they could be a sub committee under the village from what was discussed at the last meeting. Board members agreed that it wouldn't be an issue to add them and think they will do great things for the town. Bruns mentioned that she attended the EMMA meeting and they mentioned that the new group they are starting up will be called Elmwood Community Foundation. They discussed there might be a confusion with having similar names. Alli said she will discuss the name change at their board meeting. Elmwood Community Association has a lot of ideas they would like to implement in the next couple months. Motion by Kicak to approve creating the Elmwood Community Association to organize special events as a committee on behalf of the Village of Elmwood, second by Blunt. RCV: YES: Approved 3-0

Discussion/Action Planning & Zoning recommendation – Brody Baer

Bruns recommended to the board members for Brody Baer to be on the Planning & Zoning board. No action was taken. Recommendations will be added to the future agenda items. Moriah will post a notice of vacancy for the public.

Discussion/Action Flyer to send out for emailing water/sewer bills

Board said the flyer looks good that Moriah put together to mail out. Motion by Kicak to approve mailing out the water/sewer bill flyer, second by Blunt. RCV: YES: Approved 3-0

Discussion/Action Updated Census Bureau maps

Board discussed the Census email sent out and the particular area they are talking about is not in Elmwood's boundaries so no action taken.

Discussion/Action 7th and Final payment for street improvements – Bauer Underground

Board members looked over the final bill.

Unfinished Business

Discussion/Action update on Mandatory water restrictions

Ed suggested we give it more time for the water to build back up and re-evaluate this situation at the next meeting November 3, 2021. Kicak the Water Commissioner said that it's Elmwood residents' responsibility to follow postings and notifications on any matter that arises within the Village and to sign up for test alerts to stay up to

date. Text 68349 to phone number 28748. The board will not approve any agreements for anyone that seeded their lawn after the Mandatory water restrictions.

Reports/Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Library: Motion by Kicak to approve September 2021 Minutes, second by Blunt. RCV: YES: Approved 3-0

Park: Bruns reminded Jeff to adjust the gazebo light timer back to normal setting since he adjusted it for the community movie night in the park.

Streets: Christensen removed the tree at 221 N 3rd Street and trimmed the low hanging trees on East D Street. Jeff asked if he needed to move the barricades on main street and Bruns stated that Dave Spohr will let us know when they are done using them.

Water: Jeff said that NE Digging owes us one last load of rock and will get that delivered so that Jeff can put rock down on B street. Moriah applied for a reimbursement security grant. We will be using the grant to replace the fence around the water tower.

Sewer: Bruns asked Jeff how his test went but he told the board that he hasn't taken it yet because the instructor couldn't find his application for the test. He submitted the paperwork again and is waiting to hear back from the instructor. One of the sewer jets quit working so Ed and Jeff pulled the jet and couldn't find anything wrong structure wise Ed said he was going to have an electrician look it over to see where the wire shortage is coming from.

Planning/Zoning: Motion by Blunt to approve September 2021 Minutes, second by Kicak. RCV: YES: Approved 3-0
Next Meeting scheduled for November 15, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Public Comment:

Correspondence:

Future Agenda Items:

Comprehensive plan Ordinance

Zoning Ordinance

Sub-Division Ordinance

Planning & Zoning board member recommendation

Update on Mandatory water restrictions (November 3)

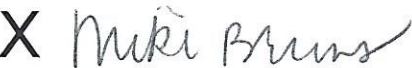
John Powers Cat issue

Meter change out Bids from local plumbers (November 3)

John Powers Cat issue

112 North 4th Street – Romero/Vogt Property (March 2022)

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm

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Miki Bruns
Chairperson

X 

Moriah Lenz
Clerk/Treasurer