

VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 17, 2021 – 7:00 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Held at Elmwood Village Hall

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, August 17, 2021. Chairperson Miki Bruns called the meeting to order at 7:44 pm. Bruns stated that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted.

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

Minutes: Holland made a motion, seconded by Blunt to approve August 4, 2021 Minutes. RCV: Yes: Approved 4-0

Claims & Payroll: Holland made a motion, seconded by Kicak to approve the Claims and Payroll for August 11-16 & 17, 2021 RCV: Yes: Approved 4-0

Claims: Black Hills Energy \$149.30, BOK Financial \$77,376.25, Elmwood Cultural Arts \$150, Hawkins, Inc. \$1,732.12, HDR Engineering Inc. \$450, Intuit \$5.25, IRS \$826.46, LNM \$395, Mary's Tax Service \$80, Midwest Lab \$200.83, NE Dept. of Enviro & Energy \$150, NE Dept. of Revenue \$1,858.11, NE Digging Services \$3,750, Utilities Services \$2,438.09, US Postal Services \$345, Verizon Wireless \$53.94, Village of Elmwood \$36.40, WireBuilt Company \$29, Payroll \$3,897.67 RCV: Yes: Approved 4-0

New Business

Discussion/Action Radio Reads & inter local agreement – Core & Main

Zach from Core & Main was present to go over the steps needed for switching our current meters to the Radio read system and he also showed us what items we need to purchase to get everyone set up on radio reads. The Village will be using the ARPA Funds we received from the Government to make the switch to radio meter reads. Kicak made a motion to purchase 124 meters, 290 radio reads, handheld device, command link & 1 year training & support for a total of \$65,530, second by Holland. RCV: YES: Approved 4-0

Discussion/Action John Powers – Catch & Release of Cats

John was present at this meeting regarding the letter he received for the abundance of cats at his residence. John told the board that they have been catching and releasing cats for the last 20 years. They get them spay/neutered and shots and then release them back out into the community. John said he has called all over to get rid of cats and the Cat House in Lincoln is at capacity, so it isn't taking any cats at this time. John told the board that he is trying to rehome as many as he can. The board told John the limit is four cats, and they must stick to what the Municipal Code book states. Holland and Kicak recommended to John that he stop putting feed out to feed all the cats since that just attracts more in. Bruns told John that from today 8/17/2021 he has 60 days to only have 4 cats if he chooses to and the rest need to be gone. Board of trustees will revisit this on October 20, 2021.

Discussion/Action 221 N 3rd Street dead tree in the right of way – Furgerson residence

Tabled – Jeff will get in touch with an arborist to inspect the tree to see if removal is needed.

Discussion/Action Resolution 08172021 – NE Public Roads classification & standards

Kicak read Resolution 08172021 to the Board. Jared made a motion, second by Holland to approve Resolution 08172021 so we are in compliance with our Highway Allocation funds. RCV: YES: Approved 4-0

Unfinished Business

No Unfinished

Reports/Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Library: No Report

Park: Todd Valley Plumbing told Jeff they will be out this Thursday and if they aren't the board suggested we look into getting a different company to bid the job. Jeff has been spraying the weeds on the trail.

Streets: No Report

Water: Moriah is looking into offering the option to go paperless with the water/sewer bills.

Sewer: No Report

Planning/Zoning: Next meeting is September 20, 2021 at 7:00pm

Public Comment: Pat Beckman- asked for clarification on whether the cats can roam freely if they are licensed with the town? Bruns replied that the cats are to be kept on that property owner's property. They CANNOT roam the town.

Correspondence: Personnel:

Future Agenda Items:

Comprehensive plan Ordinance

Zoning Ordinance

Sub-Division Ordinance

112 N 4th Street

221 N 3rd tree report – (September 1st)

1 & 6 Year street plan (September 1st)

Emailing water/sewer bills

Budget Hearing (September 15th meeting)

John Powers Cat issue – (October 20th meeting)

Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm

X *Miki Bruns*

Miki Bruns
Chairperson

X *Moriah Lenz*

Moriah Lenz
Clerk/Treasurer