

June 2, 2008

## REGULAR MEETING

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session at 7:00pm. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting in three designated places, and advance notification of the trustees by delivery. Roll call was answered by trustees Swanson, Dvorak, Olson, Dittmar and Calder. Guests present were Dennis Richters, Marci Fehlhafer, Todd Hemphill, and Rick Hemphill.

The Open Meetings Act was acknowledged as being posted on the door of the Village Clerk's office.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Dvorak and seconded by Olson. RCV: all ayes.

Minutes of the May meetings were approved on a motion by Dittmar and seconded by Dvorak. RCV: all ayes.

Chairperson Calder reported that she & Trustee Dittmar met with Carter Hubbard of Olsson Associates regarding the drainage issues. An engineering services contract was received for the project in the amount of \$30,000. The estimated start date was mid-June with the finalizing in September. Trustee Dittmar will contact people about getting an easement along the drainage ditch around the Lutheran Church/Dennis Cradick property. Dittmar moved and Dvorak seconded a motion to approve the engineering service agreement with Olsson Associates. RCV: all ayes.

K2 Construction has finished the lift station project. Craig Reinsch with Olsson Associates will be contacted for follow-up and final inspection.

Marci Fehlhafer appeared before the board as Chairperson of the Park Board. With the resignation of Alise Verhage a replacement is needed. Items discussed were: tennis court nets and new basketball nets, painting lines at the tennis courts, replacement of tether balls, possible fundraisers.

The potential public nuisance properties were reviewed. Swanson moved and Olson seconded a motion to remove the fence at the Hansen property. RCV: all ayes. A work night for the trustees was set for June 9<sup>th</sup> to clean up the Hansen and Kempston properties. Dittmar moved and Dvorak seconded a motion to send the property owner a letter to have the

project at 735 D Street finalized within seven days (sewer line capped, and hole filled in). RCV: all ayes. The clerk was instructed to send a letter to a property owner at 855 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to mow the entire property or the village shall have it done at their expense.

The Seward County Mitigation Plan was reviewed. Gary Peterson indicated another round for financing would come up in August. The trustees will continue preparing an application for the August funding. Schmader Electric will be contacted to repair the south siren. Dittmar moved and Dvorak seconded a motion to purchase new batteries for the Emergency Manager's radio. RCV: all ayes.

The proposed Community Survey was reviewed. Olson moved and Dittmar seconded a motion to forward the proposed survey to John Trouba with SENDD. RCV: all ayes.

Bids for the sale of village property were opened. Swanson moved to accept the bid from Habitat for Humanity of \$3000 for "Lot 1" at the old school, and to accept the bid from Don & Ruth Olson of \$7510 for "Lot 2" at the old school. Dvorak seconded the motion. RCV: Aye-Swanson, Dvorak, Dittmar, Calder. Nay-None. Abstain-Olson. The clerk was instructed to send a letter to Superintendent DeWaard about squaring off the property at the old school site. Bids were then opened for the sale of village property at the east end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Dittmar moved and Dvorak seconded a motion to reject the two bids received for those parcels. RCV: all ayes. A letter will be sent to the two parties explaining the Board of Trustee's decision.

Ordinance 705, which would amend the regulations on open burning, was read by Chairperson Calder. Swanson moved to introduce the Ordinance and approve the first reading, and Olson seconded the motion. RCV: all ayes. Ordinance 705 will be read two more times before it is finalized.

Wages for pool employees were discussed. Swanson moved and Dittmar seconded a motion to approve a \$.40 per hour increase for all pool employees. RCV: Aye-Swanson, Dittmar, Dvorak, Olson. Nay-None. Abstain-Calder. Swanson moved and Olson seconded a motion to set the pool season as opening on June 1<sup>st</sup> and closing on August 10<sup>th</sup>. RCV: all ayes.

Todd Hemphill gave the Fire Chief report. Items discussed were: bills were submitted for radio and equipment repairs; scheduled house burn; resignation of three members; accepted one new member; preparation needed for

stocking/furbishing a second garage on the north side of the tracks.

Rick Hemphill gave the Zoning Inspector report. Building permit applications were submitted from Bauer's for a fence; Rucker's for a patio; Wieman's for a storage shed; Wullenwaber's for a garage; Cars & Jars for a storage shed. Dittmar moved and Olson seconded a motion to approve the building permits, but to send Wullenwaber's and Cars & Jars applications to the Board of Adjustment. RCV: all ayes.

The Chair report was reviewed. Swanson moved and Dvorak seconded a motion to approve the purchase of mugs and treats for the clerk's meeting. RCV: all ayes. Dittmar moved and Dvorak seconded a motion to proceed with attending a County Commissioner's meeting to discuss the status of the law enforcement and to ask the Commissioners to oversee the inter-local agreement for the county road ditch project. RCV: all ayes.

Rick Hemphill gave the Maintenance report. Items discussed were: a sewer line back-up; meter problems at two properties; water tower inspection; maintenance on chipper knives; purchase of bulk oil; dump truck repairs; gravel or rock for swimming pool driveway. Dittmar moved and Swanson seconded a motion to have Volzke Corp. deliver gravel at the pool's driveway. RCV: all ayes. Swanson moved and Dvorak seconded a motion to authorize the purchase of a 55-gallon drum of Conoco oil from Conell's. RCV: all ayes. Swanson moved and Olson seconded a motion to hire Jordan Ortmeier to trim village properties as needed. RCV: all ayes. The maintenance department was instructed to check the storm sewers and aqueduct before and after every rain storm to be sure it will drain properly. Park restrooms will be cleaned every Friday.

The clerk's report was reviewed. Items discussed were: additional garbage receptacles for summer; complaint on a traffic hazard at 3<sup>rd</sup> & G Streets; replacement for an alternate on the Board of Adjustment; purchase of garbage receptacles for main street; repair or purchase of a dehumidifier for Auditorium basement; consider one resident's high usage on water bill; repair large crack on outside of building. Swanson moved and Olson seconded a motion to approve the rental of additional garbage receptacles for the ball field, north park and park shelter. RCV: all ayes. Dittmar moved and Swanson seconded a motion

to have the property owner trim the hedge at 3<sup>rd</sup> & G Streets at two feet or remove the hedge entirely. RCV: all ayes. Swanson moved and Olson seconded a motion to appoint Dean Wullenwaber as an alternate to the Board of Adjustment. RCV: all ayes. Dittmar moved and Dvorak seconded a motion to use money received from the Eudece Jones Estate to purchase three new garbage receptacles and one case of bags. RCV: all ayes. Swanson moved and Olson seconded a motion to purchase a new dehumidifier for the Auditorium basement. RCV: all ayes. The clerk was instructed to send a letter to a resident regarding his water bill, and the maintenance department was instructed to caulk the crack along the sidewalk outside the Auditorium.

Claims were reviewed. Swanson moved to approve payment of all claims with the exception to Kirkham Michael Engineering until further clarified. Dvorak seconded the motion. RCV: all ayes.

The Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Swanson. Dvorak seconded the motion. RCV: all ayes.

Policies were reviewed. Pages for sick leave policy and vacation will be included and considered for adoption next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55pm.

The following claims were paid:

Seward Co. Public Power	2,798.09	Source Gas	646.81
Windstream	517.92	Shaffer Communications	981.95
Kopcho's Sanitation	77.50	Technical Services Inc.	57.50
Utica Community Care	673.50	Centennial FFA	20.00
Marlin's Plumbing	136.52	Merle's Garden Center	94.00
Joyce Schriener, reimb.	57.62	York Wholesale Supply	25.30
WalMart Community	20.53	Utica Corner Market	116.41
General Fire & Safety	330.40	Flower Mill	31.49
North Office Supply	21.35	Michael Mullally	396.00
Great Plains Pest Mgmt.	93.00	Colonial Supp. Ins.	382.68
Jordan Ortmeier, mowing	40.00	Rebecca Sandman, mlg.	59.60
Mierau & Co., CPA	2,500.00	NE Public Health Lab	23.00
NDEQ-Fiscal Services	17,519.11	Hach Company	129.58
Doug Pollak	40.00	Prestige Signs & Graphics	211.00
ACCO	4,978.62	Rick Hemphill, reimb.	35.00
Scott Toovey, reimb.	35.00	Garry Dittmar, reimb.	116.05
Conell Hardware	638.20	United Farmers Co-op	80.61
Miller Seed & Supply	19.50	Mead Lumber	38.37
True Value	1.29	Kathy Calder, reimb.	25.94
Beaver Bearing Co.	23.63	Volzke Corp.	38.80
In the Swim	169.03	Seward Co. Independent	72.22
MARC Corp.	1,462.75	Seward Co. Sheriff	422.00
First National Bank, pyrl tx	1,642.10	Advanced Office Automation	32.00
Nebraska Sports Ind.	1,284.00	Great Plains One-Call Serv.	21.21
Union Security Ins.	226.08	The Hartford Co.	356.34

Wages

5,569.71

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Village Clerk/Treasurer