

March 3, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Trustees met in regular session at 7pm. 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. Also attending the meeting were Kerra Grantski, Jim & Cindy Avery, Dennis Richters, Michael Vance, Brody Duncan, Rick Hemphill and John Trouba.

Chairperson Calder acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posted on the clerk's office door.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Swanson and seconded by Dvorak. RCV: all ayes.

Swanson moved to approve the agenda and Olson seconded the motion. RCV: all ayes.

The drainage issue in the south part of town was discussed. The ditch will be checked again for elevations and then the village will have someone deepen the ditch and open it up for better drainage. Dennis Richters addressed the board about the drainage around the Centennial Heights Subdivision. He offered to clean out the ditch to the previous depth before construction started. The clean-out of the ditch will be the only action taken until the NRD study is completed.

K2 Construction sent a letter to verify the work they will do at the lift station. They have set a completion date of April 5, 2008. The one year warranty will begin after the work by K2 is completed.

Trustee Olson introduced John Trouba from Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD). John spoke to the trustees about grants and that a new community survey is needed. The last CDBG grant was awarded for the Senior Center. Federal funds are available if the community can show that 51% of their residents are in the low to moderate income range. The costs involved are in preparing the survey and then going door to door in distributing them and picking up the completed ones. A return rate of 85% is needed. SENDD will prepare the survey, duplicate the form, and train the volunteers. The trustees will work on the questions they would like included in the survey and forward the material to SENDD for further action.

Trustee Dittmar reported on the railroad viaduct issue. The Commercial Club voted to support the proposed viaduct at its last meeting. Dittmar moved and Dvorak seconded a motion to contact the Department of Roads to request further study be done on the viaduct issue. RCV: all ayes.

Trustee Dittmar reported on designating a site for grass clippings and tree branches. After discussion, Dittmar offered to check around further to see what other communities do and how much space they allow for the site.

The village's website was discussed. Jordy McGowan offered to maintain the website if the clerk will forward the village board minutes and other information to him. The trustees decided minutes and the quarterly newsletter will be sent for the website updates.

A preliminary plat for the 8th Street Subdivision was reviewed by the trustees. Olson moved and Dittmar seconded a motion to forward the plat to the Planning Commission for consideration and approval. RCV: all ayes.

A request for a Special Designated Liquor Permit was submitted by the Bullet Hole for an event on April 5, 2008. Swanson moved and Dvorak seconded a motion to approve the request for a Special Designated Liquor Permit for an auditorium rental on April 5, 2008. RCV: all ayes. The clerk was instructed to speak with the renter on their decorating requests.

Michael Vance spoke to the trustees about the Sheriff Department's recent news on the Lucas Peterson case. He stated that there was no wrong-doing and all applicable rules were followed. Deputy Brody Duncan gave the Sheriff's report for the month. The list of unlicensed/inoperable vehicles was reviewed. He suggested that Ordinance #592 be amended to allow a vehicle to be towed for unpaid tickets. The village attorney will be contacted to see if the ordinance should be amended.

Rick Hemphill gave the maintenance report. Items discussed were: dump truck repairs; sharpening of chipper blades; street patching material; the policy for water and sewer tapping and fees; maintenance on grounds at Senior Center; maintenance and cleaning out drainage ditches around town. Dittmar moved and Olson seconded a motion to purchase one pallet of cold patch material for street repairs through MARC. RCV: all ayes.

In the Zoning Inspector report, Rick mentioned that there will be changes to the east city limits due to an error at the courthouse. The property did not revert to the correct property owners, and now there is a 15' discrepancy. The county is correcting the error, and the attorney will be contacted for further action.

The Chair report was reviewed.

The clerk's report was reviewed: discussed two water-sewer utility customers' high usage; reviewed information obtained on employee recognition; Silent Auction item for clerk school; complaints received on dogs; reviewed status of all utility customers. Olson moved and Dvorak seconded a motion to offer Garry Dittmar \$20 for a craft item for the Silent Auction. RCV: Aye-Olson, Dvorak, Swanson, Calder. Nay-None. Abstain-Dittmar. Olson moved and Dvorak seconded a motion to send a resident a letter about their dog running at large. RCV: all ayes.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Swanson moved and Olson seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. RCV: all ayes.

Picnic tables were discussed during the Policy Review. The trustees decided that residents may check out a table by contacting the clerk. The tables should be returned within 48 hrs.

Claims were reviewed. Dvorak moved and Dittmar seconded a motion to pay the claims from the appropriate funds. RCV: all ayes.

Trustee Dittmar moved and Swanson seconded a motion to hire the UFC to spray the city's parking lots for weeds. RCV: all ayes. Trustee Dittmar moved and Dvorak seconded a motion to purchase a combination faulty pressure washer/generator/air compressor/pump unit from Conell's Hardware at a cost of no more than \$1475. RCV: all ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm.

The following claims were paid:

Seward Co. Public Power	3,040.69	Windstream	521.21
Kopcho's Sanitation	75.50	Schmader Electric	355.00
Source Gas	2,174.01	Utica Community Care	567.35
York Wholesale Supply	114.10	Utica Corner Market	147.98
North Office Supply	18.18	Seward County Sheriff	
422.00			
O'Reilly Auto Parts	7.04	Nebraskaland Glass	46.42
WalMart Community	91.38	Rick Hemphill, reimb.	47.00
Colonial Supp. Ins.	255.12	Union Security Ins.	211.21
Advanced Office Automation	32.00	NE Public Health Lab	23.00
Rebecca Sandman, reimb.	65.16	Doug Pollak	40.00
ACCO	225.04	Municipal Supply Inc.	232.56
MARC Corp.	771.00	Scott Toovey, reimb.	203.83
Garry Dittmar, reimb.	77.39	Sears Commercial One	246.08
Orscheln Farm & Home	247.70	Volzke Corp.	265.09
Kirkham Michael Eng.	1,029.76	Conell Hardware	214.90
United Farmers Co-op	1,011.83	Dept. of HHS-pool	40.00
First National Bank, pyrl tx	1,417.82	Michael Mullally	144.00
Seward County Independent	141.64	Beaver Hardware	79.90
Wages	6,528.96	The Hartford Co.	352.42

Rebecca Sandman
Village Clerk/Treasurer