

Minutes of the DeWitt Village Board Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the Village Office, 209 E. Fillmore Ave, DeWitt, NE.

Roll Call: Present: Trustees Brown, Weise, Mahloch and Wattjes.

Absent: Chairman Badman.

Also present: Clerk- Erin Reimer and Utility Superintendent-Mitch McDougall.

Visitors were: Brock and Emily McDougall, Bobbie Scherling and Rich Dike- Park Board.

Chair pro-temp, Weise, motioned by Brown and second by Weise, all in favor.

Chair pro-temp-Weise announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and is accessible to members of the public.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approval of minutes of regular meeting on May 3, 2016, as on file in the Village Clerk's Office.
- b) Approval of minutes of special meeting on May 5, 2016 as on file in the Village Clerk's Office.
- c) Approval of Treasurer's Report.
- d) Approval of Treasurer's Bills and Claims.
- e) Approval of liquor license application for Senior Diners, wine and cheese tasting, June 29, 2016.
- f) Approval of Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Contract.
- g) Approval of moving the regularly scheduled July meeting to Thursday July 7, 2016 due to holiday.

Motion by Brown, second by Weise, to approve the items on consent agenda.

Ayes: Brown, Mahloch, Wattjes, and Weise.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Chickens

Brock McDougall brought forth the Village ordinances on fowls, and asked what the repercussions were if not followed. He reiterated that the smell and appearance were very off putting. He would like for us to pursue this effort and take the appropriate steps to have the chickens removed. Erin will contact the Village lawyer and have a letter sent to the 2 fowl parties in town, 302 S Pear and 305 E. Beatrice Ave. The letter must be certified and if no action is taken place after 5 days of receiving the letter then the Sheriff's office would be contacted to enforce the Village ordinance.

Motion by Wattjes, second by Mahloch, to have Maureen Caddy-Freeman compose a letter to be sent out in regard to non-compliance with fowls.

Ayes: Weise, Mahloch, Wattjes and Brown.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

2. Park Board

Rich Dike spoke on the closing of Fillmore Street during the softball tournament that will be happening on June 17-19th. He would like to close the street during that time to ensure safety and be able to set up tables to collect gate monies.

Motion by Mahloch, second by Wattjes to close the street during the tournament dates/times.

Ayes: Mahloch, Wattjes, Brown and Weise

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

3. Rossitter Park

Bobbie presented the costs of replacing the park timbers. They will need 45 timbers to replace the current busted one. Crouch Recreation has given a quote of \$3350.00 for 45 timbers. Erin will order these. The funds will come from the park board budget and the fire department will help with installing them as a community project.

Motion by Weise, second by Wattjes to purchase the replacement timbers from Crouch Recreation.

Ayes: Mahloch, Brown, Weise, and Wattjes

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

4. North Drainage Ditch-NRD 50/50 program

We are waiting on an estimate of the total cost from Tim Lottman in regards of cleaning out and allowing proper drainage. The NRD has a 50/50 program that we will apply for to offset costs. We will move forward in applying for the monies.

Motion by Wattjes, second by Mahloch to move forward and apply for the 50/50 NRD program.

Ayes: Wattjes, Brown, Mahloch and Weise

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

Fire Department: Chief Weise discussed that he would be sending the truck back to the forestry service for some repairs including fixing of the broken window and some service work. The fire department recently purchased equipment and will cover the costs with their MFO monies. They recently sent one member through EMT training and he is currently waiting on his certification. Wilbur Young is moving to Fairbury. They are looking into options for the 21 year old pumper truck. We can refurbish it for an estimate of 25-30K and hopefully get another 10 years out of it. A new one costs between 250&280K. They are looking into future funding as well.

Clerk Report: Erin reported that she will be ordering the porta-potties for the 4th Celebrations this week from Jacoby @Abbots Portables @ \$65/unit including delivery, chemicals, and pickup, they will also provide 2 for the softball tournament the prior weekend. She also reported that she would like to have more set rates for the community center and to include a clean-up fee with the current key deposit. Jane will begin cleaning after each event in the hopes of just doing a walk through and check off. She will be leaving on Wednesday to go the finance conference in Kearney and will return Monday. The Stuvick house seems to be at a standstill as we have had no correspondence since the beginning of May. The coupon book for collections is now accounted for and we can begin to write off accounts that are unable to be collected due to time passed.

She discussed the trial balance numbers and questioned whether or not a CD should be cashed in order to cover the costs for the Ameritas Water Bond that will be due on June 15, 2016.

Motion by Brown, second by Mahloch to cash CD 818446 to cover costs of Ameritas Water Bond.

Ayes: Wattjes, Weise, Brown and Mahloch

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Utility Superintendent Report: Mitch has been busy with regular operations as well as keeping up at the WWTP with Brent still being unable to work due to his back injury. The pool has been getting air in the lines and has needed to be drained twice daily. Trimming trees, mowing, and water samples have been top priority. There were downed poles and power lines from the storm that went through. A few residents were without power from midnight til 2pm. Street sweeping, mosquito control, preparing for July 4th Celebrations and replacing lights at the ball fields are all on the to-do list. The bulbs for the fields have been ordered.

Discussion: It was brought up to place seating near the pop machine by the park/pool. Saline County Sheriff's office was at the meeting to provide their monthly report. Trustee Weise questioned state statutes on ATV/Golf carts, age of drivers. The Library will be getting uplift in regards to a paint job. They have applied for a grant through Norris Public Power and CR Painting will provide us with the service. The group that has been touring the factory was questioned. The theme for the July 4th Celebrations is 100 years of Park Service. The board will not have a float in the parade. Someone will carry the banner in the beginning of the parade however. The SEND discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Weise informed every one of the Main street meeting he attended in Dorchester. It provided him with good information but he suggested to the Civic Board spearhead this program. They assist in getting funding and help look for grants for towns. The CRS audit was suspended until 2017. Weise presented the topic of nuisance properties, and suggested that we look into options of how to fund the purchase and removal of debris. He noted Plymouth as an example, and suggested that we contact Maureen to find out how to go about the process and costs incurred the Village might be looking at.

Motion by Mahloch, seconded by Wattjes, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 PM. All in favor.

ATTEST:

Chairman, Board of Trustees

Village Clerk/Treasurer
Village of DeWitt, NE.

SEAL

I, Erin Reimer, Village Clerk for the Village of DeWitt, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Trustees. I hereby certify that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the back of the Board Room. I certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk. I certify that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting and that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public. I certify that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of the Board of Trustees. I certify that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of the Board of Trustees were provided with advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed.

Erin Reimer
Village Clerk/Treasurer
Village of DeWitt, NE.