

**Minutes of the DeWitt Village Board Regular Meeting and Reorganization Meeting held Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Village Office, 209 E. Fillmore Ave, DeWitt, NE.**

Roll Call: Present: Chairman Fink, Trustees Rahe, Wattjes, Weise and Workman Absent: None  
Also present: Utility Superintendent Interim – Hunter Oliver, Clerk – Moria Holly, and Ray Brown

Chairman Fink announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and is accessible to members of the public.

Received and placed on file the notices of the meeting.

Motions approved by unanimous roll call vote:

1. Consent Agenda;
2. RFQ – WWTP Project;

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M., all in favor.

2024 Reorganization started at 7:27 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Chairman Fink, Trustees Rahe, Wattjes, Weise and Workman Absent: None  
Also present: Utility Superintendent Interim – Hunter Oliver, Clerk – Moria Holly, and Saline County Deputy

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Chairman Pro-Tempore – Moria Holly

Called for nominations of Chairman and cease.

Motion by Weise, second by Workman, to appoint Lyle Fink as Board Chairman.

Motion approved by roll call vote:

Lyle Fink – Chairman of the Board.

Appointments approved by unanimous roll call vote:

1. Moria Holly – Clerk/Treasurer
2. Kelly Hoffschneider – Village Attorney
3. Mitchell McDougall as Village Superintendent until February 29, 2024, and Hunter Oliver as Village Superintendent as of March 1, 2024, and Building Inspector
4. First State Bank Nebraska – Official Depository
5. Olsson Associates, Justin Stark – Street Superintendent for 2024
6. Olsson Associates – Village Engineer
7. 19 Volunteer Firefighters on the role of the DeWitt Fire Department
8. Seward County Independent (Wilber Republican) – Designated newspaper for official publishing
9. Library Board – Liz Poesnecker, Jill Cammack, Emily Pohlmann, Linda Schuerman, and Jan Stokebrand
10. Park & Pool Board – Bobbie Scherling, Cari Lineweber, Pam Garrison, Ray Brown and Josi Remmers.
11. Planning and Zoning Commission –Mike Rahe, Marge Badman, and Gary Shepler.
12. Tree Board – Jane Hermsmeier, Laura Pieper, Bruce Waltke and Dave Rentschler
13. Civic Board – Travis Rahe, Glen Pieper
14. Dr. Amy Vertin – Medical Director
15. Board of Health – Village Chairman, Fire Chief and Saline County Sheriff
16. Authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to purchase or transfer Certificates of Deposit.

Executive Session called at 7:48 P.M. for the purpose of discussing job performance.

Executive Session ended at 8:14 P.M. with no decision made.

Motions approved by unanimous roll call vote:

1. Resolution 2023-12; Village Fees
2. Salaries & Wages 2024
3. Ordinance 788; Salaries & Wages 2024

Discussions:

The Village Board discussed with Ray Brown from the Park Board regarding the requested equipment and improvements for the Village Swimming Pool. After discussions it was determined by the Village Board to continuing acquiring bids for the improvements and for repairing the pool's leak. The Village Clerk briefly explained that the Senior Center is going to need improvements/updates required by the State Health Inspector due to food being served there for the Senior Diners program and will be inquiring to any possible financial assistance for the requirements that may exceed any funds current held by the Senior Center. The Saline County Deputy stated that it has been quite within the Village. Shawn Weise addressed the Village Board regarding results from the community surveys the Village received from SENDD. The Village Board will review the results and will take this information into consideration regarding any future projects. Fire Chief, Shawn Weise, informed the Village Board regarding maintenance on the Fire Hall garage doors before the cold weather season and that the new ambulance is expected to be delivered by the end of January. Utility Superintendent Interim, Hunter Oliver, addressed the Village Board regarding the Village did obtain by winning bid the 2006 Dump Truck, that the downtown street lights have been temporarily repaired as Norris, the majority of the water meters have been replaced, obtaining his water license in February, and selling the two older dump trucks as surplus equipment. Village Clerk, Moria Holly, addressed the Village Board regarding sales tax, Gage County public meeting regarding a cell tower to be erected by Tri County Schools on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.; Norris Open House at the Village Office on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., that JEO is planning on attending the January Board Meeting to continuing discussing and begin plans and specs for the Wastewater Improvement Project, and also discussed selling surplus 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cookbooks for \$5, keychains for \$2 and donating the t-shirts to the Senior Center quilters so that they may make a quilt out of the same.

Reorganization Meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M., all in favor.

ATTEST:

s/ Lyle Fink  
Chairman, Board of Trustees  
Village of DeWitt, NE.

s/ Moria Holly  
Village Clerk

SEAL

Bills and claims approved: Ameritas-\$1858.12, Baker & Taylor-\$32.19, Black Hills Energy-\$206.59, Blue Cross Blue Shield-\$3633.60, Steve Bragg-\$120.00, Capital Business-\$120.00, Capital One-\$75.55, Card Services-\$953.24, Credit Management-\$598.32, CAMC-\$1200.00, Eakes-\$271.96, Google-\$12.00, Moria Holly-\$91.92, IRS-\$5628.52, Kovar Sales-\$153.35, Lampton Welding-\$27.95, Madison Natl Life Ins-\$61.35, Milius Hardware-\$1572.00, Municipal Pipe-\$2418.07, Mutual of Omaha-\$218.84, NDHSS-\$595.00, NE Dept of Rev-\$1835.33, NE Public Power Dist-\$17743.24, NE Title-\$20.00, Norris Public Power Dist-\$3762.09, Matt Parrot-\$134.49, Principal Financial-\$682.43, Brent Rahe-\$101.16, Saline Co Clerk-\$2308.50, Sargent Drilling-\$70314.97, Schusters-\$242.50, Servi-Tech-\$168.00, Seward Co Indep-\$142.62, Stryker-\$35.00, TriCounty-\$20.00, Verizon-\$327.41, Village of DeWitt-\$1633.94, Windstream-\$1164.81 and Salary & Aggregate Wages-\$15890.90.