

The Village of Nehawka Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at the Nehawka Community Building. Chairman Bob Sorenson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., noted the open meetings act displayed for public viewing, roll call of the board. In attendance: Bob Sorenson, John Henderson, June Bennett and Jason Jackson. Absent, Allen Gansemer. Other attendees: Maintenance, Jim Nichols; Attorney, Tom Prickett; Fire and Rescue, Ann Fisher and Kevin Gerkin; Ben Heneger; Mike/Gabby Chadwell; Darlene Thorne; Richi Fox, Debbie Fox, Lane Fox, Ty Fox.

The March 10, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Henderson, seconded by Bennett to approve minutes. Motion carried. Absent, Gansemer.

The March 24, 2021 Special Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Bennett, seconded by Jackson to approve minutes. Motion carried. Absent, Gansemer.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Motion by Jackson, seconded by Bennett to approve the report. Motion carried. Absent, Gansemer.

Claims were presented and reviewed. Motion to approve claims by Bennett, seconded by Jackson. Motion carried. Absent, Gansemer.

Correspondence: Received a note from resident about possible sewer leak – information to be presented in maintenance report. Received anonymous note regarding blocked alley on east side of community building. Henderson reported that vehicles have been removed from alley way and noted that there is no alley access to the North and only open with access going South. Cass County Commissioners provided information regarding a recycling agreement and the opportunity to enter into a interlocal agreement and can also contract with a third party. Keno summary report for March 2021 was received and noted that Nehawka received \$117.98, and proceeds were deposited in Keno account. Received a final/executed copy of Tax Lot 2, An Administrative Subdivision for our records.

Maintenance: Jim Nichols reported main was fixed by Kerns on Main Street. One water leak was found in an unoccupied residence because of broken pipe and their water was turned off at residence. Coop gas station bathroom has a leak and working with them to help remedy. June Bennett to report on readable water meter installation bids. Sewer plant has been washed out because of recent rains. Received complaint from customer regarding sewer leakage. Inspected area and confirmed sewer seeping in ditch and yard area. Called Water board and asked for help to camera our main. Checked the main for leakage and also used camera to check manhole north of ballfield for leaks. It was determined that sewer leak was customer's issue and not Village. Called State on correct procedure regarding a sewer leak and was informed to rope off area, take pictures of leakage, and notify customer. Nichols informed board of issue with truck brakes. Noticed the ABS light is on, noise when braking. Jackson informed that he could check brakes. Board asked about when weeds would be sprayed in ballfield and park. Nichols informed that the temperature was too low and needed to be at least 60 degrees to dry leaf spray and he would use the weed trimmer around backstop and bleachers. Sorenson also informed of need to pickup stick and trash at park and ballfield. Nichols asked the board for time off for family event - April 20-26. Board accepted time off request.

Rescue: Ann Fisher reported there were 3 calls with 2 handled by Nehawka and 1 handled by Murray. Fisher noted that the EMT Candidates will complete their class around the middle of May. Kevin Gerkin informed the board about looking for grants and there is a grant writing class if anyone is interested in attending. Rescue would like to acquire a monitor for pulse and blood pressure. New is \$30,000-\$40,000. Used/refurbished is around \$1,400.

Public Comment, Concerns and Input: Mike and Gabby Chadwell asked the board about the procedures for obtaining a building permit for new garage construction. Board informed about contacting the Planning Committee and submit a building permit application.

New Business: Ben Heneger, 501 Lincoln St, addressed the board regarding hooking into town's sewer line. Presently has a septic tank. Discussed Heneger's sewer run going south and main sewer line in street to north. Heneger explained he has talked with neighbor and has an agreement that could hook up with neighbor's line going south. After further discussion, motion by Henderson, seconded by Bennett to approve sewer line pending written agreement with neighbor at 427 Lincoln St., and subject to informing Village Clerk of hookup for billing purposes. Motion carried. Absent, Gansemer.

Informed of Street Dance Event planned for July 17th and organized by United Methodist Church and Nehawka Rural Fire. Discussed closing of Elm Street between Main Street and Sherman Avenue, allowing a beer garden. It was noted that since the Beer Garden was not properly advertised on Agenda this matter would be tabled to May 12th regular meeting. Motion by Bennett, seconded by Jackson approving Street Dance on July 17th and closing of Elm Street between Main and Sherman Ave. Motion carried. Absent, Gansemer.

Display Sales Invoice in the amount of \$569.00 for Summer themed banners was presented. It was noted that money for the banners was donated and deposited in Village's General Account. Motion by Bennett, seconded by Jackson to pay invoice. Motion carried. Absent, Gansemer.

Reviewed renewal of contract quote from Papillion Sanitation. Current contract with Premier Waste Solutions expired December 2020 and Papillion Sanitation recently acquired Premier Waste. After discussion of new rate, matter was tabled to next month pending Bennett's checking of an additional bid(s).

Discussed a town Clean-Up Day. Noted the truck load cost along with undesirable items dumped like tires, hazardous materials, etc. Matter was tabled until next May 12th meeting.

Received letter regarding neighbor piling brush, sticks, limbs, and possible garbage along fence at 212 North Street. Reviewed ordinance regarding nuisance. Maintenance was informed to take pictures and file Nuisance Report as needed.

Rescue training incident a couple of weeks ago was presented. Noted that during the driver training of rescue squad on Hwy 75, driver's side front tire blew and caused damage to fender, fender guard and light. No injuries to the two occupants. An insurance claim was filed. Larson body shop was to provide an estimate and assured a quick turnaround to make repairs. Board requested all Ambulance tires be checked for wear and age of each tire.

Information for Lucas device for Rescue was presented. The CPR compression device is required to keep up with State certification. Stryker Medical invoice in the amount of \$1,368.00 is a four-year plan (4/1/2021 to 3/31/2025) that would certify the device, make repairs as needed, and replace batteries. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Henderson to approve Stryker Medical invoice. Motion carried. Absent, Gansemer.

Placement of No Parking Signs on the north side of Main Street was presented by Bennett. Bennett considers the signs too close to the street and should be moved at least one foot away from street. Maintenance to check placement and possibility of moving the two signs and report back to board.

Old Business: Installation costs of readable water meters was presented by Bennett. Noted that four certified plumbing companies were contacted, and fees ranged from \$75-\$100/hr plus parts and one quote was \$100/per meter. One local contractor required additional information regarding water meters. Noted that there are seven remaining readable water meters as three were needed to replace broken meters. More information to follow.

Update regarding General Account funds was presented. Received two more penalty/interest bills for tax periods 2015 Qtr 3 and 2016 Qtr 3. Call was made to IRS to check if withholding tax data was entered in IRS system. No new information was received and asked to call back in three weeks. Clerk will begin process of filing IRS Form 843 and will seek additional assistance from a tax attorney on a pro bono basis.

Library's Chimney Cap was completed, and work/materials were donated. Kevin Gerkin will meet with Maintenance to gain access to library to provide quote for new roof. Community Building gutter/downspout repair was discussed. Jackson to clean gutters and use material to seal holes in gutters.

Ballfield Light/Pole repairs were discussed and determined that because of only one light pole at 1st base line, it is too dim for night games. Also suggested that new pole be located on outside of fence. Noted that quote received last fall has increased from \$9,400 to \$9,950 which would include a 60-foot pole, refurbished lighting, labor, materials and wiring with a start time of 2-3 weeks. Sorenson presented information on using Keno funds to defray part of the cost. Richi Fox spoke of EMN baseball and CHS Youth baseball's support of \$2000. Discussed additional repairs that will need to be completed by first part of May, namely, fence section to be stretched and top rail added, new boards in bleachers. Noted that volunteers have committed to completing repairs to bleachers and fence. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Bennett to accept quote in the amount of \$9,950. Motion carried. Absent, Gansemer.

Any other business pertinent to Village Operation: Carolyn Switzer, Voluntary Librarian left a copy of State Library Reports and noted that Library would need new window coverings, reapply termite control, and doors/windows should be repainted - Board agreed of current Library needs. Clerk noted that a Nebraska Historical Society Grant Application would be submitted by April 30th deadline for the Library. Water/Sewer unpaid bills was reviewed and determined that 2 disconnect notices will be sent with April statements.

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Henderson to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried. Absent, Gansemer.

CLAIMS – APRIL 2021

<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance Total</u>	
GENERAL	Bob Sorenson	Quarterly Board Trustee Salary (3 Meetings)	90.00	
	John Henderson	Quarterly Board Trustee Salary (4 Meetings)	120.00	
	Allen Gansemer	Quarterly Board Trustee Salary (3 Meetings)	90.00	
	June Bennett	Quarterly Board Trustee Salary (4 Meetings)	120.00	
	Jason Jackson	Quarterly Board Trustee Salary (2 Meetings)	60.00	
	Jimmy Nichols	Salary - Maintenance	2,173.51	
	Patricia Neu	Salary - Clerk/Treasurer	670.23	
	Patricia Neu-Exp	1 roll postage stamp/Printer Cartridges & Paper	295.63	
	Frontier Coop	Fuel - maintenance truck	229.47	
	Future Technologies, now Nextlink Internet	Village Office Internet service	35.00	
	Mid-American Research Chemical	Comm Bldg Men's Restroom Soap Dispenser	42.56	
	Nebraska UC Fund	Unemployment Ins - 2021 Qtr 1	43.66	
	Nebraska Dept of Revenue - Form 941N	Income Tax Withholding - 2021 Qtr 1	164.00	
	NPPD-217 Sherman Ave	Electricity	330.08	
	NPPD-221 Elm St	Electricity	31.58	
	NPPD-416 Maple St	Electricity	31.58	
	NPPD-Corner of Main & Elm St	Electricity	31.58	
	NPPD-Main St & Washington	Electricity	99.94	
	NPPD-Streetlights	Electricity	383.77	
	One-Call Concepts, Inc.	Locate Fees - Jan-Feb-Mar 2021	6.53	
	Papillion Sanitation	Garbage Service	48.00	
	Reinsch Slattery Bear Minahan & Prickett PC	Village Attorney	595.00	
	Southeast Area Clerks Association	2020 and 2021 Annual Dues	20.00	
	Windstream 4022270100	Village Fire Whistle	35.74	
	Windstream 4022279923	Village Office Phone	103.81	
	United States Treasury - Form 941 Penalty	Penalty/Interest Form 941 2016 Qtr 1	1,473.63	
	United States Treasury - Form 941	Employer's Quarterly Fed WH Tax-2021 Qtr 1	3,056.14	
	United States Treasury - Form 941	Employer's Quarterly Fed WH Tax 2017 Qtr 3	<u>2,282.22</u>	
	Total General Account:			12,663.66
SEWER	Jesse Keene - Sewer	Back up fee	25.00	
	Future Technologies, now Nextlink Internet	Sewer Plant Internet Service	35.00	
	Kerns Excavating Co.	Repair 8' sewer main at Main St & RR Ave	944.00	

	Midwest Laboratories	Monthly Sample Test	24.05	
	Nebraska Dept. of Revenue - Form 10	Sales/Use Tax Return - 2021 Qtr 1	743.68	
	NPPD-Nehawka & Maple	Electricity	482.02	
	NPPD-Water Treat Newahwka Rd	Electricity	<u>11.44</u>	
	Total Sewer Account:			2,265.19
WATER	W-Cass County Rural Water District No 1	Water Supplier	4,897.20	
	Hawkins, Inc. 3-4-2021	water treatment supplies	134.75	
	Hawkins, Inc. 4-1-2021	water treatment supplies	73.92	
	Kerns Excavating Co.	Water leak repair - Main St & RR Ave	2,078.00	
	Nebraska Dept. of Revenue - Form 10	Sales/Use Tax Return - 2021 Qtr 1	685.24	
	Nebraska Public Health Env Lab	Monthly Water Sample Test	15.00	
	NPPD-Maple & Ave N	Electricity	<u>73.33</u>	
	Total Water Account:			<u>7,957.44</u>
AMBULANCE	Quick Med Claims (Auto Withdrawal on 20th)	Ground Trips/Revenue	<u>39.46</u>	
	Total Ambulance Account			<u>39.46</u>
	TOTAL CLAIMS			22,925.75

ATTEST: *Patricia Neu*, Village Clerk