

The Village of Nehawka Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at the Nehawka Community Building. Chairman Bob Sorenson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., noted the Open Meetings Act displayed for public viewing, roll call of the board. In attendance: Bob Sorenson, June Bennett, John Henderson, Jason Jackson, Tim Dineen. Other attendees: Attorney, Tom Prickett; Maintenance, Jim Nichols; Fire and Rescue, Kevin Gerken; Carolyn Switzer; Darlene Thorne; Jim Neu; Nick Rayer.

The April 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Jackson, seconded by Bennett to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed and question about water account credits was answered by clerk. Motion by Jackson, seconded by Henderson to approve report. Motion carried.

Claims were presented and reviewed. Motion to approve claims by Jackson, seconded by Dineen. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Cass County Election Commissioner letter requesting polling site for special election on June 28th; Cass County Keno proceeds for April \$93.54; two incidents regarding dog unleashed and provoking walkers; NE Dept of Environment and Energy report on the burn pile inspection; Library donation from Dale/Nancy Nutzman; State warning of malware emails circulating; clerk updated board on recent tax advocate phone conference; board member Bennett voiced her concerns on recent issues regarding village work uncompleted by board, board's main objective for the community and village employees, to completely analyze customer billing, and need for notation when contact is made with community. Clerk read her response to board regarding recent water complaint and not allowing employee's response to accusations.

Maintenance: Jim Nichols reported that mowing and spraying season has begun; received phone communication with Johnson Service and discussed schedule; the eight stop signs order were received and have installed three signs. Board asked if Johnson would bring a vac truck – Nichols responded that they will, and arrangements have been made with Union to properly dispose of the waste. Noted that Oak Street will be included in the Sewer Plant to Main Street video. Also discussed street issues on West Street after sewer repair work and responsibility when pavement is cut to make repairs.

Rescue: Kevin Gerken reported squad responded to three calls; squad has been returned to Danko to work on suspension which is under warranty. Noted that membership is down by one due to relocating out of the area, and there will be no reimbursement of state funds due to incomplete testing and the time allotment by previous member. Received interest from two to join squad.

Public Comment, Concerns, and Input: None

New Business: Library Checking and Savings Account Consolidation/new signature cards. Currently have one checking and one savings and bank signature cards will need to be updated. Motion by Bennett to transfer savings account to checking account and update signature cards, seconded by Henderson. Motion carried.

Purchase ten readable water meters: noted that there are three meters that have to use the old transmitter to read monthly usage and will need to be replace. Discussed if ten meters would be needed or just five, how many are in a pit, Bennett to contact customers and plumber to schedule installation dates; discussed repairs that will need to be completed to water tank. Motion by Dineen to purchase five readable water meters, seconded by Bennett. Motion carried.

Old Business: Fire insurance premium-1/3 payment – K Gerken noted that premium is \$7,083 and one-third payment from the Village is \$2,361. After discussion, Motion by Bennett to pay one-third of the fire insurance premium, seconded by Sorenson. Motion carried.

Burn Pile-chipper update – Jackson reported that his cost to rent a chipper for a weekend would be \$1,000 to \$1,500. After discussion, the board agreed to set the work date for June 10th-12th. Motion by Bennett to approve chipper rental fee, seconded by Dineen. Motion carried.

Sewer Repairs – discussed Johnson Service and the area to be videoed. Discussed the distance from the hydrant to the Oak Street main at 42 feet, and house distance to main was questioned.

Street Repairs – noted section by church on Washington Street, discussed completing curb area at Main and North Street and removing cones; noted that ½" crushed rock will need to be ordered.

Any other business pertinent to Village Operation: Bennett noted that a few trees by the little ballfield will need to be removed; questioned if town owned property was being used by business for hay bales, and how many alleyways are vacated; inquired if bleacher seats have been repaired/replaced – plans are in place to complete work by J Nichols and J Neu; noted that county sign heading north around curve has been repaired.

Clerk Neu informed the board of her 30-day notice to resign/retire and will post vacancy.

A burn pile and recycling reminder flyer was reviewed and noted that it will be included with the customer's monthly statements.

Board reviewed customer balance summary list; motion by Henderson, seconded by Bennett to send disconnect notices to noted customers. Motion carried.

Cares Act (Covid) second half distribution was discussed, and attorney noted the need to plan and list projects. The water tower fencing was discussed and Dineen is looking at grant options.

Discussed if library A/C is working. Dineen noted that VCR, VCR tapes, computer, and two file cabinets were removed due to condition. N. Rayer presented information on tractor event at the library scheduled May 28 and the board noted the need to advertise the event.

Jackson informed of gathering initial information to work on grants to repair streets, water and sewer mains and piping.

Carolyn Switzer asked about obtaining a burn permit.

Question was raised if chickens are allowed in village by ordinance.

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Jackson to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.

CLAIMS – MAY 2022

<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance Total</u>	
GENERAL	Jimmy Nichols	Net Salary - Maintenance	2,098.86	
	Patricia Neu	Net Salary - Clerk/Treasurer	670.22	
	Patricia Neu-Exp	1 roll postage stamps/copy paper/AA batteries	84.85	
	Frontier Coop	Fuel - maintenance truck	308.52	
	Meeske Auto Parts	Pickup oil/filter/light bulbs	24.14	
	Meeske Hardware Inc.	Comm Bldg faucets/connectors/aerator	68.22	
	NPPD-217 Sherman Ave	Electricity - Village Whistle	31.58	
	NPPD-217 Sherman Ave	Electricity - Community Bldg parking lights	36.65	
	NPPD-217 Sherman Ave	Electricity - Community Bldg	196.42	
	NPPD-221 Elm St	Electricity - Library	31.58	
	NPPD-Main St and Washington	Electricity - Ball Park Lights	96.11	
	NPPD-Main St and Washington	Electricity - Concession Stand	46.58	
	NPPD-301 Main St	Electricity - Park Light and Pavilion	31.58	
	NPPD-Corner of Main & Elm St	Electricity - Flagpole Light	31.58	
	NPPD-Streetlights	Electricity - Village Streetlights	375.39	
	NextLink Internet	Village Office Internet service	35.00	
	Papillion Sanitation	Garbage Service	68.89	
	Papillion Sanitation	Recycling Disposal Service	358.30	
	Reinsch Slattery Bear Minahan & Prickett PC	Village Attorney	544.00	
	Windstream 4022270100	Village Whistle	36.31	
	Windstream 4022279923	Village Office Phone	102.41	
	United States Treasury - Form 941	Form 941 Employer's Quarterly Fed WH Tax 2022 Qtr 2-April	<u>1,093.38</u>	
	Total General Account:			6,370.57
HIGHWAY	Action Signs	8 24" Stop Signs	<u>596.00</u>	596.00
SEWER	Jesse Keene	Back up fee	25.00	
	Midwest Laboratories	Quarterly Sample Test	185.78	
	NextLink Internet	Sewer Plant Internet Service	35.00	
	NPPD-Nehawka & Maple	Electricity - Sewer Plant	400.88	
	NPPD-Water Treat Newahwka Rd	Electricity - Lights	11.44	

	Tri-State Pumping L.L.C.	Jetted line between lift station	550.00	
	Tri-State Pumping L.L.C.	Jetted main - Oak St	750.00	
	Deanna Morrival	Customer Refund - 404 Oak St	<u>48.96</u>	
	Total Sewer Account:			2,007.06
WATER	Cass County Rural Water District No 1	Water Supplier	1,806.00	
	Kerns Excavating Co.	3 meters in pits/2 curb stop replaced/found	5,300.00	
	Nebraska Public Health Env Lab	Monthly Water Sample Test	15.00	
	NPPD-Maple & Ave N	Water Bldg - Electricity	33.75	
	Deanna Morrival	Customer Refund - 404 Oak St	<u>171.46</u>	
	Total Water Account:			7,326.21
KENO	Don's Johns & Septic Plumbing	Restroom Rental - 1 Portable Standard / 1 Portable Handicap	<u>264.00</u>	264.00
LIBRARY	Hidden Pictures Club	2 Eagle Eye Magazines	36.70	
	Puzzle Buzz	2 Puzzle Buzz books	<u>18.35</u>	
			<u>55.05</u>	55.05
AMBULANCE	Cass Cty Emergency Management Agency	AHA BLS Provider Cards	20.00	
	Emergency Medical Products	Medical Supplies for rescue squad	4.21	
	EMScconnect	Online Training	49.00	
	Frontier Cooperative	Fuel - Rescue Squad	201.49	
	The Nebraska Medical Center	Med Dir - Q3 (Jan-Mar 22)	460.97	
	Quick Med Claims (Auto Withdrawal on 20th)	Ground Trips/Revenue	<u>74.60</u>	
	Total Ambulance Account			810.27
	TOTAL CLAIMS			17,429.16

ATTEST: *Patricia Neu*, Village Clerk