

The Village of Nehawka Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at the Nehawka Community Building. Chairman June Bennett 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, Ian Begemann, June Bennett, Jason Jackson, Tim Dineen. Other attendees: Attorney, Tom Prickett; Maintenance, Jim Nichols; Fire and Rescue, Kevin Gerken , Kason Cade and Adam Hamilton; Darlene Thorne; Nick Rayer, Jim Neu, Kathy Gregg, John Henderson, Matt Anson, Tyler Jensen and James Burton.

June addressed the room reminding that residents can speak, but they must follow the code of conduct of the village. The Chairperson is to keep order and will call on those wishing to speak. Reminder that no documents are to be removed from the village office.

Consent Agenda: The January 11, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes were reviewed. Treasurer's Report was reviewed, and Claims were presented and reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes, treasurer's report and claims by Begemann, seconded by Jackson. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Received email from S Trimmer resigning from the Zoning Committee. Received a thank you card from MAPA and read complaint received regarding a water bill.

Maintenance: Jim Nichols reported that the water usage is normal, and everything is working good.; sewer plant seems to be running okay and the elbow was repaired thanks to Adam Hamilton.— Thanks Jim Neu for installing the new lights in the kitchen.

Rescue: Kevin Gerken reported that they had good attendance at the last meeting. They are looking at disconnecting the EMS Connect and switch to bringing in outside teachers and instructors, EMS Connect is not being used enough to warrant the cost. Reported that they only received 75K on the grant for the squad, wasn't the 150K they were hoping for. Still weighing options There is an EMS Conference in March, he will have more information next month on dates and cost.

Public Comment. Concerns. and Input: None.

New Business:

Burton Asphalt – Jim Burton spoke to the board and explained the 2 bids submitted and what each one covered. To move forward, we will have to have 2 separate contracts, the attorney will draw up both contracts for the bids and work to be done. The board decided to start with the first bid of \$21,500. Burton Asphalt requires 25% down and the balance on completion. A motion was made to proceed with having the attorney draw up the contract and move forward by Dineen, seconded by Begemann, Against-Sorenson, Motion carried.

Kathy Gregg requested to speak to the board regarding the nuisance letter to her rental property and cleanup of the junk cars, trash and other debris, she is requesting 30 days to get the property cleaned up. The issue will be addressed next month, after the 30 days has been granted.

JEO proposal to SBA for Nehawka would run roughly \$6500 to conduct the survey needed to begin. The attorney is going to research more on SBA of town before proceeding any further. Tabled until the attorney has more information on the benefits and cost.

Quit claim deed of Lot 1 to Green Thumb and town right away with easement on South side of Green Thumb property to be vacated is under review with the attorney and will be tabled until next month.

Planning Commission needed to vote R Thone to the committee for 2023, motion by Sorenson to vote Rex Thonen for 2023, seconded by Dineen, Motion carried.

Make the Planning Commission and Zoning and Building Committee as one joint committee, along with the committee task and/or responsibilities. It was found that they are already one committee, no change there. The description of the duties and responsibilities will be provided next month.

Resolution from attorney to make Nick Rayer, Flood Plan Manager cannot be done through a resolution, we would have to amend the ordinance. It was decided to make no changes and leave the Village Chairperson as the Flood Plan Manager.

White shed, parcel 130050989, Elm and Main Street. There are a couple of residents interested in buying this property from the village. After some discussion, the attorney stated that the town would have to obtain the value of the property, pass a resolution to sell the property, then post three times that the property was for sale. Sealed bids would then be accepted or the town could hold a public auction on the property.

Baseball Infield and backstop remodel was updated by Sorenson. The association is wanting to move forward with the upgrades and Sorenson is asking that the village pay 1/3 of the cost, approximately \$8000. After some discussions regarding the cost and previous talks regarding there be no cost to the village , it was decided to table the discussion further until next month.

Old Business:

Historian Campout_– Nick is sending out emails, there will be a tractor pull. Still looking at September 2023.

Any other business pertinent to Village Operation - None

Motion by Jackson, seconded by Bennett to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Attest: Christine Lowther, Village Clerk/Treasurer

