

The Village of Nehawka Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at the Nehawka Community Building. Chairman June Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 and Adam Hamilton; Darlene Thorne; Nick Rayer, Jeff Thonen, Larry Hathaway, Frontier Coop, Julie Smith, Grant Anderson and Shawna Silvius with MAPA.

Consent Agenda: The November 9, 2022 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 Bennett. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Received email from A Fischer that the fire department is going to use the trailer as a training burn set for February. Received email from Green Thumb, not sure what they are wanting, need more information, will follow-up next meeting.

Maintenance: Jim Nichols reported that the water usage is normal; Curb stops are on backorder. The water was tested 1/11/23 by CB Plumbing for the yearly backflow test.; sewer plant seems to be running okay — on the 23rd of December the elbow came off at the plant, vibration is causing it to come off. Adam Hamilton offered to go and fix the elbow at the plant in the next week or two. L Adkins water meter has been installed, only S Adams remains uninstalled, all other meters are installed and working in town.

Rescue: Kevin Gerken reported that they did receive the Firehouse Sub grant for \$35K, they plan on buying a heart monitor which will be covered in full by the grant. Still working on the grant for \$150K for the squad and the grant for \$50K is looking good to purchase a cot and loading system for the squad.

Building and Zoning – Nick Rayer reported that he obtained a quote for road repairs in town, it was asked by the board to obtain 3 bids and invite the bidders to next months meeting for further discussion.

Public Comment, Concerns, and Input: None.

New Business:

Larry Hathaway from Frontier Coop presented and had a drawing showing the replacement and work to be done around the station. The grates will need to be opened up and jetted out before work is completed, Frontier will be installing a tube to help with the drainage as well.

MAPA gave a presentation of their services and how they can work with the village in obtaining grants from outside sources.

Flood Plan Manager Village will designate Nick Rayer as the Flood Plan Manager, the attorney to create a resolution for next meeting. Need to create a Red Tag for violations.

Nuisance and complaints received on 704 Elm St for excessive cars, tires, and trash. The village decided to send letters to all 3 parties involved, motion by Begemann, seconded by Dineen to send letters, motion carried.

Cot and Loading system for ambulance, total cost installed is \$47,415.95, comes with 2 yr. warranty on cot and 1 yr. warranty on loading system, extended warranty is offered on both, runs \$1230/yr. on cot and \$1615/yr. on loading system. After discussion with what the grant would cover, the village decided to cover any remaining cost over the grant, up to \$25K. Motion by Jackson, seconded by Dineen, Motion carried.

Election of 2023 Officers/Committee Members — nomination for Chairperson, June Bennett was received. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Dineen to nominate June Bennett as Chairperson. Abstain Bennett, Motion carried.

Sorenson nomination of Jason Jackson as Pro Tem — seconded by Begemann. Abstain Jackson, Motion carried.

Village Treasurer/Clerk nomination of Chris Lowther was received. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Bennet. Motion carried.

Village Attorney nomination of Tom Prickett. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Dineen. Motion carried.

Village Board of Health nominations were received. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Begemann to nominate June Bennett as Chairman, Kevin Gerken and Nick Rayer. Abstain Bennett, Motion carried.

Parks Department Director – nomination of Sorenson made by Jackson, seconded by Begemann. Abstain Sorenson, motion carried.

Street Department nomination of Jason Jackson. Motion by Bennett, seconded by Dineen. Abstain Jackson, Motion carried.

Water Department nomination of Tim Dineen. Motion by Bennett, seconded by Jackson. Abstain Dineen, Motion carried.

Planning Commission nomination of Nick Rayer, Gene Monroe, Sherri Trimmer, Adam Hamilton, Rex Thonen and Kathy Gregg. Motion by Jackson, seconded by Bennett. Motion carried.

Sewer Department nomination of Ian Begemann. Motion by Jackson, seconded by Bennett. Abstain Begemann. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Historian Campout – Nick is sending out emails, there will be a tractor pull. Nick requested help. Jason Jackson and Chris Lowther are going to help, looking at September 2023.

Nuisance 204 Washington St – Jackson is going to talk with owner.

Town Sign Hwy 34 – N Rayer is working with the Department of Roads and NPPD, more to come.

Reimbursement of N Rayer for grant class – after discussion, the attorney advised the board that reimbursement can be made for the cost of the class, mileage and per day diem on food. Motion to reimburse on above recommendations was made by Sorenson, seconded by Bennett, motion carried.

Any other business pertinent to Village Operation - None

Motion by Jackson, seconded by Begemann to adjourn at 9:57 p.m. Motion carried.

