

The Village of Nehawka Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at the Nehawka Community Building. Chairman June Bennett 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, June Bennett, Tim Dineen, Jason Jackson, and Ian Begemann. Other attendees: Attorneys, Tom Prickett; Matt Anson, Ryan Adams, Jim Nichols, Nick Rayer, Teara Adams, Darlene Thorne, John Henderson, Jamie Hohenfield, Adam Hamilton, Brett Wagner, Becky Rayer, Kason Cade, and Barb Wagner.

Consent Agenda: The September 13, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes were reviewed. The September 13, 2023, Special Meeting minutes were reviewed. The 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 Sorenson. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Ruth Johnson's attorney sent estate letter.

Maintenance: Jim Nichols reported nothing new with water and that Jesse Keene has been checking everything while he was in the hospital and recovering at home. Everything going well at Sewer plant. Thanked everyone in town for helping with the town while he recovered. Going forward he will be able to resume checking the water and sewer plants.

Zoning and Planning Committee – No one present to give report.

Rescue: Kason reported going well, making calls. The squad is running well. Working on billing for calls. The By-Laws are being updated.

Public Comment. Concerns. and Input: Ryan Adams presented \$170.00 from the campground group as a donation to the Parks account.

Approval and Passage of Ordinance 2023-4 an Ordinance relating to the design, set back, permitting, prohibition, installation, special exceptions, and penalties of fences within the Village of Nehawka. Bennett read Ordinance 2023-4. No discussion. Motion to waive the three-reading made by Begemann, seconded by Sorenson, motion carried. Motion made to approve Ordinance 2023-4 made by Begemann, seconded by Bennett, motion carried.

Approval and Passage of Ordinance 2023-5 an Ordinance for Zoning Overlay District and Flood Plain Management. Bennett read Ordinance 2023-5. No discussion. Motion made to waive the three readings by Begemann, seconded by Sorenson, motion carried. Motion made to approve Ordinance 2023-5 by Bennett, seconded by Begemann, motion carried.

Extension on Water Treatment Grant was granted until December 31, 2023. Emailed received by Dineen and Village for confirmation of extension.

Discuss/Approve Lawnmower for village. Received demo from Ty mowers in Gretna. There was debate about the size needed for the village and that the demo was too large, A motion was made to buy a Super Z 60 inch for \$12,500 by Begemann, seconded by Sorenson. When went to vote on the motion, it was 2 for, Begemann and Sorenson, 2 against, Jackson and Bennett, Dineen absent. Disposition of the lawnmower will be discussed again at the November meeting.

Discuss/Approve Village Personnel posting and hiring for Maintenance. Jim Nichols will be retiring 12/31/2023. It was decided that a committee will be created and create a posting to be approved at the November meeting and then posted in the paper and around town. The committee will consist of the attorney, Jackson and Begemann.

Discuss/Approve Gate and Posted sign at entrance to campground. After discussion, it was decided to purchase a cable and sign, attach to the trees at the entrance of the trail. Begemann volunteered to purchase and get reimbursed for the supplies and to put the cable and sign up at the entrance. Motion to move forward made by Jackson, seconded by Begemann, Sorenson voted no, motion carried.

Railing on Bridge Elm Street – Repair Status. Nothing has been done to repair the railing, this was a hit and run. Motion made by Sorenson, seconded by Bennett to get this repaired ASAP, motion carried.

Status of Coop Ditch Repair. Bennett reported that she spoke with Larry Hathaway from the Coop, and they are waiting on concrete. The village needs to hire someone to clean out the lines or utilize the jetter from Cass County, they have offered to let the village borrow theirs.

Approve and Passage Resolution 2023-4 – Nehawka Board of Trustees Meeting Rules of Decorum. Bennett read Resolution 2023-4. Discussion, Dineen asked if the resolution had to be passed in its entirety, No response. Motion to approve the resolution as written by Begemann, seconded by Sorenson, Dineen voted no, Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve request for future agenda items form. Bennett presented and read a new agenda form to be adopted by the village. After discussion, it was agreed to use the form and post the form on the website as well.

Approve application on Becky Rayer for Ambulance-Nehawka Volunteer Fire. Kason Cade presented the application to the squad for Becky Rayer. Motion to approve Becky Rayer to the squad was made by Sorenson, seconded by Begemann, Jackson voted no, Motion carried.

Approve the New Rescue Bylaws. Kason Cade went over the three changes made to the Bylaws. Motion to approve the changes made by Sorenson, seconded by Dineen, Motion carried.

Approve Kason Cade as Rescue President. A motion was made to approve Kason Cade as president by Sorenson, seconded by Begemann, Motion carried.

Approve use of Accelerant. Kason Cade reported that this is an online service for training and checks, cost is \$10/month. A motion was made to approve the use of Accelerant for training by Sorenson, seconded by Begemann. Motion carried.

Executive Session: For the evaluation and personnel changes of village employee, job performance of the person as necessary to prevent needless injury and reputation of the person. This issue will remain in open session per the request of the village clerk, whom is the party in question. Bennett started the session with the clerk not responding to two text messages in August 2023. The clerk asked the board on two occasions for a list of the issues addressed during this session, with no response from anyone. The clerk has attached the following list per her best recollection: Not responding 3 text messages from Bennett in August 2023, Not asking previous village clerk for help, Want more detail on monthly time sheet, Responding to an email for public records without getting board approval first, Giving a board member a key to village office to obtain copies for all board members after chairman changed the lock on village office without knowledge from the other board members, Leaving a board meeting for a couple minutes to put papers in village office while the board members were still discussing an issue, Calling in sick to a zoning meeting and report made to chairman that I didn't look sick, and More detail in monthly meeting minutes. A motion was made to end this meeting by Dineen, seconded by Begemann. Sorenson stated no motion was needed. Session ended with no action taken.

Any other business pertinent to Village Operation - None

Adjournment

Motion by Jackson, seconded by Begemann to adjourn at 8:38 pm, motion carried.

Attest: Christine Lowther, Village Clerk/Treasurer

GENERAL	Bob Sorenson	3rd Quarter 2023 Trustee Salary	150.00	
	Jason Jackson	3rd Quarter 2023 Trustee Salary	150.00	
	June Bennett	3rd Quarter 2023 Trustee Salary	150.00	
	Tim Dineen	3rd Quarter 2023 Trustee Salary	150.00	
	Ian Begmann	3rd Quarter 2023 Trustee Salary	120.00	
	Jimmy Nichols	Net Salary - Maintenance	2,107.80	
	Christine Lowther	Net Salary - Clerk/Treasurer	788.50	
	Christine Lowther-Expenses	2 rolls stamps	132.00	
	Akrs Equipment	Repair Lawn mower	746.65	
	Frontier Coop	Fuel	243.08	
	Lengemann & Assoc	Budget preparation	3,800.00	
	Meeske Hardware	Telescoping lopper	48.21	
	Michael's Garage	Truck brakes	273.91	
	Nebraska Dept of Rev	Form 941N WH Tax - 2023 Qtr 3	171.00	
	Nebraska UC Fund	Unemployment Ins - 2023 Qtr 3	1.00	
	NextLink Internet	Village Office Internet Service	35.00	
	NPPD-217 Sherman Ave	Village Comm Bldg / Parking Lights	31.58	
	NPPD-217 Sherman Ave	Community building	121.14	
	NPPD-217 Sherman Ave	Whistle	46.71	
	NPPD- Main St & Washington	Ball park	68.36	
	NPPD- Main St & Washington	Concession Stand	31.58	
	NPPD-301 Main St	Electricity - Park and Pavilion	31.58	
	NPPD-Corner of Main & Elm St	Electricity - Flagpole Light	31.58	
	NPPD-Streetlights	Electricity - Village Streetlights	383.77	
	Omaha World Herald	Budget ad	119.94	
	One Call Concepts	locate fee	13.14	
	Papillion Sanitation	Trash Service	69.43	
	Papillion Sanitation	Recycle	408.58	
	Reinsch Slattery Bear Minahan Prickett, PC	Attorney Fees	1,011.50	
	Windstream 4022270100	Village Whistle	36.84	
	Windstream 4022279923	Village Office Phone	102.73	
	United States Treasury	Employer's Qtrly Fed WH Tax 2023	1,137.40	ACH
	TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT		\$12,713.01	
LIBRARY	NPPD	221 Elm St	31.58	
		TOTAL LIBRARY ACCOUNT		\$31.58
KENO	Don's Johns & Septic	porta potty ballfield	324.00	
				\$324.00
SEWER	Jesse Keene - Sewer	Backup Fee	25.00	
	Midwest Laboratories	plastic bottles	138.05	
	Nebr Dept of Revenue	Form 10 - Sales and Use Tax 2023 Qtr 1	756.22	ACH
	NextLink Internet	Sewer Plant Internet Service	35.00	
	NPPD-Nehawka & Maple	Electricity - Sewer Plant	548.03	
	NPPD-Water Treat Nawahwka Rd	Electricity - Lights	11.44	
	USA Blue Book	Dissolve Tablets	100.23	
	TOTAL SEWER ACCOUNT			\$1,613.97
WATER	Cass County Rural Water Dist No 1	Water Supplier	1,991.50	
	Nebraska Public Health Env Lab	Monthly Tests / Supplies	15.00	
	NPPD-Maple & Ave N	Electricity - Water Bldg	30.00	
	TOTAL WATER ACCOUNT			\$2,036.50
AMBULANCE	Frontier Coop	Rescue Squad Fuel	113.40	
	Quick Med Claims	Ground Trips/Revenue		ACH
		TOTAL AMBULANCE ACCOUNT		
		TOTAL CLAIMS		\$16,832.46