

BIG SPRINGS VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 4, 2023

Present Trustees: Van Horn, Dinkel, Farrier, and Everitt. Others present: Village Clerk/Treasurer, Tamera Loomis, Village Maintenance, Curtis Brown, Village Attorney, Josh Wendell, and Deuel County Sheriff Scott DeCoste.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Big Springs, Nebraska was called to order at 7:05pm on April 4, 2023 in open and public session by Village Clerk Loomis. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting at the Village Office, U.S. Post Office, and Community First Bank and by publication in the Chappell Register and on the Village Official Website + Mobile App at bigspringsne.org, the Village's designated methods for giving notice, and delivered to members of the Board of Trustees with a copy of their Acknowledgment of Receipt and the Agenda attached to these minutes. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice. All proceedings hereafter shown were recorded while said meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Village Clerk Loomis requested nominations from the Village Board for an Acting Board Chairman *pro tempore* to preside over the meeting in absence of the Board Chairman, the Village Board elects one of its members present at the meeting to occupy the position temporarily.

Dinkel nominated Farrier as Acting Board Chairman *pro tempore*. Nomination seconded by Van Horn. There were no other nominations, nominations closed. Farrier appointed as Acting Board Chairman *pro tempore*. Yea: Everitt, Dinkel, Farrier, Van Horn. Passed unanimously.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Acting Chairman Farrier welcomed the visitors and announced the Open Meeting Law Poster posted on the wall of the meeting room with copies available from the Village Clerk if wanted.

Motion by Everitt, we approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023 meeting, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Van Horn, Farrier, Dinkel, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Brief department reports were heard.

Motion by Everitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street be closed from the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Oak to the end of the Village Pool Park property for alumni lunch in the park and games on May 27, 2023 from 11-3, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Van Horn, Dinkel, Farrier, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Brief discussion held regarding Heritage Café & Market: ADA Curb ramp, Handicap parking, Alley direction 1-way, Trash can, and Outside dining. A plan and drawing was requested. The Clerk will provide the plan/drawing to the Village Engineer/Street Superintendent for his review and feedback on the ADA Curb ram, Handicap parking, and Sidewalk ownership. The information will be provided to the Trustees at the next regular meeting. A trash can with lids will be moved closer to the business.

Motion by Van Horn, we request the attorney to draw an ordinance to be considered at the next regular meeting to designate a one-way directional alley going S to N behind Pine Street East Commercial buildings, seconded by Farrier. Yea: Dinkel, Everitt, Van Horn, and Farrier. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, the Osmera claim in the amount of \$490.73 be paid in full, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Everitt, Dinkel, Van Horn, and Farrier. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Horn, we request the attorney write a letter to Consolidated Plumbing for removing water meter to blow out main lines without the utilities superintendent being present, seconded by Farrier. Yea: Van Horn, Dinkel, Everitt, and Farrier.

Motion by Everitt, we adopt Resolution R23-04-04 Rescinding Prior Resolution No. 22-09-07 Declaration of Nuisance Property, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Dinkel, Farrier, Van Horn, and Everitt. No: None. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we request the Village Attorney file complaints for the unpaid issued Animal Control tickets 1014 and 1015, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Farrier, Everitt, Van Horn, and Dinkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to adopt the Big Springs Blight and Substandard Study. Seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Everitt, Dinkel, Farrier, Van Horn. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we hold a Public Hearing to solicit comments on the Big Springs Blight and Substandard Study on May 2, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Village Office meeting room, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Dinkel, Van Horn, Farrier, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Brief discussion was held regarding purchasing Swimming Pool Chlorine. No additional chlorine is to be purchased until it is necessary.

Motion by Farrier, we accept Fiscal Year 2022 Audit completed by RJ Meyer & Associates, LLC, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Van Horn, Everitt, Dinkel, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Brief discussion was held regarding various park projects – Spring Bridge repair, Depot Museum bedroom and Pond rocks all being complete by volunteers. Volunteers are appreciated. Prior to project being complete, the Board of Trustees need to know the cost and agree on the projects being complete. Parks/Pool Commissioner, Everitt, was asked to provide a full list of proposed projects.

Motion by Farrier, the Clerk to complete a Deuel County Visitor's Committee Grant application in the amount of \$700.00 for 12 mannequin bodies to display local military service (wo)men uniforms at the Big Springs Depot Museum, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Van Horn, Everitt, Dinkel, and Farrier. Motion passed unanimously.

Brief discussion was held to allow Parks/Pool Commissioner Everitt hire Swimming Pool help. Hiring decision will be made by the entire Board of Trustee's. Additional advertising and recruitment effort for Swimming Pool help will be done by advertising in the Julesburg Advocate and the Keith County news, posters posted at the Village office, Post office, Community First Bank, and the South Platte School, Village Website-Job postings will be enhanced, and Farrier and Everitt will attend the Julesburg Job fair.

Motion by Dinkel, we set Spring Cleanup days May 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> and authorize roll-off dumpsters, to coincide with nuisance review letters, seconded by Van Horn. Yea: Farrier, Van Horn, Everitt, and Dinkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Everitt, we pay the following claims, seconded by Farrier. Yea: Van Horn, Everitt, Farrier, and Dinkel. Motion passed unanimously.

<b>General</b>			
PAYROLL	Salaries		2,285.43
ADAMS INSURANCE ADVISORS	Insurance		1,350.00
Adopt A Dog Animal Rescue	Animal Control		90.00
BIG SPRINGS CEMETERY ASSOC	Expenses		5,087.50
BIG SPRINGS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	Misc Expense		550.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas		120.77
CENTURY LINK	Phone		50.38
CFB-FBO CURTIS BROWN	Retirement		200.00
CHAPPELL REGISTER	Print/Pub		584.57
DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER	Law Enforcement		7,333.35
EdwardJones	Retirement		150.00
Holiday Inn	Travel/Classes		574.75
IRS	Tax		480.07
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Rep/Maint		31.67
Kris Kopetzky	Srvc Dep		100.00
Lonnie Dallegge	Srvc Dep		100.00
NPPD	Electricity		369.14
Norma VanZee	Rep/Maint		75.00
OFFICE SERVICE	Supplies		89.98
ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	Fees		3.58
RJ MEYER & ASSOCIATES LLC	Auditing		7,050.00
Shane LaVante	Animal Control		721.83
T.C. ENGINEERING INC	Legal		1,950.00
Tamera Loomis	Travel		218.70
US POSTAL SERVICE	Postage		41.52
<b>Street</b>			
PAYROLL	Salaries		1,087.05
HUMPHREYS AUTO SUPPLY	Rep/Maint		78.90
IRS	Tax		425.46
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies		160.45
NPPD	Electricity		990.28
<b>Water</b>			
PAYROLL	Salaries		1,681.47
BLOCHOWITZ DITCHING INC	Rep/Maint		1,627.00
CENTURY LINK	Phone		219.18
COMMUNITY FIRST BANK	Transfers		4,730.00
IRS	Tax		478.16
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Rep/Maint		16.99
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	Tax		143.71
NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	Testing		514.00
NPPD	Electricity		844.29
US POSTAL SERVICE	Postage		67.07
VERIZON	Phone		110.96
<b>Sewer</b>			
PAYROLL	Salaries		1,681.47
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas		369.43
CENTURY LINK	Phone		216.27
COMMUNITY FIRST BANK	Transfers		6,270.00
IRS	Tax		478.16
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	Tax		804.13

NPPD		Electricity	580.02
SCOTTIES POTTIES INC		Rep/Maint	725.00
US POSTAL SERVICE		Postage	37.28
VERIZON		Phone	110.94
	<b>Trash</b>		
US POSTAL SERVICE		Postage	37.28
WASTE CONNECTIONS		Trash	5,038.00
	<b>Parks</b>		
PAYROLL		Salaries	434.81
BLACK HILLS ENERGY		Gas	38.60
IRS		Tax	170.18
NPPD		Electricity	142.11
	<b>Pool</b>		
CENTURY LINK		Phone	135.44
	<b>Library</b>		
PAYROLL		Salaries	956.22
IRS		Tax	138.50
	<b>Depot Museum</b>		
NPPD		Electricity	178.62
			<u>61,325.67</u>

Motion by Farrier, we adjourn, seconded by Van Horn. Yea: Everitt, Dinkel, Van Horn, and Farrier. Motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

  
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 Liberty Farrier, Acting Board Chairman *pro tempore*  
 Village of Big Springs Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

  
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 Tamera Loomis, Village Clerk

