

BIG SPRINGS VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 2023

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Big Springs, Nebraska was called to order at 7:00pm on October 3, 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*. There were no other nominations, nominations closed. Farrier appointed as Acting Board Chairman *pro tempore*. Yea: Farrier, Everitt, Van Horn, and Dinkel. Nomination 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 September 5, 2023 meeting, seconded by Van Horn. Yea: Van Horn, Farrier, Dinkel, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we adopt Resolutions to Rescind R23-10-01 and R23-10-02, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Everitt, Dinkel, Farrier, and Van Horn. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we abate 2023 BIG 36 405 E 4th/PID: 0003145.5, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Farrier, Van Horn, Everitt, and Dinkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Brief department reports were heard.

Motion by Farrier, we accept the water and sewer rate study provided by Nebraska Rural Water Association (NeRWA) and request the village attorney present the necessary ordinance to repeal all other ordinances and resolutions, and a resolution to adopt new rates at the November 7, 2023 meeting with new rates being effective January 1, 2024 to include annual review, seconded by Van Horn. Yea: Dinkel, Everitt, Farrier, and Van Horn. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, the monthly trash rate be set at residential \$30.00 per month, small commercial \$35.00 per month dumpster dumping 1 time per week, and large commercial \$60.0 per month per dumpster dumping 2 times per week effective January 1, 2024 and we request the village attorney include the trash rates in the same resolution as the water and sewer rates to include annual review, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Van Horn, Farrier, Everitt, and Dinkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we direct the Village Attorney take the action necessary to move forward with special assessment, for unpaid abatement of nuisance bills at 105 E 4th ST and 407 W 2nd ST, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Everitt, Dinkel, Van Horn, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we authorize the Village Board Chairman sign vehicle titles and bill of sale over to Amy's Towing for vehicles and trailer towed from Motion to Abate: 2022 BIG 040 407 W 2nd passed and approved July 5, 2022, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Farrier, Dinkel, Van Horn, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we approve the Special Designated Liquor License to Non-Profit Public Service Licensee Big Springs Rural Fire Protection District for Fireman's Annual Bull Fry Fund raiser being held on November 4, 2023 beginning at 5pm in Big Springs, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Everitt, Van Horn, Farrier, and Dinkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we accept the proposals from Myers Construction for Sewer Lift Station maintenance and cleaning - 4341 \$12,660.00 and 4342 \$9,940.00, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Van Horn, Farrier, Everitt, and Dinkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we adopt Resolution R23-10-03, Resolution Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2023, seconded by Van Horn. Yea: Dinkel, Everitt, Van Horn, and Farrier. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we authorize Acting Board Chairman *pro tempore*, Farrier, sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards 2023, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Everitt, Dinkel, Farrier, and Van Horn. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we approve Clerk and Floodplain Administrator, Dick Huff, attend the Floodplain Administration Workshop in Alliance, NE, October 12, 2023, 8:30am-5pm, seconded by Van Horn. Yea: Dinkel, Farrier, Van Horn, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we extent the employment period of Part-time Seasonal Maintenance worker, Juan Fraire, to October 31, 2023, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Dinkel, Van Horn, Everitt, and Farrier. Motion passed unanimously.

Acting Board Chairman *pro tempore*, Farrier, presented and read by title Ordinance No. 23-10-01, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS, DEUEL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, ESTABLISHING WAGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, OF THE VILLAGE OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; REPEALING ALL PRIOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Motion by Farrier, we amend ordinance 23-10-01 Maintenance Supervisor, Curtis Brown, \$5,155.59 per month, Village Clerk/Treasurer, Tamera Loomis, \$2,782.80 per month, Librarian's Janie Jimenez and Connie Shaw, \$16.95 per hour, and Part-time Seasonal Maintenance, \$1,800.00 per month, seconded by Van Horn. Yea: Van Horn, Farrier, Everitt, and Dinkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we waive the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 23-10-01, seconded by Van Horn. Yea: Farrier, Dinkel, Van Horn, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we adopt Ordinance No. 23-10-01, seconded by Van Horn. Yea: Dinkel, Farrier, Everitt, and Van Horn. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, the Employer IRA contributions remain unchanged for Curtis Brown \$200.00/mo. and Tamera Loomis \$150.00/mo., seconded by Everitt. Yea: Van Horn, Dinkel, Farrier, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

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

General			
PAYROLL		Salaries	2,285.43
BIG SPRINGS CEMETERY ASSOC		Expenses	5,087.50
CENTURY LINK		Phone	49.10
CFB-FBO CURTIS BROWN		Retirement	200.00
CHAPPELL REGISTER		Print/Pub	379.79
CHAPPELL REGISTER		Print/Pub	333.91
Cozad Signs, LLC		Engraving	58.00
DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER		Law Enforcement	8,166.66
EdwardJones		Retirement	150.00
IRS		Tax	652.19
LEAGUE OF NE MUNICIPALITIES		Dues	1,255.00
NE DEPT OF REVENUE		Tax	24.63
NE MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOC		Dues	50.00
Nebraska.gov		Dues	100.00
Norma VanZee		Rep/Main	150.00
ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC		Fees	16.34
Olson's Pest Technicians		Rep/Main	85.00
POSTER COMPLIANCE CENTER		Supplies	74.95
SOUTH PLATTE SCHOOLS		Fee	200.00
Shane LaVante		Animal Control	600.00
U.S. Bank		Postage	31.84
U.S. Bank		Supplies	174.33
Street			
PAYROLL		Salaries	1,087.05
BIG SPRINGS TRUCK AND TRAVEL		Fuel	307.50
CENTURY LINK		Phone	59.87
Deuel County Sheriff		Paper Srvc	37.00
EICHNERS SALES AND SERVICE		Rep/Main	32.00
IRS		Tax	425.46
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL		Supplies	217.39
MYERS CONSTRUCTION		Capital Outlay	31,147.53
NPPD		Electric	851.85
WEST CENTRAL NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT DIST		Rep/Main	1,475.00
Water			
PAYROLL		Salaries	1,681.47
Atlas Automation LLC		Rep/Main	1,011.00
CENTURY LINK		Phone	216.35
COMMUNITY FIRST BANK		Transfers	5,267.50
IRS		Tax	478.16
NE DEPT OF REVENUE		Tax	124.08
NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB		Testing	205.00
NPPD		Electric	1,203.83
U.S. Bank		Postage	70.19
VERIZON		Phone	57.53
Sewer			
PAYROLL		Salaries	1,681.47
BLOCHOWITZ DITCHING INC		Rep/Main	727.00
CENTURY LINK		Phone	210.83
COMMUNITY FIRST BANK		Transfers	6,982.50
IRS		Tax	478.16
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL		Rep/Main	43.96
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL		Supplies	43.96

KENFIELD ELECTRIC		Rep/Main	225.00
MYERS CONSTRUCTION		Rep/Main	6,630.00
NE DEPT OF REVENUE		Tax	778.12
NPPD		Electric	252.66
UNITECH		Rep/Main	885.00
US POSTAL SERVICE		Postage	41.14
VERIZON		Phone	57.53
	Trash		
NE DEPT OF REVENUE		Supplies	25.00
US POSTAL SERVICE		Postage	41.14
WASTE CONNECTIONS		Trash	5,038.00
WESTERN RESOURCES GROUP		Recycling	299.00
	Parks		
PAYROLL		Salaries	1,781.79
21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT		Rep/Main	80.78
IRS		Tax	726.41
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL		Rep/Main	669.76
NPPD		Electric	468.98
	Pool		
Century Link (Lumen)		Phone	64.22
IRS		Tax	1,397.06
	Library		
PAYROLL		Salaries	926.25
IRS		Tax	166.20
	Depot Museum		
NPPD		Electric	38.84

Motion by Farrier, we adjourn, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Dinkel, Van Horn, Everitt, and Farrier. Motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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

ATTEST:



Tamera Loomis, Village Clerk

