

BIG SPRINGS VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AND
ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM HEARING
MINUTES

November 7, 2023

Present Trustees: Dinkel, Farrier, Everitt, and Van Zee. Absent Trustees: Van Horn. Others present: Village Clerk/Treasurer, Tamera Loomis, Village Maintenance, Curtis Brown, Animal Control Officer, Shane LaVante, 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 7:00pm on November 7, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Van Zee 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 Van Zee, we excuse Trustee Van Horn due to sickness, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Dinkel, Everitt, Farrier, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we approve the minutes of the October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Everitt, Van Zee, Farrier, and Dinkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence discussed briefly.

The One and Six Year Street Improvement Program 2023/2024 Hearing of the Village of Big Springs, Deuel County, Nebraska was call to order at 7:15pm by Chairman Van Zee.

Chairman Van Zee asked for public comments to the One and Six Year Street Improvement Program 2023/2024.

There being no public comment or discussion, Chairman Van Zee closed the one and Six Year Street Improvement Program 2023/2024 Hearing at 7:25pm.

Motion by Van Zee, we adopt Resolution R23-11-01 One and Six Year Street Improvement Program 2023/2024, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Dinkel, Everitt, Van Zee, and Farrier. Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION R23-11-01
ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
2023/2024**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS, NEBRASKA THAT THE ATTACHED ONE AND SIX YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2023/2024 IS HEREBY ADOPTED AND THAT THE HEARING WAS HELD AND THAT THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WAS POSTED IN THE FOLLOWING THREE PLACES:

COMMUNITY FIRST BANK
U.S. POST OFFICE
VILLAGE OFFICE

Chairman Van Zee presented and read by title Ordinance No. 23-11-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS, DEUEL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, CREATING FLOODPLAIN DISTRICTS DEFINING THE SAME AND SETTING FORTH REGULATIONS THEREOF; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT; AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. Zoning Overlay District Floodplain Management Ordinance.

Motion by Van Zee, we waive the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 23-11-01, seconded by Farrier. Yea: Farrier, Van Zee, Everitt, and Dinkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee, we adopt Ordinance No. 23-11-01, seconded by Farrier. Yea: Everitt, Dinkel, Farrier, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Van Zee presented and read by title Ordinance No. 23-11-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS, DEUEL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO REPEAL ORDINANCE #211 AND ORDINANCE #235 SETTING WATER AND SEWER RATES; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT; AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Motion by Van Zee, we waive the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 23-11-02, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Dinkel, Farrier, Van Zee, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee, we adopt Ordinance No. 23-11-02, seconded by Dinkel. Yea: Everitt, Dinkel, Van Zee, and Farrier. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Van Zee presented and read by title Ordinance No. 23-11-03 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BONDS, SERIES 2023, OF THE VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS, NEBRASKA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$215,000) TO PAY THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE VILLAGE; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR A SINKING FUND AND FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES TO PAY SAID BONDS TO THE EXTENT NOT PAID FROM OTHER SOURCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE BOND PROCEEDS AND ORDERING THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM

Motion by Van Zee, we waive the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 23-11-03, second by Farrier. Yea: Van Zee, Everitt, Farrier, and Dinkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee, we adopt Ordinance No. 23-11-03, seconded by Farrier. Yea: Farrier, Everitt, Dinkel, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee, we adopt Resolution R23-11-02 RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE RATES FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE, FOR WATER SERVICE, AND FOR SEWER SERVICE CHARGED TO UTILITY CUSTOMERS OF THE VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS, NEBRASKA, seconded by Farrier. Yea: Dinkel, Farrier, Van Zee, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION R23-11-02

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE RATES FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE, FOR WATER SERVICE, AND FOR SEWER SERVICE CHARGED TO UTILITY CUSTOMERS OF THE VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, the Village of Big Springs, Nebraska, ("Village" hereinafter) contracts for the collection and disposal of residential and commercial solid wastes for all utility customers located within the Village; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Village to defray the costs of such solid waste collection and disposal by charging a fee for trash removal to the Village's utility customers; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-408 of the Village Code requires that the Village establish solid waste collection and disposal rates by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to set separate rates for different types of solid waste collection and disposal due to the costs associated with the different types of accounts; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-209 of the Village Code permits and requires the Village Board of Trustees to determine the rates to be paid by customers of the water department; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-330 permits and requires the Village Board of Trustees to determine the rates to be paid for use of sewer service by Village residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees now desires to set the rates for water service, sewer service, and trash removal service and for the rates determined by this Resolution to be imposed starting with the utility bill to be delivered by the Village after January 1, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Solid Waste

The monthly service charge for solid waste removal for all Village utility customers shall be as follows:

Residential:	\$30.00 per month.
Small Commercial:	\$35.00 per month per dumpster dumping 1 time per week
Large Commercial:	\$60.00 per month per dumpster dumping 2 times per week

Section 2: Water

The rates for water service provided to Village water customers shall be as follows:

1. **Residential.** All residential water service customers shall be charged **\$27.50 per month** for every month the utility customer is connected to the Village water system.
2. **Small Commercial.** All small commercial water service customers shall be charged **\$34.25 per month** for every month the utility customer is connected to the Village water system.

3. **Large Commercial.** All large commercial water service customers shall be charged **\$185.00 per month** for every month the utility customer is connected to the Village water system.
4. **Water use.** All water service customers shall be charged **\$1.85 per 1,000 gallons of water used**. Said charge shall be calculated each month and billed with the base rate charges.

Section 3: Sewer

The rates for sewer service shall be as follows:

1. **Residential.** All residential sewer service users shall be charged **\$35.50 per month** for every month connected to the Village sewer system.
 - a. All residential sewer service users shall be charged a **use fee of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons of water** provided to the customer from the Village water service. The fee shall be set by the average of the water use by the sewer customer in months of December, January, and February of the prior year.
2. **Small Commercial.** All small commercial water service customers shall be charged **\$50.00 per month** for every month connected to the Village sewer system.
 - a. All small commercial sewer service users shall be charged a **use fee of \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons of water** provided to the customer from the Village water service. The fee shall be set by the average of the water use by the sewer customer in months of December, January, and February of the prior year.
3. **Large Commercial.** All large commercial sewer service customers shall be charged **\$280.00 per month** for every month connected to the Village sewer system.
 - a. All large commercial sewer service users shall be charged a **use fee of \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons of water** provided to the customer from the Village water service. The fee shall be set by the average of the water use by the sewer customer in months of December, January, and February of the prior year.

Section 4: Effective Date

The fee schedule set forth in this Ordinance shall apply to all utility bills generated by the Village on or after January 1, 2024, and continuing thereafter until revoked or amended by the Village Board.

Motion by Van Zee, we pursue 2024 nuisance program with West Central Nebraska Development District, Inc. (WCNDD), seconded by Farrier. Yea: Farrier, Dinkel, Everitt, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

Brief department reports were heard. Animal Control Officer, Shane LaVante tendered his resignation with October, 2023 being his last month.

Motion by Van Zee, we hire David Twomey to clear public nuisances at 506 Pine ST and 605 Oak ST, seconded by Farrier. Yea: Dinkel, Farrier, Van Zee, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee, we approve Curtis Browns vacation request November 16 through November 22, 2023, seconded by Farrier. Yea: Everitt, Dinkel, Van Zee, and Farrier. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee, we approve the proposals from Shelco Construction for Street Cleaning \$6,800.00 and Crack Sealing \$41,580.00, seconded by Farrier. Yea: Farrier, Everitt, Van Zee, and Dinkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we authorize the Board Chairman sign the Assessment Lien against 407 W 2nd ST in the amount of \$746.66 for abating a nuisance regarding unlicensed vehicles, trash and discarded goods located on the property for filing with the Deuel County Clerk, seconded by Van Zee. Yea: Everitt, Dinkel, Van Zee, and Farrier. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we approve Payroll Direct Deposit with voluntary enrollment, second by Dinkel. Yea: Dinkel, Farrier, Everitt, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee, we submit a grant application to the Virginia Smith Charitable Trust in the amount of \$20,000.00 for Lintz Riley Swimming Pool fiberglass coating and repairs, seconded by Farrier. Yea: Dinkel, Van Zee, Farrier, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee, we approve enrolling in Maverik Universal Fleet Card program for any branded gas station, seconded by Farrier. Yea: Dinkel, Everitt, Farrier, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

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

General		
PAYROLL	Salaries	2,320.37
BIG SPRINGS CEMETERY ASSOC	Cemetery Expense	5,595.83
BIG SPRINGS LIBRARY	Library Expense	2,370.83
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	77.23
CENTURY LINK	Phone	49.10
CFB-FBO CURTIS BROWN	Retirement	200.00
CHAPPELL REGISTER	Printing and Publishing	182.01
DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER	Law Enforcement	8,166.66
EdwardJones	IRA-RETIREMENT	150.00
IIMC	Dues and Fees	210.00
IRS	Tax	480.07
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	Tax	146.49
NPPD	Electricity	124.73
OFFICE SERVICE	Supplies	106.56
ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	Dues and Fees	1.60
Olson's Pest Technicians	Repairs and Maintenance	85.00
STOREY KENWORTHY MATT PARROTT	Office Supplies	138.63
Shane LaVante	Animal Control	600.00
Tamera Loomis	Travel and Classes	146.98
US Bank	Travel and Classes	22.33
US Bank	Postage	38.45
US Bank	Office Supplies	12.00
Street		
PAYROLL	Salaries	1,115.29
BIG SPRINGS TRUCK AND TRAVEL	Supplies	413.20
CENTURY LINK	Phone	77.28
IRS	Tax	425.46
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	Tax	216.93
NPPD	Electricity	1,045.71
WEST CENTRAL NEBRASKA DEVELOPMENT DIST	Repairs and Maintenance	1,474.00
Water		
PAYROLL	Salaries	1,727.69
CENTURY LINK	Phone	216.35
COMMUNITY FIRST BANK	Transfers	5,267.50
CORE & MAIN	Repairs and Maintenance	68.11
IRS	FICA	478.16
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	Tax	367.44
NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	Lab Testing	15.00
NPPD	Electricity	1,413.46
US Bank	Postage	29.05
US POSTAL SERVICE	Postage	40.80
VERIZON	Phone	57.05
Sewer		
PAYROLL	Salaries	1,727.69
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	166.17
CENTURY LINK	Phone	130.49
COMMUNITY FIRST BANK	Transfers	6,982.50
Century Link (Lumen)	Phone	74.08
IRS	Tax	478.16
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	Tax	1,014.73
NPPD	Electricity	587.63
US POSTAL SERVICE	Postage	40.80
VERIZON	Phone	57.05
Trash		
US POSTAL SERVICE	Postage	40.80
WASTE CONNECTIONS	Garbage Services	5,299.00
WESTERN RESOURCES GROUP	Garbage Services	299.00
Parks		
PAYROLL	Salaries	1,793.08
21ST CENTURY EQUIPMENT	Repairs and Maintenance	62.85
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	938.31
EICHNERS SALES AND SERVICE	Repairs and Maintenance	370.32
IRS	Tax	726.41
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Repairs and Maintenance	120.30
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	Tax	190.26
NPPD	Electricity	142.11
Pool		
Century Link (Lumen)	Phone	64.22
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	Nebraska W/H	223.85
Library		
PAYROLL	Salaries	876.03
IRS	Tax	153.64
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	Tax	2.68
Depot Museum		
NPPD	Electricity	39.31

Motion by Van Zee, we adjourn, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Farrier, Dinkel, Van Zee, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.



Dan Van Zee, Board Chairman
Village of Big Springs Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Tamera Loomis, Village Clerk

