

BIG SPRINGS VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2023

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

The public hearing to solicit comments on the Big Springs Blight and Substandard Study and special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Big Springs, Nebraska were called to order at 7:00pm on May 16, 2023 in open and public session by Board Chairman Van Zee. Notice of the public hearing and special 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 and a moment of silence was observed.

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 dismiss Trustee Dinkel, seconded by Van Horn. Yea: Van Zee, Van Horn, Farrier, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Van Zee asked for any comments on the Big Springs Blight and Substandard Study. There were no comments forth coming. The hearing remains open.

Motion by Van Zee, we approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 meeting, seconded by Farrier. Yea: Farrier, Van Horn, Everitt, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

Brief department reports were heard.

Motion by Van Zee, we approve a \$9,706.67 per year increase to the interlocal agreement with Deuel County for Law Enforcement contingent on the City of Chappell and Deuel County approving the same amount, seconded by Farrier. Yea: Van Horn, Van Zee, and Farrier. Nay: Everitt. Motion passed.

Motion by Van Zee, we recognize Curtis Brown for 20 years for service and award him with a one-time \$1,000.00 net bonus, seconded by Van Horn. Yea: Everitt, Van Zee, Van Horn, and Farrier. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee, we request the attorney write a letter of concurrence, recommending the acceptance of the Heritage Café & Market ADA curb located on the east side of Pine Street in Block 9 of the Thompson Addition to the Village of Big Springs, Nebraska located at or near 409 Pine ST, to be attached to their building permit application to the State of Nebraska-Department of Transportation, seconded by Farrier. Yea: Van Horn, Everitt, Farrier, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Van Zee presented and read by title Ordinance No. 23-05-01, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BIG SPRINGS, DEUEL COUNTY NEBRASKA, TO DESIGNATE A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPOT ON THE EAST SIDE OF PINE STREET ON BLOCK 9 OF THE THOMPSON ADDITION TO BIG SPRINGS; 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.

Ordinance No. 23-05-01 to be ready by title on May 16, 2023, June 6, 2023, and July 11, 2023 before adoption is complete.

Chairman Van Zee presented and read by title Ordinance No. 23-05-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS, DEUEL COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND THE VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS VILLAGE ORDINANCES TO PERMIT THE DESIGNATION OF ALLEYWAYS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BIG SPRINGS AS ONE-WAY ALLEYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC; AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL GO INTO FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Motion by Van Zee, to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 23-05-02, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Farrier, Van Horn, Everitt, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Farrier, we adopt Ordinance No. 23-05-02, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Van Zee, Farrier, Van Horn, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee, we request the attorney to draw an ordinance to be considered at the next regular meeting to address outsiders dumping trash in village dumpster with a fine of \$100.00 per offense, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Van Horn, Farrier, Everitt, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

Mosquito control was discussed. Applicators controlling mosquitos and other disease vectors are required to be licensed in the Public Health category (00) and (09). Same as last year, we don't have the equipment and surrounding communities have been contacted and will not help. Mosquito pellets/dunks will be used in standing water, which are available from the Village Maintenance Supt.

Motion by Everitt, we accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to adopt the Updated Big Springs Zoning Regulations, seconded by Van Zee. Yea: Farrier, Van Zee, Van Horn, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee, we hold a Public Hearing to solicit comments on the Updated Big Springs Zoning Regulations on June 6, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Village Office meeting room, seconded by Farrier. Yea: Van Zee, Van Horn, Farrier, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee, we move the July 2023 meeting to July 11, 2023, seconded by Van Horn. Yes: Van Horn, Everitt, Van Zee, and Farrier. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee, to enter executive session to discuss powers and authorities of appointed Commissioners. The Attorney advised, the limited purposes of closed session. There doesn't appear to be any agenda item to discuss of any particular situation or anyone reputation that clearly necessitates going into closed session for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. If comes to that than close session can be entered into at that time. Powers and authorities are a discussion to have here in public session. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Appointed commissioners do not have any real authority. Commissioners are in closer contact to each appointed position, e.g. Streets, Sewer/Water/Trash, Pool/Parks, etc. to give department reports. No singular one has authority to make decisions. The board makes decisions together by a majority vote of the members. The board can decision to set spending thresholds to commissions for items budgeted for that would be complete and paid for otherwise, if they so choose to do so. Trustees are being contacted at their place of employment, which is causing employment issues. Trustees have the right to designate how and when they will be contacted. There is no trustee obligation to take calls or visitors while at their place of employment. Basically any decision made needs to be made amongst the (5) Trustees by a majority vote of the members.

Park(s) Maintenance, the lowering of the flags. The Memorial Flags will be shifted back to Curtis Brown. Curtis has been handling it for years and does a great job managing them.

Picnic tables need repaired. Curtis will repair the tables that need to be done and refresh/clean up the remaining tables at his discretion and have them all done for Memorial Day.

Volunteers cleaned out the rock garden at the pool park. It looks real nice.

(7) Mannequin bodies were ordered for the Big Springs Depot Museum using grant funds from the Deuel County Visitor's Committee. The cost was \$663.89.

Motion by Van Zee, we hire Manager, Autumn Dickmader, Assistant Manager, Laurette Greenman, Lifeguards Trista Detmer, Zaerikya Doncheske, Lauryn Stanley, and Joy Soper, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Farrier, Van Horn, Everitt, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee, swimming pool wages be set at: Lifeguards minimum wage \$11.00/hr. + \$0.50 for each year of service; Trista Detmer \$11.50/hr., Zaerikya Doncheske \$11.50/hr., Lauryn Stanley \$12.50/hr., and Joy Soper \$11.00/hr. Assistant Manager \$14.00/hr., Laurette Greenman, and Manager \$2,300.00/mo., Autumn Dickmader, seconded by Van Horn. Yea: Everitt, Farrier, Van Horn, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously.

Days and Operation of the Swimming Pool should be Sunday through Saturday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Night Swimming Monday – Wednesday - Friday 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. And be opened on July 4th. The Manager and Assistant Manager are asked to attend the next regular meeting of the board of trustees on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7 pm.

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

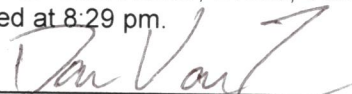
General			
PAYROLL	Salaries	2,285.43	
BIG SPRINGS CEMETERY ASSOC	Expenses	5,087.50	
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	106.94	
CENTURY LINK	Phone	50.38	
CFB-FBO CURTIS BROWN	Retirement	200.00	
CHAPPELL REGISTER	Print/Pub	268.56	
	Law		
DEUEL COUNTY TREASURER	Enforcement	7,333.35	
EdwardJones	Retirement	150.00	
IRS	Tax	480.07	
KEITH COUNTY NEWS	Print/Pub	414.00	
KTK Construction	Srvc Deposit	200.00	
NEBR MUNI POWER POOL	Dues	623.66	
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	Tax	146.49	
Norma VanZee	Rep/Maint	75.00	
OFFICE SERVICE	Supplies	165.90	
ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	Fees	7.54	
SOUTH PLATTE SCHOOLS	Fees	200.00	
Shane LaVante	Animal Control	660.26	
U.S. Bank	Trvl/Classes	123.97	
U.S. Bank	Supplies	38.46	
U.S. Bank	Postage	36.55	
Street			

PAYROLL	Salaries	1,087.05
BIG SPRINGS TRUCK AND TRAVEL	Fuel	580.28
CENTURY LINK	Phone	75.91
CORE & MAIN	Capital Outlay	14,664.00
HUMPHREYS AUTO SUPPLY	Rep/Maint	142.97
IRS	Tax	425.46
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Rep/Maint	45.98
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies	266.27
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	Tax	216.93
NPPD	Electricity	848.07
Water		
PAYROLL	Salaries	1,681.47
CENTURY LINK	Phone	219.18
COMMUNITY FIRST BANK	Transfers	4,730.00
IRS	Tax	478.16
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Supplies	30.42
KTK Construction	Water Sales	-41.20
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	Tax	335.29
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	Lab Testing	33.40
NPPD	Electricity	422.50
STEVE OSMERA	Rep/Maint	490.73
US POSTAL SERVICE	Postage	37.44
Sewer		
PAYROLL	Salaries	1,681.47
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	291.72
CENTURY LINK	Phone	216.27
COMMUNITY FIRST BANK	Transfers	6,270.00
IRS	Tax	478.16
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	Tax	984.91
NPPD	Electricity	180.42
US POSTAL SERVICE	Postage	37.44
Trash		
US POSTAL SERVICE	Postage	37.44
WASTE CONNECTIONS	Trash	5,038.00
WESTERN RESOURCES GROUP	Recycling	149.50
Parks		
PAYROLL	Salaries	434.81
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	38.60
EICHNERS SALES AND SERVICE	Rep/Maint	78.85
IRS	Tax	170.18
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	Tax	86.79
NPPD	Electricity	142.11
U.S. Bank	Supplies	21.39
Pool		
CENTURY LINK	Phone	-6.32
Library		
PAYROLL	Salaries	775.24
IRS	Tax	158.64
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	Tax	1.50
Depot Museum		
NPPD	Electricity	158.08
		<u>62,849.57</u>

Chairman Van Zee asked for any comments on the Big Springs Blight and Substandard Study. Comment: Something about lots are different sizes and some need to be divided. Are those lots that people have or is it empty lots? Attorney response, it is anything those are articulated responses why they are being considered blight and/or substandard. There's a doctrine called infill so that basically maximization of existing utilities and that sort of stuff. E.g. if a property is big enough for 3 houses theoretically that's substandard based from what the village would like to have collecting taxes and utilities and the sort from 3 houses instead of one. There's nothing in it that compels a property owner to sell and split up the property.

Motion by Everitt, we close the Big Springs Blight and Substandard Study hearing, seconded by Van Horn. Yea: Van Zee, Farrier, Van Horn, and Everitt. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Van Zee, we adjourn, seconded by Everitt. Yea: Farrier, Everitt, Van Horn, and Van Zee. Motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.


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

ATTEST:


 Tamera Loomis, Village Clerk

