

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Page was held Monday, April 10, 2017, at the Village Office. Chairperson Rachel Linquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Trustees Mosel, Bartak and VanEvery present. Also present: Cora Calkins. Chairperson R. Linquist informed all persons present, that this meeting was in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and the Open Meeting Laws are posted for inspection at any time.

After a call for discussion, Trustee VanEvery made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting as presented by the Clerk. The Motion was seconded by Bartak. Motion passed all ayes.

Public Comments – None.

Treasurer’s Report - Calkins presented the following for approval:

General Fund

Bank statement balance 2/28/2017	\$ 58,301.27
Total income	\$ 13,522.67
Total Expenditures	\$ (5,609.33)
Bank statement balance 3/31/2017	<u>\$ 66,214.61</u>

Bills Due:

Bartak, Terry	Stipend	\$ (120.00)
Calkins, Cora	Wages	\$ (743.73)
Farmers Pride	Fuel	\$ (113.24)
Great Plains Comm.	office - includes DSL	\$ (117.63)
Highway allocation savings	25% match -Mar 2017	\$ (487.00)
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	\$ (298.38)
Kennedy, Patrick	maintenance	\$ (260.27)
Kennedy, Todd	Stipend	\$ (120.00)
Koch Excavating	Street Repair	\$ (1,961.19)
Kohlman, Rachel	Police Expense	\$ (204.49)
Linquist, Rachel	Stipend	\$ (120.00)
McNally Law Office	Fees	\$ (125.00)
Mosel, Caleb	Stipend	\$ (80.00)
NCPD	street lights / office	\$ (911.43)
NE Nebraska Clerk Assoc	Dues	\$ (20.00)
Orchard News	Publications	\$ (248.90)
Tauber Plumbing	Street Repair	\$ (389.00)
VanEvery, Dennis	Stipend	\$ (40.00)
Village of Ewing	March & April	\$ (128.16)
	Total bills due:	\$ (6,488.42)

Utility Fund

Bank statement balance 2/28/2017	\$ 11,873.83
Total Income	\$ 6,414.43
Total expenditures	<u>\$ (3,970.73)</u>
Bank statement balance 3/31/2017	<u>\$ 14,317.53</u>

Bills Due:

Cora Calkins - Wages	water	\$ (160.69)
Gilmore & Assoc.	SEARCH Grant	\$ (1,000.00)
Great Plains Comm.	treatment plant phone	\$ (69.85)
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	\$ (53.40)
J & J Sanitation	Garbage pick-up	\$ (1,605.62)
Kennedy, Patrick	Wages	\$ (161.61)
Koch Excavation	Water Repairs	\$ (355.92)
NCPD	Treatment plant and well house	\$ (349.53)

NE Public Health Lab	water testing	\$ (15.00)
One Call Concepts	811	\$ (10.62)
Tauber Plumbing	Water Repairs	\$ (700.28)
Utility Services	Qtr. Contract	\$ (4,936.65)
Visa	Supplies	\$ (48.15)

Total Bills Due: \$ (9,467.32)

Calkins also advised that drawdowns had been requested to complete both the Administrative & Housing Study currently underway with Miller & Associates in the following amounts:

Ref: # 17-0208	Miller & Associates (Admin)	\$1,350.00
Ref: # 17-0215	Miller & Associates (Housing Study)	\$5,000.00

Calkins also noted that matching funds had been received from CORE in the amount of \$1,250.00.

After review by all members present, a Motion was presented by Trustee VanEvery and 2nd by Bartak to pay all other bills as presented including payment in full for both the Admin. & Housing Study to Miller & Associates. Motion passed all ayes.

Village Police/Ordinance Enforcement –Officer Kohlman was not able to attend the meeting. Calkins advised that patrol hours had been completed with contacts made for speeding and an initial assessment of nuisance properties. A discussion was held regarding progress on digital speed readers and parties who remain in non-compliance with animal ordinances. Trustee Bartak advised that he had contact with the individuals after the March meeting to advise that arrangements needed to be with the Village Clerk ASAP to remedy violations or citations would be issued. Calkins advised that there had been no communications with the office regarding any remedy.

Patrick Kennedy entered the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

After further discussion on the matter, a Motion was presented by Trustee VanEvery and seconded by Mosel for citations to be issued. Motion passed with votes as follows – Linquist, VanEvery & Mosel – aye. Trustee Bartak – Nay.

Utility Report – Calkins advised that efforts continue with reorganization of the water department. A top priority is to replace non-functioning meters by the end of this month. Tauber Plumbing has agreed to perform meter installation on the 27th. Calkins requested authority to notify parties that will be effected of the requirement for them to comply with meter replacement and to make arrangements for access on this date to both expedite repair and minimize cost. Calkins advised that all efforts are being directed at preventing the need for a water rate increase to all residents. Trustee VanEvery made a Motion which was 2nd by Bartak to pen a letter explaining the crucial nature to comply with water ordinance and consequences of non-compliance. Motion passed all ayes.

Chairperson Linquist advised that Lane Christensen had contacted her to request to be placed on the May Agenda to discuss well testing and repairs needed on control panels at the treatment plant.

Calkins advised that there has been no progress locating the GIS data supposedly collected on the water system. She will finalize review of in house documents and begin preparation for possible legal action to recover costs paid in association with the collection of the original data. Attorney McNally will be requested to attend the May meeting to discuss this and other potential ordinance violations regarding nuisances, animals, and utility access or lack thereof.

Calkins requested Board approval to pursue legal action for tenant who has failed to respond to demand letter for payment of their final water bill upon leaving town. Trustee VanEvery presented a Motion to proceed to court to collect the funds, 2nd by Mosel. Motion passed all ayes.

Village Maintenance Report – Patrick Kennedy advised that he had completed work needed to reconstruct the shoulder and ditch after the 8th & Main water leak. Pipes have been cut down and are ready to be capped. Calkins will order the same. Road covering recovered will be reused in necessary areas.

Chairperson Linquist advised that she was made aware of a drainage issue developing on Market Street. Due to a lack of grade, water is pooling in this area. Kennedy will consult with Emme to determine the best slope for proper drainage to be developed.

OLD BUSINESS

Roof Leak at Clinic/Village Office: Calkins advised that Tore It Up Roofing will be advising and bidding options for the project.

Cemetery Portable Toilet – A Motion was made by VanEvery, 2nd by Bartak to seek options to have someone provide services for the period of cemetery cleanup and the Memorial presentation. Motion passed all ayes. Calkins will contact suppliers.

Department Checklists – Calkins advised that the park checklist is complete and work is starting on the street department with the development of a culvert location and condition list. Calkins also presented costs for “No Thru Traffic” signs for the minimum

maintenance streets by Mook's. A Motion was made by VanEvery, 2nd by Mosel to order two of these signs and install in that area. Motion passed all ayes.

Trustee Bartak advised that some ditch work is needed by Nielson to increase water drainage. Kennedy will check the flow and culverts to see what can be done.

NEW BUSINESS

Nuisance Properties – Calkins advised that work will begin on identification of nuisance properties. Calkins advised that several parties had inquired about options for disposal of limbs. She suggested maybe a village cleanup program wherein the town could remove resident brush piles and consolidate for a singular town burn. After some discussion a Motion was made by Bartak, 2nd by Mosel to advise residents that limb piles roadside by May 20th will be removed for disposal by Village Maintenance to a central location for burning. Motion passed all ayes. Calkins will make flyers and include information with water bills.

Animal Permits – Calkins presented animal permits from Layton & Pinkerman for approval. The Board approved both.

Park Maintenance – Calkins advised that Strong's had approached her to hold an event at the park structure on April 22nd. After minimal discussion regarding cleanup needed, a Motion was made by VanEvery, 2nd by Bartak to request Laura Lyons to be hired again to clean bathrooms and oversee supplying the facility. Motion passed all ayes. Kennedy will get the water turned on ASAP and check the soundness of the gazebo. There was also discussion on the need for painting and sealing surfaces as soon as the weather permits.

OTHER

Chairperson Linquist advised that a resident had approached her regarding shelter for those without a basement during a severe weather event. Calkins will include this information in a bulletin to all residents with the utility bills.

There being no further business, Trustee VanEvery made a Motion to adjourn; 2nd by Trustee Mosel. Motion passed all Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Next month's meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

/s/ Rachel Linquist, Chairperson

/s/ Cora L. Calkins, Clerk