

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Page was held Monday, November 14, 2016, at the Village Office. Chairperson Donald L. Linquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Vice Chair Rachel Linquist and Trustees Bartak, Kennedy & VanEvery present. Also present: Cora Calkins, Caleb Mosel and Rodney Heiss. Chairperson 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, Vice Chair, R. Linquist made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2016 meeting as presented by the Clerk. The Motion was seconded by VanEvery. Motion passed all ayes.

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

General Fund

Bank statement balance 9/30/16	\$ 64,342.36
Total income	\$ 11,786.96
Total Expenditures	\$ (17,994.03)
Bank statement balance 10/31/16	<u>\$ 58,135.29</u>

Bills Due:

Anson Ins.	2nd Qtr	\$ (1,902.00)
Bomgaars	Vehicle repairs	\$ (79.45)
Calkins, Cora	Wages	\$ (707.59)
Calkins, Cora	Mileage	\$ (75.60)
Farmer's Pride	Fuel	\$ (70.63)
Gilmore & Assoc.	Fees	\$ (5,000.00)
Great Plains Comm.	office - includes DSL	\$ (117.78)
Highway allocation savings	25% match -Nov. 2016	\$ (524.00)
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	\$ (285.40)
Kennedy, Patrick	maintenance	\$ (237.24)
Kohlman, Rachel	Police Expense	\$ (203.79)
McNally Law Office	Fees	\$ (125.00)
NCPPD	street lights / office	\$ (940.17)
O'Neill Pest Control	Fees	\$ (50.00)
Orchard News	Publications	\$ (138.54)
Village of Ewing	Police Expense	\$ (211.22)
Visa	Office expense	\$ (247.21)

Utility Fund

Bank statement balance 9/30/16	\$ 16,999.24
Total Income	\$ 8,075.12
Total expenditures	<u>\$ (11,736.20)</u>
Bank statement balance 10/31/16	<u>\$ 13,338.16</u>

Bills Due:

Blain Plumbing	contract labor	\$ (500.00)
Cora Calkins - Wages	water	\$ (155.16)
Great Plains Comm.	treatment plant phone	\$ (69.93)
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	\$ (27.82)
J & J Sanitation	Garbage pick-up	\$ (1,569.40)
Kennedy, Patrick	Wages	\$ (12.93)
NCPPD	Treatment plant and well house	\$ (339.11)
NE Public Health Lab	water testing	\$ (515.00)
O'Neill Electric Motor	Treatment Plant Repair	\$ (435.00)
O'Neill Pest Control	Services	\$ (50.00)
Visa	Postage	\$ (239.90)

Calkins brought to the Board's attention that there was the quarterly insurance payment and a substantial payment to Gilmore & Associates for continuing work on the SEARCH PER. She also reiterated that the money to Gilmore would be reimbursed from grant funds. A discussion was held regarding lowering the telephone expenses in relation to the treatment plant. Trustee VanEvery advised that one of the charges is an auto-dialer to notify if water tower pressure/levels become critical. Calkins will follow-up with Great Plains to see if the plant line can be disconnected without interfering with this safety feature.

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

Mike Mahood entered the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Trustee Bartak opened a discussion regarding the fire siren replacement cost. Calkins advised that the old siren tower was an unforeseeable casualty of the removal of the old jail building. A new metal pole has been obtained and a discussion regarding upgrading the 1921 siren to a current civil defense siren had been held with the rural fire board. A used/refurbished siren was located in West Point and O'Neill Electric advised that total price for the full upgrade (including the siren) would run about \$3000.00. After some discussion a Motion was presented by Vice Chair R. Linquist, to commit up to \$1,500.00 to the project to assist with offsetting the unexpected cost. Motion was seconded by Chair D. Linquist. Motion passed with all ayes with the exception of Bartak who voted Nay.

Vice Chair R. Linquist made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay all bills as presented; 2nd by Trustee VanEvery. Motion passed all ayes.

Public Comments – Chair D. Linquist opened the floor to Rod Heiss who was present to discuss the Village's budget, audit process, and financial soundness, as well as, issues with the cost of utilities within the Village. He expressed concerns regarding the state of the Village streets and the future costs to maintain the utility system.

Visitor Mahood was present to update and discuss progress on the new fire hall addition. He requested the Board's approval to dig trenching for the new 4" water line required for the new sprinkler system. A Motion to allow the same was presented by Trustee Bartak, seconded by Chair D. Linquist. Motion passed all ayes.

Mike Mahood exited the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Village Police/Ordinance Enforcement – Officer Kohlman was not present.

Blain Pumping & Plumbing Report – George Blain was not present at the meeting. Calkins advised that it is her understanding that there are twelve meters left at the shop and currently she has a list of 19 requiring repair. A Motion was made by Trustee VanEvery, seconded by Chair D. Linquist to order an additional 10 meters for installation. Motion passed all ayes.

Village Maintenance Report – Patrick Kennedy advised that a load of mud/clay rock is needed to finish prepping streets for the winter. He also advised that there continues to be an issue with a soft spot to the West of Heiss' home on Second Street. Mr. Heiss advised that he believes it to be caused by a drainage issue which causes water to pool at that location in the ditch thus giving it time to be soaked into the road bed. Kennedy will investigate this matter further and Calkins will order the clay rock.

OLD BUSINESS

Lighting at Ickes Park – Calkins advised that NCPPD had completed installation of an additional street light which will now light the basketball court.

Telephone Lines to Well houses – See Treasurer's Report

Fire Siren – See Treasurer's Report

PER Update (SEARCH Grant) – Calkins advised that final findings should be in by next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Election Results – Calkins advised that Vice Chair R. Linquist and Trustee VanEvery had retained their seats on the Board and that the vacancy created by exiting Chair D. Linquist would be filled by Caleb Mosel.

There being no further business, Vice Chair R. Linquist made a Motion to adjourn; 2nd by Trustee Bartak. Motion passed all Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Next month's meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

/s/ Donald L. Linquist, Chairman

/s/ Cora L. Calkins, Clerk