Village of Page

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Regular Monthly Meeting – November 13, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Page was held Monday, November 13, 2023, at the Village office. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chair Linquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Trustees VanEvery, Tyrrell, Campbell and Leichleiter present. Also present: Cora Calkins. Absent member(s): None.

Chair Linquist advised all persons present, that this meeting was in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and the Open Meeting Laws are posted at the Village Office for inspection at any time.

Minutes of Previous Meeting - After a call for discussion, Tyrrell made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Leichleiter. Motion passed all Ayes.

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

General Fund

Bank statement balance 9/30/2023	**$ 52,628.29**
Total income	$ 5,450.35
Total Expenditures	$ (7,748.62)
Bank statement balance 10/31/2023	**$ 50,330.02**

Bills Due:			
Bomgaars	Supplies	$ (17.45)	
Calkins, Cora	Wages	$ (1,282.29)	
Cold Type Publishing	Publication fees	$ (58.00)	
Emme Construction	Street work	$ (1,125.00)	
Great Plains Comm.	office - includes DSL	$ (135.77)	
Helzer, Wendy	Park Cleaning	$ (80.00)	
Heartland Fire	Prof. Services	$ (180.05)	
Hwy Alloc Savings	Nov 25% Match	$ (766.00)	
Intuit	Payroll / Accounting Software	$ (153.00)	
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	$ (477.18)	
League of NE Municipalities	Annual Dues	$ (250.00)	
McNally Law Office	Legal Fee	$ (150.00)	
NCPPD	street lights / office	$ (637.23)	
VanEvery, Dennis	Reimb - pothole patch	$ (48.04)	
VanEvery, Dennis	Wages	$ (633.25)	
Visa	Training	$ (117.61)	
	Total bills due:		$ (6,110.87)

Utility Fund

Bank statement balance 9/30/2023	**$ 179,555.43**
Total Income	$ 7,687.63

Total expenditures				$ (8,236.84)
Bank statement balance 10/31/2023				$ 179,006.22

Bills Due:				
Calkins, Cora - Wages	Wages	$	(166.23)	
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	$	(172.97)	
J & J Sanitation	Garbage pick-up	$	(1,833.54)	
Linquist, Don	Wages	$	(109.60)	
NCPPD	Treatment plant and well house	$	(346.31)	
NE Public Health Lab	Testing	$	(89.00)	
VanEvery, Dennis	Wages	$	(646.71)	
Visa	Samples/locates/testing chem.	$	(198.72)	
				$ (3,563.08)

A Motion was made by Tyrrell, 2nd by Campbell, to pay all bills as presented. Motion passed with Linquist, Campbell & Tyrrell voting Aye; Leichleiter & VanEvery – Abstained.

Public Comments – None.

Water & Utilities Report – VanEvery advised that the charging apparatus on the generator battery has been replaced and seems to be working well. During the annual service and inspection of the generator by CAT, they advised blocking the exterior vents to avoid snow packing within the unit.

Water at the village park is being shut off and Mrs. Helzer has done the final cleaning for lockup today.

A request for water shutoff at the Cross rental & remedy of the unmetered hydrant is also scheduled. Creighton plumbing has been contacted for repairs of both to avoid main valve shut offs in the future in this area, as well as, a replacement of the curb stop for the Ickes pasture.

Village Maintenance Report – VanEvery mowing is finally done and equipment stored for winter. Some bagged, all season pothole mix was purchased for a trial run and weather permitting will be tested for bulk purchase next year.

Ordinance Enforcement – Calkins advised that Attorney McNally had advised that a letter requesting compliance with the kennel ordinance has been sent to applicable parties.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Close Water Project Checking Account – Motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by VanEvery to move $11.40 remaining in the water project checking account to the UF checking account, thereby closing the water project checking account. Motion passed all present – Aye.

J & J Sanitation Annual Rate Increase – Calkins presented the board with correspondence and proposed new rates received from J & J reflecting a 3.7% increase to current rates. After some discussion, the board requested that Calkins seek bids for alternative contractors to provide the same or similar service. Matter tabled until December 11, 2023 meeting.

Mike Mahood entered the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Chair Linquist suspended the meeting to allow for Mr. Mahood to address the board.

Mr. Mahood advised that he would like to relinquish his seat on the CORE development board effective Jan. 1, 2024. He also advised that he would be willing to volunteer time to help with snow removal this winter and

inquired about the lack of brackets for the Christmas decorations to be attached to the 5th street light poles for either sets of lights.

Mike exited the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

USDA EOY Reports – Calkins advised that these reports are due by the end of this month. She is waiting for one or two final figures and will present the reports, as filed, at the December meeting.

OTHER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calkins presented the board with an email received through the municipal clerks group chat regarding the lack of information given by Boyd Holt E-911 regarding the continued excessive rate hikes. This letter asked for feedback regarding how towns are handling paying the fees and whether there was interest in following up with a joint demand letter for financial disclosures.

Calkins advised that she had received a request for the CORE board re-appointment or new nominee for the 2024 vacancy of board member, Mike Mahood. Since Mr. Mahood was in the meeting earlier to advise he wished to relinquish his seat, the board asked that flyers be posted requesting parties who might be interested contact the village office for review and appointment at the December meeting.

A copy of an email received from Chris Riha with Viaero Wireless was presented to the board to update them that construction of the actual tower is slated to begin in November.

Calkins also advised board members that she has received the request for certification from the Holt County Clerk's office regarding the 2024 elections. She reminded the board that three members are up for re-election: Linquist, VanEvery, & Campbell. Candidate filings begin on January 5, 2024, with incumbent deadlines being July 15th and non-incumbents having until August 1st to have their name placed on the ballot for Village boards.

Finally, Calkins advised that the Village office would possibly be closed the remainder of the week depending on her return from Omaha where she will be with family members who have recently had surgery and have an unknown discharge date at this time. She will continue to take calls and conduct business remotely.

There being no further business, Tyrrell made a Motion to adjourn, 2nd by Leichleiter. Motion passed with all members present voting - Aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next month's meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m.

/s/Rachel Linquist, Chairperson
/s/Cora L. Calkins, City Clerk/Treasurer