

Regular Monthly Meeting – March 14, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Page was held Monday, March 14, 2022, at the Village office. Social distancing was encouraged per COVID 19 guidelines.

Chairperson Linqvist called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Trustees Mosel, VanEvery, Tyrrell and Bartak present. Also present: CNEDD Representative, Makala Hebbert, Simeon Mosel and Cora Calkins. Absent member(s) – None.

Chair Linqvist informed 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 February 14, 2022, regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by VanEvery. Motion passed all ayes.

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

General Fund

Bank statement balance 1/31/2022	\$ 33,675.11
Total income	\$ 11,307.87
Total Expenditures	\$ (11,306.08)
Bank statement balance 02/28/2022	<u>\$ 33,676.90</u>

Bills Due:

Calkins, Cora	Wages	\$ (997.05)
Complete Pest Elimination	Annual Contract	\$ (2,593.50)
Farmers Store	Supplies	\$ (92.17)
Farmers Pride	Dyed Fuel / propane	\$ (361.60)
Great Plains Comm.	office - includes DSL	\$ (83.79)
Hergott, Austin	Police Expense	\$ (207.78)
Hwy Alloc Savings	March 25 % Match	\$ (664.00)
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	\$ (456.90)
McNally Law Office	Nuisance / Traffic consults	\$ (150.00)
NCPD	street lights / office	\$ (624.89)
O'Neill Auto Supply	Filters	\$ (10.72)
VanEvery, Dennis	Wages	\$ (717.03)
Village of Ewing	Police Expenses - Mar 2022	\$ (153.47)
	Total bills due:	\$ (7,112.90)

Utility Fund

Bank statement balance 1/31/2022	\$ 145,026.78
Total Income	\$ 7,697.39
Total expenditures	<u>\$ (2,809.24)</u>
Bank statement balance 02/28/2022	<u><u>\$ 149,914.93</u></u>

Bills Due:

Calkins, Cora - Wages	Wages	\$ (445.12)
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	\$ (257.35)
J & J Sanitation	Garbage pick-up	\$ (1,953.40)
NCPD	Treatment plant and well house	\$ (676.35)
NE Public Health Lab	Testing	\$ (238.00)
Page - Farmers Store	Pipe fittings	\$ (21.76)
VanEvery, Dennis	Wages	\$ (768.69)
Visa	water sample postage	\$ (26.95)
		\$ (4,387.62)

Water Project Account

Bank statement balance 1/31/2022		\$ 17.39
Total Income	\$ -	\$ -
Total expenditures		\$ -
Bank statement balance 02/28/2022		\$ 17.39

Calkins brought the board’s attention to the following unusual monthly expenses / amounts with regards to General Fund Expenses:

- Complete Pest Elimination – Annual contract.
- Farmers Pride – Propane / Dyed fuel
- O’Neill Auto – Tractor filters

There being no further questions, a Motion was made by Tyrrell, 2nd by Mosel to pay all bills as submitted. Motion passed all ayes except VanEvery who abstained.

CNEDD Representative – Presentation – Ms. Makala Hebbert spoke to the Board regarding services available as a member of the CNEDD. She provided documentation on projects they have participated in, upcoming informational meetings, their annual report of services, etc. Calkins will forward a list of projects the Village would like to explore funding for and CNEDD will review and schedule a follow-up meeting.

Ms. Hebbert exited the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Public Comments – None.

Water & Utilities Report – VanEvery and Calkins advised that additional leaks were discovered and repaired at 5th & Main, 1st & Smith, and the ballfield hydrant location. All these have been repaired which has greatly reduced well run times. There is some concern and we are monitoring a location in front of the old Lamison building that seems to be very soft due to excess moisture. This is an area where new mains were installed & tested, however, it may need to be physically inspected if it does not dry out.

A discussion was held regarding a service line which had been tampered with at a curb stop that caused a substantial water loss. The board advised to discuss remedies for the situation with the Village attorney.

VanEvery advised that we are still experiencing some issues with the block heating on the generator. Options regarding fencing, a building, wind breaks, etc. were discussed. CAT will continue to monitor to make sure it is not a defective or faulty heater.

Village Maintenance Report – VanEvery advised that he had some issues with the tractor freezing up during the last cold spell even though it had winter grade diesel. After some research, some filter adaptations have been made to alleviate this problem.

Some discussion was had regarding the idea of utilizing the old ballfield for a maintenance yard for the Village road construction materials and the Village burn pile. This would free up other lots owned by the Village at 4th & Gray and near the water tower for other development/sale. This would also resolve the issue of the appearance of the current storage area which is very congested and is hard to maintain due to the proximity of the property to the well/treatment plant which limits the products that may be applied for weed control. In addition, larger quantities of supplies could to be ordered at one time to get better pricing and finally, it would also make the brush pile easier to monitor and keep burned. The extra area would allow for a pit to be dug and elevate some safety concerns as it would be not so near to residential housing and tree lines. Board members discussed options to plant trees or fence the area to improve the cosmetics if this is their determination for use so as not to impact neighboring properties. This matter will be discussed more at next month’s meeting.

Village Police / Ordinance Enforcement – Chief Hergott was not able to be present at the meeting. Calkins presented a copy of the new taser quote that is being reviewed at the Ewing meeting on this date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Stop Sign Installation – Courtesy email sent to Holt County Roads per McNally’s instruction. Awaiting pricing on specified signage and supplies.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Annual Water Quality Report / Consumer Confidence Report – Calkins presented a copy of the 2021 CCR report for the Board’s review. She noted that water quality in Page remains excellent and well below maximum contaminate levels. No deficiencies were noted throughout the year.

Upgrade Office Internet – Calkins presented a quote from Great Plains Communications to upgrade the Village office internet. She explained that this quote was requested as installation of the communications panel for the new SCADA system was being installed in case our current internet would not support the added workload. Calkins advised that so far internet speed at the office has not been substantially impacted. No action was taken at this time.

Bridging Nebraska’s Digital Divide Workshop – Broadband Service – Calkins advised that she had signed up to attend this workshop being put on by CNEDD on Monday, March 21st. To reduce costs, she will attend virtually.

OTHER / ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

There being no further business, Tyrrell made a Motion to adjourn, 2nd by VanEvery. Motion passed with all members voting - Aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Next month’s meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

/s/ Rachel Linquist, Chairperson

/s/ Cora L. Calkins, Clerk