

Village of Page

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Regular Monthly Meeting – May 13, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Page was held Monday, May 13, 2024, 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 Tyrrell, VanEvery, and Campbell present. Also present: Sally Cronk, Bill Fox, Patricia Kennedy, Larry & Sandy Peed, Cindy Ickes, David & Robin Smith, and Cora Calkins. Absent member(s): Leichleiter.

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 April 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Campbell. Motion passed all Ayes.

Trustee Leichleiter entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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

General Fund

Bank statement balance 3/31/2024	\$ 50,552.16
Total income	\$ 6,504.10
Total Expenditures	\$ (8,482.12)
Bank statement balance 04/30/2024	<u>\$ 48,574.14</u>

Bills Due:

Bomgaars	Supplies	\$ (21.99)
Boyd Holt E911	3rd Qtr	\$ (2,075.00)
Calkins, Cora	Wages	\$ (1,207.67)
Cold Type Publishing	Publication fees	\$ (65.50)
Farmers Store	Fuel / Supplies	\$ (378.58)
Great Plains Comm.	office - includes DSL	\$ (135.52)
Hwy Alloc Savings	May 25% Match	\$ (670.00)
Intuit	Payroll / Accounting Software	\$ (153.00)
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	\$ (541.65)
Linquist, Don	Wages	\$ (90.28)
McNally Law Office	Legal Fee	\$ (150.00)
NCPPD	street lights / office	\$ (601.88)
Travelers Insurance	Workman's Comp	\$ (2,630.00)
VanEvery, Dennis	Wages	\$ (919.40)
	Total bills due:	\$ (9,640.47)

Utility Fund

Bank statement balance 3/31/2024	\$ 182,916.13
Total Income	\$ 7,158.75
Total expenditures	<u>\$ (6,333.60)</u>
Bank statement balance 04/30/2024	<u><u>\$ 183,741.28</u></u>

Bills Due:

Calkins, Cora - Wages	Wages	\$	(330.37)
Calkins, Cora - Reimb.	Water Sample Postage	\$	(34.75)
Farmers Store	Supplies	\$	(6.89)
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	\$	(224.03)
J & J Sanitation	Garbage pick-up	\$	(1,896.28)
Layne Christensen Co.	Well Service & Testing	\$	(600.00)
Linquist, Don	Wages	\$	(62.80)
Municipal Supply	Hypochlorite	\$	(375.00)
NCPD	Treatment plant and well house	\$	(426.23)
NE Public Health Lab	Testing	\$	(15.00)
Pollard Pumping	Sewer Flushing	\$	(700.00)
VanEvery, Dennis	Wages	\$	(757.95)
Visa	Postage/NE Environ Lab Testing	\$	(49.10)
			\$ (5,478.40)

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

Matt Kellum entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comments – Cindy Ickes was present to discuss last month’s board decision to bill for water used at the PDC duplex.

Audrey Buxton entered the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Jannan Sobotka entered the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Water & Utilities Report:

Water Rate Increase - Calkins presented an example of a multi-month/year water rate increase ordinance provided by NeRWA for the board’s review. She advised that due to increased prices on supplies and repairs the board needs to consider implementing an ordinance to increase water rates approximately \$7-\$10 per household to meet the rising costs. She asked that the board review the proposed example for further discussion at the next meeting.

Lagoon Dumping Permit – Trustee VanEvery advised that he has been approached by a local resident (Dillon Mudloff) who has recently opened a septic pumping service who would like to use the village lagoon for disposal when in this immediate area. A discussion was held regarding past experiences with this, possible exchange of services (free pumping when we have lines jetted), and legalities of the same. Trustee Tyrrell made a Motion to contact the Village attorney to inquire about legalities and potentially draw up an agreement. Seconded by Leichleiter. Motion passed all Ayes.

Calkins also presented a copy of a flyer which will be sent to all residents with the June 1st billing regarding lead & copper. She reminded the board that there is a deadline for a complete inventory of all water lines within the village (mains, supply to curb stop, curb stop to residence, and even from meter on to the inside of the resident homes) which is required to be submitted to the state by October 16, 2024. Calkins explained that the flyer, if returned, would allow any resident to voluntarily inspect and return the flyer to avoid the hassle of a village representative arranging access to their meter/inside of their residence for inspection.

Lastly, Calkins presented a copy of the well inspection reports received from Layne Christensen for the board's review. These reports indicated that both wells are in good condition and have sustained static water levels.

Village Maintenance Report – Calkins presented a letter received from the Page Cemetery Board regarding street repairs on East Main Street. There was an extended conversation among the attending residents and the Board regarding available finances and the schedule of repairs. Board members advised products were being sampled prior to ordering larger quantities. The plan is now to acquire more to continue repairs with the priority being E. Main followed by the “business district” (Main & Market / 4th – 6th) being the first phase since these are the most used by residents and visitors. From there, work will continue as money and labor are available. The Village is also inquiring with companies to do some re-asphalting depending on the cost of the same. Additionally, the township has recently authorized use of the township equipment to be operated by village personnel when it is not being used by the township, so non-solid surfaces streets will be dragged, and additional clay rock applied as finances allow.

All visitors, with the exception of Matt Kellum, exited the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

VanEvery reminded the Board that a building is needed to cover the generator at the South Well. Measurements will be taken, and Calkins will get estimates gathered in addition to other items needed that may be recoverable with a security grant for water facilities.

Ordinance Enforcement – Chair Linquist reorganized items to accommodate visitors.

Kennel Ordinance Enforcement – Calkins advised that she has received no updates from the party currently believed to be in violation.

Junk / Abandoned vehicle storage yard – Mr. Kellum and the Board had a discussion regarding expected progress with fencing his storage yard/business property. He was advised that significant progress needs to be made to avoid legal action. Kellum advised that some materials are already on site, and more are being acquired so he anticipates no issues with compliance.

Animals at Large – Calkins advised that she has received several emails, verbal complaints and some texts (with/without pictures) regarding animals running at large inside the Village. After some discussion, a Motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Leichleiter to send a courtesy reminder to all residents & non-residents whose animals have been reported to remind owners that they may be cited should complaints continue.

At this time, Calkins advised that the Board should enter executive to discuss correspondence from the Village attorney regarding potential legal actions regarding ordinances. A Motion was made by VanEvery, 2nd by Leichleiter to enter executive session to discuss nuisance/ordinance enforcement legal matters. Motion passed all Ayes.

Mr. Kellum exited the meeting at 8:39 p.m. as the Board entered executive session at 8:40 p.m.

A Motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by VanEvery to exit executive session at 8:56 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2024 Property Cleanup - A copy of the flyer was provided to the Board and maintenance advised that they are keeping up at this point-and-time.

2024 Pet Clinic – Calkins provided a copy of the flyer set to all pet owners. She noted that she had added commonly violated ordinances on the reverse this year.

School Property Update – Calkins provided the Board with a copy of a letter received from Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Harvey regarding the status/future of the property. Chair Linquist & Calkins also advised that

members of the Board have been invited to attend the Alumni Banquet wherein there will be a discussion regarding ideas for the future of the property.

Office / Clinic Building Maintenance & Repair - Calkins presented estimates from Camo Specialty Construction for replacement of the South windows of the Village office. After a review of the options, a Motion was made by VanEvery, 2nd by Campbell to accept the bid for fixed pane insulated windows and installation in the amount of \$1580.00. Motion passed unanimously. Chair Linquist advised that CSC is planning to do clinic repairs yet this month, weather permitting.

Boyd Holt E911 Assessment Dispute Update – Calkins provided the board with a copy of the latest statement which was received earlier this month by certified mail. This statement includes the request to pay interest on amounts unpaid to date. A discussion was held regarding the interest demand as well as the ongoing issue with increasing costs. Trustee Tyrrell proposed that the matter be tabled for further consideration regarding interest, review of the interlocal agreement, and research into possible termination of the interlocal agreement with Holt County which obligates the Village to pay for dispatch services. All Board members agreed and matter will be reviewed further next month.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Park Facility Cleaning / Maintenance – Calkins stated that Ms. Helzer had advised she would be interested in providing cleaning and oversight for the park pavilion if needed. A discussion was held regarding repairs to the plumbing that are needed and the overall condition of the facility. A Motion was made by Campbell, 2nd by Leichleiter, to replace both toilets, have plumber access/fix leaks and to have Ms. Helzer resume cleaning if she is available this year. Motion passed all Ayes.

2024-2025 Village Engineer / Street Superintendent – Calkins reminded the Board that the Village needs to replace the Village Engineer/street superintendent since Gilmore & Associates have closed shop. After some discussion, a Motion was made by VanEvery, 2nd by Leichleiter to have Calkins make inquiries with surrounding towns regarding reviews and with engineering firms for interest in providing such services to be reviewed at the next meeting. Motion passed all Ayes.

2024 Sewer Jetting and Mapping – Motion by Campbell, 2nd by VanEvery to have Calkins solicit interested parties to facilitate jetting and camera services to map all sewer lines (taps and condition) this year and what costs would be associated. Motion passed all Ayes.

2024 Municipal Accounting & Finance Conference – Calkins advised that this year's conference will be held June 12-14th at the Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln. She reminded the Board that all Village Clerks are required to complete continuing education hours annually and a conference is the easiest way to meet this requirement in a timely fashion. A Motion was made by VanEvery, 2nd by Tyrrell to allow Calkins attendance if possible. Motion passed all Ayes.

Community Recognition Program- A discussion was held regarding implementation of a recognition program for persons who give back to the Village. This is an idea first introduced by Trustee Bartak to recognize and thus encourage community pride and accomplishments. The matter was tabled to allow time to price the recognition board and process for nomination.

Animal Permit – Lee Ickes: Campbell made a Motion to grant the permit as submitted. Seconded by VanEvery. Motion passed with VanEvery, Campbell, Leichleiter and Linquist – Aye and Tyrrell - Nay.

OTHER / ANNOUNCEMENTS - None.

There being no further business, Campbell made a Motion to adjourn, 2nd by Tyrrell. Motion passed with all members present voting - Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Next month's meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

/s/Rachel Linquist, Chairperson

/s/Cora L. Calkins, City Clerk/Treasurer

PROPOSED