

Village of Greenwood

Board of Trustees Meeting

March 29, 2017

The Greenwood Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at the E.L. McDonald Community Center. Present were trustees Michelle Criswell, Kevin Gerlach, Larry Meyer, Megan Piehl and Matt Starr. Minutes by Clerk/Treasurer Marcia Fiala. Notice of the meeting was posted in three public places (the Post Office, the community center and bulletin board in front of Clerk's Office.) A copy of the proof of publication, as well as the Chairman and Trustees' acknowledgement of receipt of notice, are on file. Proceedings hereafter noted were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Call to Order

Chair Criswell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and a copy of all documents being discussed at the meeting were available for inspection and indicated the location of such copies in the room where the meeting was being held.

Roll Call

Fiala called each board member by name Meyer, Piehl, Criswell, Gerlach and Starr were present.

Consent agenda

Minutes 3/8/17 and 3/22/17, claims and time cards

Piehl made motion to approve the consent agenda for 3/29/17, Seconded by Criswell

Aye – all

Nay – none

Motion carried

Communication of Citizens:

Nancy spoke about the financial

New Business:

HBE Audit – Tony Jerina spoke about the review of the audit and the increase of property tax, miscellaneous revenue gov't revenues. Along with the increase due to TIF. Increase in gov't expenditures due to salaries and professional fees. Governmental revenues increased from \$426,000 in 2015 to \$505,000 in 2016 mostly due to TIF increases. In proprietary revenues from \$667,000 in 2015 increased to \$748,000 in 2016. In government expenditures of \$316,000 in 2015 increased to \$399,000 2016 due to increases in salaries, professional fees and slight increase in the road repairs. Business expense stayed almost the same from one year to the next. Liabilities increase in the long-term debt due to the building expenditures. Increase in the accounts payable in the business activities to the payout in October to Kriz Davis and Spickelmeyer. Budget general \$213,000 but spent \$113,000. Audit adjustments will be recorded in the book as of 9/30/16. Accounts receivable had 2 accounts and need to group together. Reconciling accounts be completed monthly basis. Monthly finance put in the minutes that they are approved. There were some unclassified numbers, due to change in software programs. Formal policy be put into place for what financial debt be written off. Suggested that possibly the bank receive the payments or another party sign off a just so there is a check and balance so it doesn't fall solely on one person.

Criswell made a motion to approve the audit report for 2016 Starr seconded

Aye – all

Nay – none

Motion carried

Attorney Mark Fahleson had questions as to whether the village should have control over the Fire Dept trust account. Fiala asked Tony Jerina what he thinks about the village overseeing the trust account. Tony stated if the village has any control over the account it can't be used for raising money. Tony suggested we contact the league of municipalities and state auditor's office. Tony concern is if something goes wrong who is going to responsible.

Possible future of the old Baker's building – Maria Fortune spoke about putting in booths such as hair salon, nail spa, farmers market, local artists/crafters and activities for children. Maria stated she currently have an art gallery in Lincoln. Maria's plan would be the first of its kind in this area. There is a 1% sales tax to the village and personal the serves to the location. Ideas being husker gear, natural bath and body soap, western products, tie dye seasonal farmers markets and photo booths arcade and possible social hall by May 1st. She has her investor and is ready to move forward with 1200 square foot with one room being a rental hall and 10 booths and an area for seasonal and the walls will be covered with local art.

Fire Station cameras and cellular booster - The booster is \$899.00 and the cameras would be 3 inside and 4 outside cameras. It will also help monitor the end of the park. This also will give access to be viewed at the clerk's office. Accountability to who may be on the calls. Nancy asked about why the doors are left open when they go out on a call? Starr doesn't think it is a bad price. Piehl feels it is a lot of cameras.

Gerlach made a motion of purchase of the quote of Colin McWilliams of 7 cameras, monitor and installation and the village maintenance guys will install cabling installation of \$95.00 per hours for 3 hours and the booster is \$899.00 total around \$1,500.00, seconded by Criswell

Aye – Criswell, Meyer, Gerlach and Starr

Nay – Piehl

Motion carried

Resolution removal of tree – Criswell made a motion to postpone this resolution, seconded by Piehl
Aye – all Nay – none Motion carried

Dead trees in the alleyway – Dead tree in the alleyway which hangs over one of the houses. Starr thinks the town guys should remove it. Meyer agrees if they take their time they can remove it. Criswell questioned whether the property owner pay for part of the removal. Piehl agrees with Starr. Starr thinks we the village should be solely responsible.

Criswell made a motion to remove the tree in the alley way the town maintenance men will remove it. Gerlach seconded
Aye – all Nay – none Motion carried

Resolution of nuisance property – Criswell introduced a resolution 17 -2 of a nuisance abatement Criswell a made a motion to pass resolution 17-2 Meyer seconded
Aye – all Nay – none Motion carried

Old Business:

Renovation committee –The first phase of the project that was approved on 8/9/16 to complete the windows. Criswell stated the grant deadline was 4/1/17 creating time crunch and since there was no additional from the renovation committee we had to move forward with what the village could fund. Krings went on to say that originally there was \$18,000 in the money market \$39,000 general fund and some out of TIF not including the \$20,000 of Karen Frank’s for the library. Renovation committee came up with all the ideas. Krings would like to know why the village can’t take money out of water, electrical and sewer for the renovation of the building. Krings talked about the fact that they had committee members that had surgery and then flu bug hit. Krings would like to know why the utilities are not paying for the upkeep on the committee building and thought maybe the money could come out of all general, water, electrical and sewer to do the entire building. Krings has a letter for the public but is not going to be sent out at this point until some of this is resolved. Krings spoke about the brick under the windows and the historical beauty of the building. Krings worries more about getting additional grant money later. Meyer spoke about the bids we had received and how the bidding was done. Meyer talked about how he suggested to use some possible money but found out later it could not be used. Meyer stated the electric on the west half of the building was done by professionals in the 70’s and the east side was not done Krings stated that the committee was waiting until after tax time for donations. Krings stated the committee can send out letters and get pledges and the best time to that is before tax time and they still have time to do that. Krings stated their approach was to use memorials or endowments and they have the ability to do that. . Starr questions if we get the grant do we have the right to turn it down and whether this is will be a missed opportunity. Criswell spoke about not having the village funds to do project the renovation committee wanted but having something over nothing. Criswell stated has the ability to Krings asked about the money at the Great Western Bank or using TIF. Krings stated wants to use the same loan practice as the playground.

Resolution of land next to community building – Starr wants to know why we want to sell the land. Bergen’s spoke about how much the land is worth and states the village has the right to deny any or all bids. Fred Starr wondered why the village would want to sell the land. Gerlach is not interested in selling it. Starr would like to make sure it is going to be developed in an adequate time frame.

Criswell made a motion to postpone the sale of the land by the committee building seconded by Piehl.
Aye – all Nay – none Motion carried

Selling of Surplus – Talked about making a resolution to sell unwanted items currently owned by the village first notices are posted in 3 location for 3 weeks and sell it by bid. Ahlman he says they have a sheet for each item and they take the highest bids. Starr would like to have it with the greenwood clean-up day.

Rezoning land on Broad St – The property is zoned residential and would like we starts with the planning commission.

Reports:

Meyer spoke about the jetting of the sewer lines and \$5000.00 to do so. Starr asked about the Line property and Criswell spoke about getting a lower bid. Gerlach spoke about someone trying to purchase the property, to clean it and build. Starr spoke about the water not draining. Criswell stated the culverts are old but we need a survey done but the survey is around \$11,000.00. Starr suggested the maintenance men clean out the culverts.

Criswell made a motion to agenda seconded by Gerlach
Aye – all Nay – none Motion carried

Criswell adjourned at 8:40 pm