

Village of Greenwood

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 26, 2017

The Greenwood Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at the E.L. McDonald Community Center. Present were trustees Kevin Gerlach, Larry Meyer, Megan Piehl and Matt Starr. Michelle Criswell is absent 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

Pro tem Starr 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

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

Consent agenda

Minutes 4/12/17 and 4/22/17, claims and time cards

Meyer made motion to approve the consent agenda for 4/26/17, Seconded by Gerlach

Aye – Meyer, Piehl, Gerlach and Starr Nay – none Motion carried

Communication of Citizens:

Les Krings and Mary Weston spoke about 619 Walnut St. how deplorable the property has become including the rodents, cats and now possums. This is an unsightly mess for their neighborhood. Krings put together a petition from a few of the neighbors hoping this will help to move the process forward. Krings stated that she has heard rumor because no one has to the neighbors on the process. Piehl stated that an asbestos test was completed and it tested positive for asbestos. Krings stated she does not believe it due to that house was newer than hers. Krings asked if all would be done by the middle of May, Fiala stated as long as LeGrande come out and gets it done. Krings spoke about a boat on the property. Piehl stated that she thinks the boat will be removed with the property. Gerlach asked if they saw someone there over the weekend. Krings stated she did on Sunday afternoon thought it was Line's daughter.

New Business:

Black Hills franchise agreement – Brandy Johnson with Black Hills Energy she stated we have had an agreement with Black hills for 25 years and the current agreement is up in June. Village collects a 3% franchise fee that they pay to the village by Black Hills and it paid out to the village once a year. She spoke about the ordinances to continue with the agreement. The serve 300 communities and only a 1/4 has a percentage that goes back to the community. Increases revenue for the village. Black Hills have installed 25 new service lines since 2000. Johnson suggested that she would remained to leave it the same.

Meyer made a motion to adopt 463 and read the title only seconded by Starr for the franchise agreement

Aye – Gerlach, Piehl, Meyer and Starr Nay – none Motion carried

Meyer made a motion to introduce ordinance 464 read by title only for the first reading seconded by Starr

Ordinance 464 - franchise fee to remain the same

Aye – Gerlach, Piehl, Meyer and Starr Nay – none Motion carried

Elliott asked if we are going to waive the 3 readings. Meyer does not chose to waive the 3 readings.

Meyer made a motion to have the reintroduced at the first meeting in May for the 2nd and 3rd readings seconded by Starr

Aye – Starr, Meyer and Gerlach Nay – Piehl Motion carried

Jim Peterson Cass County Commissars of the 3rd district spoke about antenna for the water tower County, Motorola and NRIN Peterson read the agreement to the board and what will be enter into the agreement. There will be no charge to the village of the microwaves to the water tower and will not be on the tower without permission from the board. In 2013, the board of commissar entered an agreement with DHHS it will provide a 24-hour service. New 911 council for the sheriff building and back at the EMA office than add free commutation to the community but not sure if village is currently using. They started to discuss the problems with greenwood. They are working through the State and all the systems should work together. NRIN Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network microwave network using towers across the state. Maps provided to show how it will travel. Next to the water tower in the fenced in area on the southeast side. This will be battery backed up for 4 hours. Gerlach asked how this would be backed up. They are hoping to get grants for generator. Gerlach just wanted to make sure the village would not have to purchase a generator Peterson stated that they eventually would like to have a generator at each location. Piehl asked if the town with be responsible for the electric expense of it and Peterson stated it will be \$20.00 to

\$40.00 per month which the town will pick up. This system will have 5 channels. Fred Starr asked if we were going to take down any and thinks the old antennas should come down. Peterson spoke about the general communications of the problems that have occurred in the village and this new project is hoping to resolve all the issues. Peterson stated that they sent out letters to all of the departments in Cass County and asked how many radios they currently have. Hope it will be up and running by the first of September for the county and would like to get it all installed here in the next 30 days. Peterson would like to get the steel and concrete pads done soon. Gerlach clarified that the department would not have to purchase new radios. Fred Starr asked why they wanted it close to the water tower. Peterson stated more cabling and the closer the better. Peterson stated we just need an agreement in place for everyone to move forward. Meyer stated it will be a great improvement. Gerlach made motion to approve the presented memorandum and understanding agreement for the Nebraska regional Interoperability Network and the village of Greenwood Nebraska presented by Jim Peterson to seconded by Piehl

Aye – Meyer, Piehl, Gerlach and Starr

Nay – none

Motion carried

Becky with Cass County Tobacco Free – Spoke tobacco use in teens and habits by not seeing it they are less likely to use it. They are more apt to not use it they don't start and limited second hand smoke. Louisville, Elmwood, Waverly, Lincoln, La Vista, Grand Island, Columbus Fremont Kearney, Seward and Scotts Bluff has implemented a smoke free policy in their parks. Cass County tobacco free will provide free signage Piehl asked how to enforce it Becky stated this is the hardest part but it is really through community education, press releases and any and Cass County Tobacco Free will attend all events to get the enforcements. In 2009 Louisville parks when tobacco free and that the tobacco litter has decreased. Gerlach asked if there are any other benefits to it. They can also bring other to help educate. Starr thinks it is a good idea. Piehl asked about installing the signs and how they are put in. Gerlach asked about making a designated smoking area and Becky stated they usually do 100% smoke free. Becky will send copies of ordinances or resolutions for approval.

Meyer made a motion to Jamco to remove asbestos to 619 Walnut Greenwood Nebraska in the amount of \$1150.00 and \$200.00 for final inspection and to demo the residence seconded by Piehl. A lien will be put on the property and Fiala stated called Cass County to make sure there has been no change in ownership and was told the property is still owned by Line.

Aye - Piehl, Meyer, Gerlach and Starr

Nay – none

Motion carried

Old Business:

Piehl spoke about how much the tree leans over above the neighboring house in the alleyway on North St. Meyer has concerns about possible damage to the home. Piehl asked the Fergus and Stewart their opinions and Fergus stated the risk isn't worth the reward. Starr stated to have bids hopefully by the next meeting.

This is the update to the nuisance ordinance update. Fiala explained that the change is to insert the sheriff has the right to serve papers to the homeowners.

Piehl made a motion to adopt ordinance 462 Meyer seconded Starr read the ordinance

Aye – Meyer, Piehl, Gerlach and Starr

Nay – none

Motion carried

Piehl made a motion to suspend other 2 reading of ordinance 462 seconded by Gerlach

Aye – Meyer, Piehl, Gerlach and Starr

Nay – none

Motion carried

Amended the motion of to go into closed session

Starr made a motion to approve the amended minutes of 2/22/17 and 3/8/17 and Piehl seconded

Aye – Meyer, Piehl, Gerlach and Starr

Nay – none

Motion carried

Fiala spoke about at a prior meeting she has asked the board to read the Cass County ordinance and see if what the village would need to adopt for the restriction of Adult entertainment. Jim Peterson thinks we should adopt the Cass County ordinance for the village. Peterson stated that they had the county attorney and their insurance agent. Ever if the Cass county had already passed it the village should also adopt it. Fiala stated she will add it to the next agenda.

Fred Starr spoke about Line property and how he is glad to see things moving forward. Fred Starr asked about the tree on Walnut St. Piehl stated that we have been advised by our village attorney to not discuss the tree. Starr asked about how the old school. Fiala stated the school is zoned R-3 multi- family. Gerlach spoke about the meeting that they are working with planning and zoning. Meyer spoke about any special permits for how it was zoned. Gerlach thinks it was in the mid 90' came to city sales tax. Meyer will find out when the city tax came in. Meyer spoke about the planning and zoning meeting and how they are looking at how things our zoned and lot splits.

Elliott said about why there are so many special meetings. Elliott wanted to know we had a special meeting the Friday after the villages regular meeting. Gerlach stated it was a retreat meeting for planning and zoning. Fiala explained that she had been waiting on the document from the bank to extend the loan for the playground as we are waiting to be reimbursed from one of the grants. Elliott also asked why there was a special meeting for the fire dept. and why it could not be with the regular meeting. Fiala explained that the peer review was done including the rural

fire board and that was when everyone was available. Elliott thought they should have had them at regular meetings due to the expense of board members. Fred Starr talked about a property at 6th and Elm who recently tore down their garage on how the property is starting to show improvements. He also spoke about how bad the property across the street to the south has become deplorable. He asked that the village send a letter or board members go knock on the door and talk with the homeowner. Piehl stated that prior to being on the board she had already tried to address the same residence. Meyer stated that first property at 6th and Elm, he stopped and spoke with someone at that address and told them how he appreciated the progress they have made and to keep up the good work. Piehl stated her big push is to clean up the properties in town.

Reports:

Michelle spoke with Lower Platte last fall about the drainage in town recently she spoke with JEO. JEO is going to do a drainage survey. One of the items she is addressing is stand water just outside of town on Greenwood Dr between Pleasant and the creek bridge. Criswell is concerned about the mosquitos. Jim Peterson stated that the village was given permission prior to go ahead and burn the tree pile that were created by the county. Peterson is going to asked one of the Cass County road personal to come see if the culvert where the water use to flow has become plugged and see if it is something the county caused. He just has to make sure it is a county problem.

Fiala spoke about becoming a member of Nebraska Rural Water association per request of JEO as they have a camera system to look down through lines for clogs or other problems. The membership is \$35.00 per year. Also, a request from the retreat meeting between the board and Planning and Zoning it was requested to become a member of the Nebraska Planning and Zoning which has also been completed for \$35.00 per year. Zach Fergus will be attending a mosquito training class for \$35.00 which also includes but a member of the association and grant access.

Fiala stated she contacted the Nebraska Historical Society to see what home in Greenwood are listed on the National register and there are none in Greenwood.

There was also been question about moving a yield sign to West St from 4th St. Gerlach stated he thinks it is because of it being a truck route and Meyer stated he spoke to 2 different deputies and they think it should be turned around they don't go as fast as they do on 4th St. Elliott asked if it is a main artery road and she thought that might be why it was changed in the first place.

Piehl thinks we should put a yield sign on the corner of 6th and Oak St

Fergus would like to have one at Main and Ash coming off of the gravel road because everyone flies into town there including ATV's. They have children at his house regularly.

Starr asked to have signs replaced right off of the highway that are worn. Stewart stated that he contacted the State and they will replace or take them down.

Gerlach spoke about the speed limit sign that was knocked over on the highway at Yoder's storage building.

Fiala asked if there was any issue with Valor Academy putting in a garden and the board members present have no issue.

Starr wants the maintenance men to clean out each culvert to help the drainage on south side of Main St.

Fiala asked about the status of a part time employee and

Peterson spoke about Cass County has been a member of SENDD and as of June 2017 Cass County will no longer be continuing a membership. Peterson contacted the NAPPA which is Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington Cass County can

Starr made a motion to adjourned at 8:52 pm seconded by Piehl

Aye – all

Nay – none

Motion carried

Marcia Fiala, Village Clerk/Treasurer