**CAIRO VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES**

 The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, Cairo, Nebraska. On roll call the following members were present: G. Sorensen, Bellamy, and Johnson. Absent from the meeting were Culler and S. Sorensen It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Bellamy to approve the agenda as prepared. Ayes: Johnson, Bellamy, G. Sorensen. Nays: None.

 The public meeting on the redevelopment plan for the real estate described as Lots one through eighteen, inclusive, of Cairo Business Park Second Subdivision to the Village of Cairo, Hall County, Nebraska was opened at 7:05 pm on a motion by Bellamy, seconded by Johnson. Ayes: Johnson, Bellamy, G. Sorensen. Nays: None. There were a few questions on the plans of the project. It was stated that the village would TIF the lots as they were sold. The TIF financing would go into a fund for the future infrastructure of the business park. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Bellamy to close the public hearing at 7:12 pm. Ayes: Johnson, Bellamy, G. Sorensen. Nays: None. A motion was made by Bellamy, seconded by Johnson to approve and sign resolution #02-07-17B approving a redevelopment plan; approving a redevelopment project & approving of related actions. Ayes: Johnson, Bellamy, G. Sorensen. Nays: None.

 The Board was given the Hall County Sheriff’s report and at that time a sheriff was not at the meeting. There was a total patrol time of 66 hours and 42 minutes for the month of January. There were an additional 4 hours and 25 minutes reported on detail time. The report will be placed on file.

 A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Bellamy to open the public hearing at 7:15 pm. Ayes: Johnson, Bellamy, G. Sorensen. Nays: None. It was stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to review and discuss the One & Six Year Street plan and to allow for public comment. The Village’s Engineer, Kevin Prior, was present at the meeting to update the Board on the purpose of the One & Six Year and to evaluate possible street projects within the village limits. The Six Year plan did include adding the two streets in the business park if they are needed. Also it was brought up the possibility of extending Suez street south to Oasis street. With no further discussion or comments from the Board and no comments from the public it was moved by Bellamy, seconded by Johnson to close the public hearing at 7:25 pm. Ayes: Johnson, Bellamy, G. Sorensen. Nays: None. Johnson made a motion to approve and sign Resolution #02-07-17A adopting the one and six-year street plan as presented, seconded by Bellamy. Ayes: Johnson, Bellamy, G. Sorensen. Nays: None.

Kevin Prior with Olsson Associates was present to discuss the wastewater project design and the report from NDEQ. The report from NDEQ stated the project would qualify for SRF (State Revolving Funds) funds at a rate of 2 ½% for the project estimated at 1.2 million over a 20 year period. At the time the village would start paying on this project our current lagoon system would be paid off. The village has been put on a priority list for the funds. Prior discussed the letter from DEQ on what we do moving forward. Olsson’s would like to get the preliminary work done on this before the field by the lagoons are planted this spring. With there being no further discussion Johnson made a motion to approve and sign agreement with Olsson Associates to move forward on the wastewater project design, seconded by Bellamy. Ayes: Johnson, Bellamy, G. Sorensen. Nays: None.

Neil Niedfeldt, President & CEO, with Southern Power District along with board members Gary Hedman & Mike Lowry, & Steve Steinhauser, Area Manager were present to give an annual update on the electric system. Neil reported in 2016 Southern returned $94,284.75 in lease fees back to the village. Also, there was no rate increase and their supplier continues to be NPPD through 2035. Steve reported work has been completed in Cairo and they have also made some improvements and can pull power from Howard Greeley if needed in emergency situations. Neil also wanted to discuss two bills that are being introduced in the Nebraska Legislature LB 657-Retail Electricity Transparency Act and LB 660-Nebraska Retail Electricity Choice Act and remove a restriction on the sale or delivery of retail electricity by a private electric supplier. They are concerned it will hike up our prices and not benefit the communities in the state. It would also possible lower the lease payments that Cairo and other villages receive that help fund their communities. After a discussion on this it was decided by the board they would send a letter to Senator Dan Hughes Chair of the Natural Resources committee and our State Senator Steve Halloran opposing the passing of these bills.

It was stated that the notice of renewal of a retail liquor license for Bosselman’s dba “Pump & Pantry #4” was published as required by law and there were no protests received.

A motion was made by Bellamy, seconded by Johnson that the automatic liquor license for Boesselman, Inc. dba “Pump & Pantry #4” be renewed for one year from May 1, 2017-April 30, 2018. Ayes: Johnson, Bellamy, G. Sorensen. Nays: None.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Bellamy to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Ayes: Johnson, Bellamy, G. Sorensen. Nays: None.

The February claims and January payroll were presented to the board. After a short discussion and questions answered on the claims it was moved by Bellamy, seconded by Johnson to approve and authorize payment. Ayes: Johnson, Bellamy, G. Sorensen. Nays: None. Bill list attached and made part of these minutes.

The Clerk gave the treasurer’s report and the individual fund balances were reviewed by the Board, on motion by Johnson, seconded by Bellamy to approve the treasurer’s report as prepared. Ayes: Johnson, Bellamy, G. Sorensen. Nays: None.

Charity Adams discussed with Denise Myers about changing zoning in a couple areas of the village. She will talk to Chad Nabity with Hall County Regional Planning on this also.

It was discussed to change the area between Oasis Street & Suez Street from R-9 to R-6 to allow for multi-family housing and to make the same changes at Harders Circle. She will report back to the board on her findings.

A motion was made by Bellamy, seconded by Johnson to approve temporary use of 411 S High Street as a residence for Justin & Heather Caspersen until their house is built. The Caspersen’s lost their entire house to a fire on Christmas morning. Ayes: Johnson, Bellamy,

G. Sorensen. Nays: None.

There was a discussion on the antennas that are on the water tower and to make sure the companies have liability on them in case of damage. Jaime spoke to Denise Myers concerning this and the office will find out what we have for contracts and make sure they are all up to date contacting the companies if needed. We will have this done by January 1, 2018.

Charity Adams also gave a report on the Cairo Community Foundation. “Go Big Give” for the foundation will be April 29 with an event planned at the golf course. Also the Cairo Community Foundation Golf Tournament is set for July 22. She also went to the Nebraska Legislature to lobby on the bills on TIF financing. She also did this on the workforce housing bills.

Special reports from the committees were discussed: A. TheFinance/Budget

Committee had nothing to report. B. The Parks/Cemetery/Community Center/Pool committee: Christy stated we will be putting an ad in the March newsletter for pool help and will contact past employees to see if they are working the upcoming season. Also Sorensen stated that Jayne Reimers will again be taking care of the landscaping during the spring and summer. C. The Personnel Committee had nothing to report; D. The Ordinance/Contract Committee had nothing to report.; E. The Equipment/Building Improvements Committee Johnson reported that the rates have increased for the rental of the tractor and loader from Green Line. He has a call into a couple different companies for rates and their programs. F. The Water/Sewer Committee had nothing to report.

 Lanny Robinson was there to ask some questions concerning the possible construction of the Suez street extension from Syria to Oasis. The board will look into his concerns and get back to him.

 With there being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Johnson, seconded by Bellamy, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, Bellamy, G. Sorensen. Nays: None.

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Chairperson Deputy Clerk

 I do hereby certify that notice of this meeting was published and posted and that

the agenda was posted as required by law.

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Deputy Clerk