

CAIRO VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall board room, Cairo, Nebraska. On roll call the following members were present: M Johnson, Bellamy, J Johnson, and G Sorensen. Absent: None. The oath of office was administered to new board member Michael Dibbern at 7:01 pm, he now become a present member at tonight's board meeting. It was moved by Bellamy, seconded by J Johnson to approve the agenda as prepared by the clerk. Ayes: Bellamy, J Johnson, G Sorensen, Dibbern, and M Johnson. Nays: None.

An approval for the previous meetings minutes which were typed up and copied by the clerk was made on motion by M Johnson and seconded by Bellamy. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0.

Sargent Moline was present to discuss the sheriff's report, there were 59.66 hours on patrol time, 6.59 hours on detail time and 0.00 hours on criminal investigative detail time; he explained the "gun shots" listed on the report were actually fireworks. He advised the board to please let the community know to have residents lock vehicles and doors up at night and during day hours to prevent theft.

The public hearing for the 1- & 6-year street plan was opened at 7:05 on motion made by M Johnson and seconded by J Johnson. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Matt Rief with Olsson explained that each year the NDOT (Nebraska Department of Transportation) likes for each village/city to submit a 1- & 6-year plan for any street projects that may be happening, the NDOT then sends back money to each village/city to be used for these projects. On the 1-year plan is the construction of extending Hillside Drive and beginning the phase of Putter's Cove-a cul-de-sac at the golf course. On the 6-year plan are plans for paving Nebraska Place, the paving of 130th Road east of the golf course, and the extension of Suez Street. Some discussion took place about adding the streets at the industrial park to the 1-year plan instead of the 6-year plan, the board also felt that Nebraska Place no longer needs to be listed on either plan. Some numbers were discussed about the amounts it would cost for the paving of the streets at the industrial park and the board then decided to just have Matt Rief add the streets at the industrial park for paving purposed onto the 6-year plan, Olsson will work on an estimate for the cost of such project. The public hearing was closed at 7:20 on motion made by J Johnson and seconded by M Johnson. Ayes: Dibbern, G Sorensen, M Johnson, Bellamy, and J Johnson. Nays: None. Resolution 02-09-2021 adopting the 1- & 6-year plan was passed and approved on motion made by Bellamy and seconded by M Johnson. Ayes: G Sorensen, J Johnson, Dibbern, Bellamy, and M Johnson. Nays: None.

Mandy Schweitzer with The Gathering Place advisory board was present to discuss a possible remodel of the kitchen area at the center. Since the village owns the building the advisory board wanted to start with proposing their idea to the village board first; the kitchen is not up to code and not big enough for the number of meals which are being prepared and carried out daily. The Vault makes the meals but they are packaged up at the center, they are serving anywhere up to 40 meals per day and need a bigger area with more counter space. The advisory board has looked into grants and fundraising opportunities and even may apply for sales tax money and are looking for the project to cost around the \$20-25,000 range, OzBro will be getting them an estimate by the end of the week. They would like to have the village's blessing so they can look at getting this done while the center is still shut down due to covid restrictions, they do not believe they will be able to open the center officially until sometime in July. The Gathering Place will accept donations and are looking to do some fundraising for this project, Mandy will be at next month's meeting to give an update. J Johnson made a motion to give The Gathering Place the go ahead to start planning the remodel; M Johnson seconded the motion. Ayes: Dibbern, Bellamy, J Johnson, G Sorensen, and M Johnson. Nays: None.

The next item on the agenda was a zoning permit for Brad & Josie Lindell of 412 Nubia street to add a garage to their residence, after viewing the zoning permit several questions were asked on the building materials being used, Bellamy is going to reach out to Hall County Building Inspector Alan Pickrel and find out what Hall County building codes say about such building materials; this agenda item is tabled until March's meeting, on motion made by J Johnson, seconded by M Johnson. Ayes: M Johnson, G Sorensen, Bellamy, J Johnson, and Dibbern. Nays: None.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the February claims and January payroll, a few questions were asked about specific bills; Bellamy made a motion to approve this agenda item and J Johnson seconded. All board members voted aye on this agenda item. After a few questions were asked and answered concerning the treasurer's report, M Johnson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, which was prepared by the clerk, Bellamy seconded the motion. Ayes: Bellamy, Dibbern, M Johnson, J Johnson, and G Sorensen. Nays: None.

Next on the agenda was to review and approve new contract fees for Charity Adams, Community Developer, a raise of \$700/year was approved at August's meeting, making the new contract fees \$2375/month which is split between Pathway Bank and the village; board member Dibbern had a few questions about the contract, the questions were answered and Bellamy made a motion to approve the new contract fees, J Johnson seconded. Ayes: G Sorensen, Dibbern, J Johnson, M Johnson, and Bellamy. Nays: None.

A discussion took place on whether or not to have some trees planted at the new lagoon site, the trees would be to the north to block the view of the tree site. There is some money in the budget but the board all agrees to wait until next fiscal year and budget for this type of project, taking into consideration how to get water to a tree line, as well as talking with DEQ and Southern Power to see how far away the tree site needs to be from the lagoons and power lines. M Johnson made a motion to check into financials of such a project and put into next year's budget, Dibbern seconded the motion. All board members voted aye on this agenda item.

The next item on the agenda was to have Inland Potable Services come out this summer to inspect and clean the water tower, this kind of work is performed every 5 years and was last done in 2016, they like to contract two cities/villages at a time and already have a commitment from a nearby city. The cost to do this work is \$1600 and we have money in the budget to perform this work; M Johnson made a motion to approve this agenda item and J Johnson seconded the motion. Ayes: Bellamy, J Johnson, G Sorensen, Dibbern, and M Johnson. Nays: None.

A discussion about the golf course adding a couple sand volleyball courts to the north side of the playground at Centura Hills was next on the agenda, this land is owned by the village so an approval to move forward would be needed. After a brief discussion it was decided to table this item until more research is found and the village will contact their attorney Denise Myers on legality issues regarding this piece of land. The agenda item was tabled on motion made by J Johnson, seconded by M Johnson. All board members voted aye on this agenda item.

A discussion about the metal Christmas tree idea brought to the board by Mary Stoltenberg at last month's meeting was discussed, village maintenance worker Steve Oseka would like to know the width dimensions and whether or not the tree can be taken apart. If it is one standing piece Steve doesn't believe we could transport it and store it in the shed for fearing of it being too tall, power lines may be hit. Clerk Jaime Rathman will get in contact with Mary and get the needed information and present at next month's meeting.

Clean up day was brought up and Steve let the board know that April 3 and 24 will not work for him, a possible date would be April 17, the clerk and deputy clerk will work on getting the date set for spring clean-up. Steve also brought up that the pool will need to be painted by May 1st, pool manager Diana Korinek has said her and assistant manager Teresa Hahn would be willing to paint the pool, deputy clerk Osburn will look into ordering the paint for the pool as well as the chemicals.

Charity Adams, Community Developer, presented to the board that herself and Chairman Sorensen have met with a housing developer which is looking at some potential lots at two different locations contingent on the building plans of New Hope, if New Hope decides to stay in their current location then the new proposed spot would be by the community center, but if New Hope wants to still build up at the community center then their spot would become vacant. The Cairo Community Foundation has received 4 apps for grants and will do a Facebook Live announcement Saturday, February 13th at 1 pm at The Vault. Missoula Children's Theater will be back this year the week of June 14th. May 6th is the set date for Go Big Give. February 11 there will be a baseball bathroom project meeting at Centura Hills and 7 pm. February 22nd at 7 pm at Centura Hills will be the next Steering Committee meeting, projects being discussed will be pickleball courts and the landscaping at the point of entry sign. Charity has been working on lots of grants for various projects. A couple more interested groups in lots out at the industrial park. The community needs surveys have been coming in and they will close on the 17th, get your surveys turned in. Charity has been working on updating the website, deputy clerk Christy Osburn worked hard on updating business information and talking some pictures to upload to the website. The Foundation Golf tournament will be held on June 12th, it will be a tasting event sponsored by Kinkaid, six different types of beer can be sampled, it is the same day as Corn Stalk, the foundation has been talking about the possibility of running a shuttle to Grand Island if enough interested alumni decide to come back for the events.

Deputy Clerk Osburn shared that the date has been set for Corn Stalk, June 12th, there will be a street dance, rain or shine, hopefully will bring back the tasting event again and the event is just in the beginning of the planning stages. The Gathering Place will be hosting their Sunday dinner on February 21st from 11-1 and they will be serving Meatloaf with all the fixins.

Clerk Jaime Rathman shared with the board that she was contacted by the city of Ravenna's clerk on Friday about a free produce program which was started at the beginning of the pandemic. Ravenna was receiving baskets from Farmers to Families program for families in need during these troubling times, they get 50 baskets every Tuesday and the program has went over so well they have now got enough baskets to extend out to surrounding communities. Cairo will now receive anywhere from 10-50 baskets a week; the baskets vary from week to week; first week is a basket of produce and a gallon of milk, the next week is a basket of produce and a prepared meat item. If you would like more information on the program please call the village office and speak with Christy or Jaime. This week's basket contained: a head of lettuce, a bag of carrots, an onion, two green peppers, a 3 lb bag of potatoes, a bunch of celery, 2 cucumbers, 2 tomatoes, 4 pears, 3 apples, 3 oranges and a gallon of milk. Clerk Rathman also let the board know the theme of the children's theater this year will be Snow Queen and will be the week of June 14th at the community center, she has agreed to help Mandy Schweitzer with this program. She let the board know the abandoned vehicle situation is slowly being taken care of but some are being removed. Clerk Rathman was approached by a company looking to partner with someone in all 50 states about bringing better awareness of skin cancer to the community, this company will dress up statutes in as many communities as they can and have asked to dress up the camel. The board all felt this was a wonderful idea and gave the go ahead, Rathman will reach out to the representative.

Economic Development will now consist of board members Dibbern and J Johnson.

Equipment/Building & Office Improvements will consist of members M Johnson and J Johnson.

Finance/Budget will consist of members Bellamy and J Johnson.

Personnel will consist of members Bellamy and G Sorensen.

Parks/Cemetery/Community Center/Pool will now consist of members J Johnson and Dibbern.

Ordinances/Contracts will now consist of Dibbern and M Johnson.

Water/Sewer will consist of members G Sorensen and Bellamy.

There was a brief discussion on the reviewal of meeting procedures and when to reschedule a monthly meeting and when not to, Clerk Rathman made sure to make note to new board member Dibbern that he could find a copy of the ordinance book in his drawer. The board let him know the most concerned areas of interest.

With there being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm on motion by Dibbern which was seconded by Bellamy. Ayes: J Johnson, G Sorensen, M Johnson, Bellamy and Dibbern. Nays: None.

Gordy Sorensen

Jaime Rathman

Chairperson

Clerk

I do hereby certify that notice of this meeting was published and posted and that the agenda was posted as required by law.

Jaime Rathman

Clerk