

## CAIRO VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, Cairo, Nebraska. On roll call the following members were present G Sorensen, Bellamy, J Johnson, and Dibbern. Absent: M Johnson. It was moved by Bellamy, seconded by J Johnson to approve the agenda as prepared by the clerk. Ayes: J Johnson, Bellamy, Dibbern, and G Sorensen. Nays: None.

Chief Conrad with the Hall County Sheriff's Department was present at the meeting to give the sheriff's report, there were a total of 32.24 hours on patrol time, 4.34 hours on detail time and 2.25 hours with the C.I.D reported. Conrad wanted the board to know that officers would be patrolling the CornStalk event this weekend but the department will be limited due to a town celebration in Doniphan on the same night, Nebraska State Patrol will be helping patrol both events.

Bellamy made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Dibbern. Ayes: Dibbern, G Sorensen, Bellamy, and J Johnson. Nays: None.

Erin Ball with Ball Insurance and Dixie McCord with Pathway Insurance were both present at the meeting to discuss the two insurance policies they offer; one for the Village of Cairo, and the other for the Fire Department. Ball had two separate brochures and walked the board threw each one, answering questions along the way. After her presentation there were a few things, the board decided to look into deeper and will notify Dixie if any changes need to be made.

No representation from Olsson was present at the meeting so an update on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the associated monies will be discussed at July's meeting.

An approval for \$3500 from sales tax to the steering committee for landscaping at the point of entry sign was approved on motion made by J Johnson, seconded by Bellamy. Ayes: G Sorensen, Dibbern, J Johnson, and Bellamy. Nays: None.

A resolution to change the date and time of July's meeting was discussed and decided to keep the meeting at the same date and time as it was originally scheduled.

A few questions were asked about some specific bills from the claims list, the clerk and deputy clerk answered the questions and explained, the claims and payroll were approved on motion made by Dibbern and seconded by J Johnson. Ayes: Bellamy, G Sorensen, J Johnson, and Dibbern. Nays: None. A few questions were asked regarding the treasurer's report, questions were answered; village maintenance worker Steve Oseka shared that old water meters are beginning to be phased out and credit will be given; Bellamy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, J Johnson seconded the motion. All board members voted aye on this agenda item.

A revised copy of the purchase agreement/incentive package for available lots for sale at the industrial park was typed up by the deputy clerk after revisions, such as adding the incentive package into the purchase agreement towards the end, the deputy clerk will make sure Justin Gill, the newest purchaser had an updated copy, were made by village attorney Denise Myers; Dibbern made a motion to approve the revised copy, Bellamy seconded the motion. Ayes: Bellamy, Dibbern, J Johnson, and G Sorensen. Nays: None.

A small discussion about bank accounts and when to transfer out money began and ended with the decision to leave it up to the clerk and deputy clerk to set the amount of what they felt comfortable with, depending on bills coming out each month. No set amount was approved.

The next item on the agenda was to have a discussion about the abandoned trailer house at 704 S High Street as well as the property at 611 Alexandria Street. The board was all in agreeance to first contact Hall County Building Inspector Denise Kozel and see where to go from there. The property at 611 Alexandria has began the process of getting the yard cleaned up and the junked items gone. A letter from concerned residents close to this property was brought to the board's attention as well. Chairman Sorensen would like for the ladies in the office to find out what all consists of forming a landbank committee to help get rid of some of the dilapidated houses in town. Clerk Rathman will work on finding out if any of the neighboring communities have decided to form a landbank committee.

In old business the abandoned vehicles have all been taken care of or are in the process of being removed. A letter will be written to the residents at 201 Suez on removing the junked pickup from their property.

Charity Adams, Community Developer, will find a time to sit down with Economic Development Committee members J Johnson and Dibbern to discuss moving forward with the sale of the land south of the community center to New Hope School. Former board member Scott Sorensen will be hosting an open house at his new business location out at the industrial park in August. The vet's park second wall has been mapped out and the granite should be arriving by the end of June. Charity has been working on a new website page and will be installing the "guts" as time goes by. No updates at this time about the solar panel project. She has written a proposal to a company which does bulk shrubs, this proposal is offered to areas with at least 160 rented acres of agricultural land. Charity will be attending classes with the South Central Economic Development Association the week of June 14<sup>th</sup> and also has a webinar on land development.

Deputy Clerk Osburn updated the board on CornStalk festivities, Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>, Scott Sorensen may reach out to ask for help with the street dance.

Clerk Rathman shared a thank you from Centura school regarding Career Day. A discussion was brought up about some issues with staffing at the pool and hours as well as a few other minor situations, Sorensen and Bellamy will discuss these issues with pool manager Diana Korinek at a later date.

Special reports from the committees were discussed: A. Economic Development Committee: will be meeting in the near future for discussion on moving forward with New Hope. B. Finance/Budget Committee: budget ideas need to be in at next meeting so a work night can be scheduled for the end of July, Sorensen let the budget committee know that a new electrolysis system will need to be put into the budget for the pool, the wire grounding is shot. C. Parks/Cemetery/Community Center/Pool Committee: issues with pool will be addressed soon. D. Personnel Committee: did not have any discussion this month. E. Ordinances/Contracts Committee: some papers were printed on new language for the Hall County Building Department. F. Equipment/Building Improvements Committee: will need to have any items for the budget at next month's meeting. G. Water/Sewer Committee: did not have anything to report at this meeting.

Rathman did remind the board that the children's theater would be taking place next week, auditions begin at 12:30 on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> with performances on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> grade girls ball tournaments will also be held in Cairo at both the north and south fields the last weekend in June, the 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.

With there being no further business to come before the board, on motion by Dibbern, seconded by J Johnson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m. Ayes: Bellamy, G Sorensen, J Johnson, and Dibbern. Nays: None.

*Gordy Sorensen*

*Jaime Rathman*

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Chairperson

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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*

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Clerk