

Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees Minutes

January 4, 2021

The regular meeting of the Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees was held Monday, January 4, 2021 at the Dorchester Community Hall and was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Chairperson Andrea Pracheil advised those present of the Open Meeting Act. Answering Roll Call were board members Matt Scholz, Roger Miller, Sarah Wenz, Kelly Vyhnaek and Chairperson Andrea Pracheil. (All motions carried are unanimous "for" unless otherwise noted) Also in attendance were Gloria Riley, Clerk-Treasurer; Jen Kasl, Deputy Clerk, Marvin Kasl, Utilities Superintendent; Atty. Timothy Kubert, Hoffschneider Law; and Craig Bontrager, Code Compliance. Bret Cerny, Asst. Utilities Superintendent was present via Zoom. Advance Notice of the meeting was posted at the Dorchester US Post Office; First State Bank, NE; Village of Dorchester office and *The Crete News*.

Discussion was held regarding claims and department reports. A breakdown of city sales tax will be sent to the board via email. The snow bucket should be put on the tractor and used to move snow. Hiring Ben's will be on a case-by-case basis. Chlorination will continue indefinitely. Olssons will be meeting with Vrba this week to get sewer plans in place on Whitmar. Salt needs to be spread next storm as some streets have remained icy. Still waiting for a headstone to be set to get a quote. Money can be used from the cemetery fund. Motion made by Scholz, seconded by Miller to accept items #1-#4 on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried (4-0-1). Pracheil abstained.

No Sheriff's Report. No Fire Report. Bontrager reported on code compliance. He has been working on a map of Dorchester and determining nuisance properties. He is working with Atty. Kubert on letters and permit applications.

Unfinished Business: Discussion and consideration of monthly Covid-19 Review. The office is now open to the public. Masks are required. The timeline for the vaccine availability to village staff and board members may be as soon as two weeks. Riley will keep everyone updated as she receives information.

New Business: John McKee, Saline/Jefferson Emergency Management was unable to attend due to a conflict. Consideration and discussion of emergency management update and independent study classes tabled until next meeting.

Motion made by Pracheil, seconded by Miller to enter closed session with the Village Board, Atty. Kubert, code compliance officer Craig Bontrager, Clerk-Treasurer Riley, and Deputy Clerk Kasl for the purpose of discussing strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidence by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body for a period not to exceed 20 minutes. Motion carried at 7:45 pm. Session was opened at 8:03 pm. No formal action was taken during closed session.

Having no further discussion, motion was made by Vyhnaek, seconded by Miller, to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:03 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Hall.

Signed Chairman: Andrea Pracheil

Written by Deputy Clerk: Jennifer Kasl

Accepted by Clerk / Treasurer: Gloria Riley

I, Gloria Riley, Clerk for the Village of Dorchester, hereby certify that the preceding minutes are a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Chairman and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dorchester January 4, 2021. The minutes are available at Village Hall and the shortened version was published in The Crete News.

Clerk / Treasurer: _____