

Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees Minutes March 7, 2022

The regular meeting of the Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees was held Monday, March 7, 2022, at the Dorchester Community Hall and was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Chairperson Pracheil advised those present of the Open Meetings Act. Answering Roll Call were board members Kelly Vyhnaelek, Roger Miller, Eric Bird, Sarah Wenz, and Chairperson Andrea Pracheil. Also in attendance were Jen Kasl, Clerk-Treasurer; Dawn Zoubek, Deputy Clerk; Marvin Kasl, Utilities Superintendent; Chief Brant Pracheil, DVFD and Festival Committee; Matt Smith and Craig Bergmeyer, Festival Committee; Atty. Timothy Kubert, Hoffschneider Law, P.C., LLO; and Carol Schnell. Advance notice of the meeting was posted at the Dorchester US Post Office; First State Bank, NE; Village of Dorchester office and in *The Crete News*.

Noted by Miller that everyone should read the safety article in this month's Nebraska Municipal Review. Motion by Miller, seconded by Vyhnaelek, to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-#4. Motion carried. Deputy Osborn gave the sheriff's report. Kids have been seen jumping from the park restroom roof onto the basketball court fence. New "No Trespassing" signs will be ordered, and parents will be contacted. Fire/Rescue Report given. The recognition banquet held on March 5th was a success, and the drive-thru meal will be on April 2nd. Code Compliance report in packet. We need clarification on anchors required for sheds. There have been some discrepancies.

Unfinished Business: Consideration and discussion of the parking lot lease was held. Farmers Cooperative will submit the legal description which will be attached to the lease as an exhibit. Motion made by Wenz, seconded by Bird to approve the verbiage of the lease, with the additional exhibit to follow. Motion carried.

Consideration and discussion of the Zito franchise agreement was held. A \$10 per pole proposal will be submitted to Zito in lieu of the 5% franchise fee.

Discussion was held on the revisions made to the employee handbook. Tabled until next meeting. Board would like more time to review and possibly a second workshop to take place.

Carol Schnell addressed some concerns to the board about various spots in town in need of road repairs, as well as a couple of lighting issues. Clerk Kasl will contact the appropriate agencies to see about repairs.

New Business: The Festival Committee requested funds for this year's fireworks show of \$7,500, which is the same as last year. They will also have the tractor pull, kids' games in the park, and the show & shine. Motion by Vyhnaelek, seconded by Miller to approve an \$8,000 donation to be paid from keno funds. Motion carried.

Consideration and discussion of sample nuisance building codes was held. Atty. Kubert will draft an ordinance to be approved at the April meeting.

Discussion was held on the dump re-opening and a spring community clean-up. Dump will re-open beginning in April, weather permitting. Motion by Wenz, seconded by Bird for the Community Clean-up to be held beginning April 23rd through at least May 1st, with the possibility of mid-May. Motion carried. Clerk Kasl will verify dates with Waste Connections.

There is a conflict with the board meeting scheduled for May. Motion by Miller, seconded by Vyhnaelek to move the meeting to Wednesday, May 4th. Motion carried.


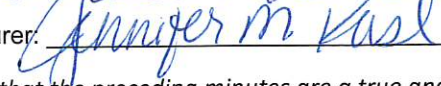
Consideration and Discussion of Ordinance 2022-02 to Establish Employee Wage Range. Board directed Atty. Kubert to make changes and draft a new Ordinance to be approved in April.

Motion by Bird, seconded by Vyhnaelek to enter closed session for the evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such a person has not requested a public meeting for a period not to exceed 15 minutes. Motion carried. Entered closed session at 8:11

p.m. Meeting re-opened at 8:14 p.m. No formal action was taken in closed session. Motion by Pracheil, seconded by Wenz to approve a wage adjustment for the Utility Superintendent of \$25/hr. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Assistant Utility Superintendent Vacancy. Motion by Miller, seconded by Wenz to hire Trent Roesler at \$18/hr plus a \$.50 increase after each certification for water/wastewater completed. Motion carried. Chairperson Pracheil called Roesler and he accepted. He will be in contact with Clerk Kasl to complete paperwork prior to starting.

Motion made by Miller, seconded by Bird, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on April 4, 2022, at 7 p.m. at the Community Building.

Signed Chairman: 
Clerk - Treasurer: 

I, Jennifer Kasl, 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 March 7, 2022. The minutes are available at Village Hall and the shortened version was published in The Crete News.

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