

Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees Minutes May 10, 2021

The regular meeting of the Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees was held Monday, May 10, 2021 at the Dorchester Community Hall and was called to order at 7:09 p.m. Chairperson Andrea Pracheil advised those present of the Open Meetings Act. Answering Roll Call were board members Matt Scholz, Roger Miller, Kelly Vyhnalek, Sarah Wenz, and Chairperson Andrea Pracheil. Also in attendance were Gloria Riley, Clerk-Treasurer; Jen Kasl, Deputy Clerk; Atty. Timothy Kubert, Hoffschneider Law, P.C., LLO; Justin Stark, Olsson; Shay Smith, Kalkwarf & Smith Law Offices, LLC; Matt Smith, July 4th Festival Committee; Deputy Tyson Osborn, Saline County Sheriff's Department; and Hub Danielson. 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 in *The Crete News*.

Motion made by Miller, seconded by Pracheil to approve Consent Agenda Items #1 - #3 and pull #4. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding department reports. Motion made by Miller, seconded by Vyhnalek to accept item #4 on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report: They have no issues to report. We are having problems with people not stopping or rolling through the 4-way stop on Seventh Street. Village staff will forward dog complaint reports over to Deputy Osborn. If kids continue to climb on top of the restrooms after parents are notified, let them know, and they will go speak to parents. We will discuss progress of kids on bathroom at the June meeting.

Fire Report: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: Discussion and consideration of monthly Covid-19 Review. Motion made by Scholz, seconded by Wenz to make masks optional at the Village Office. Motion carried. Park and ballfield bathrooms are open. Splash Pad is ready to go effective today.

Discussion was held on Village Rental Agreements. The landscaping contract is ready for board approval and then will be given to Dave Parks. Motion made by Scholz, seconded by Miller to approve the contract for Dave Parks to maintain the archery property as needed for a period of one year. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-05 to set or modify Dorchester's Sewer Rates was reviewed. Motion made by Miller, seconded by Scholz to approve Resolution 2021-05. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05

SEWER RATE RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER, NEBRASKA, TO SET OR MODIFY DORCHESTER MUNICIPAL SEWER RATES UNDER DORCHESTER MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 0.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Chapter 3, Article 0 of the Revised Municipal Code of the Village of Dorchester, Nebraska, allows for the Village Board of the Village of Dorchester to set by resolution the monthly rate for sewer usage by utility customers. The Village Board sets the

sewer rate as follows:

- Residential and Commercial:
 - o \$20 per month service charge plus \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof of usage.

Andrea Pracheil, Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

Gloria J. Riley, Village Clerk

(SEAL)

Consideration and discussion of Board concerns relating to Commercial Businesses on Residential Properties – Permitted Use, Conditional Use Permits. Board will forward their recommendations of conditional uses that they feel should be allowable in R-1 and R-2 zones with the proper permits to Board Chairperson Pracheil. She will cross-reference the lists and forward to Atty Kubert.

Consideration and discussion of Summer Help Applications. Motion made by Miller, seconded by Vyhnalek to hire Collyn Brummett at the rate of \$10/hr. Motion carried. Cerny will talk to Collyn to see if he can start on May 11, 2021.

New Business: Hub Danielson spoke on a proposed plan to have MWA Pro Wrestling during the July 4th festivities. After much discussion, the board advised that a written plan be presented for consideration for an event to be held in the fall.

Shay Smith of Kalkwarf & Smith Law presented the Bruha Addition Administrative Plat for consideration. Motion made by Scholz, seconded by Wenz to approve the Administrative Re-Plat of the Bruha Addition. Motion carried (4-0. Pracheil abstained)

Consideration and discussion for NeRWA Annual Donation. Motion made by Wenz, seconded by Vyhnalek to increase donation amount from \$500 to \$750. Motion carried.

Consideration and discussion of the Fee Schedule. Deputy Clerk Kasl will update the list with the requested changes and forward to Atty Kubert for draft of a resolution setting the new fees.

Discussion was held on cemetery mowing options. We are waiting on a quote from Steve's Lawncare. Matt will contact Clean Cut out of Wilber. Tabled until next meeting.

Discussion was held on the Code Compliance Report and the Code Compliance Six-Month Contract was reviewed. Atty Kubert will draft another six-month contract to be effective May 2021-December 2021 which will be signed at the June meeting. Regarding #8 on the code compliance report, Atty Kubert will declare as a "nuisance property" so we may proceed with the next steps.

There have been four reports made in the last seven months of the same dog causing issues around town. Per recommendation from Deputy Osborn, the reports will be forwarded to him to review, so that a "dangerous dog" declaration can be made, and further action may be taken. If there are further incidents, the dog will be removed.

Consideration and discussion for Bid Award of Dorchester Infrastructure Improvements – 5kV Coop Feeder. Clerk-Treasurer Riley will check on the line of credit at the bank and with Piper Sandler on the bond status. Motion made by Miller, seconded by Scholz to approve the bid submitted by IES Commercial, Inc. Motion carried. Justin Stark will see to it that a notice to award and a notice to proceed is issued this week.

Justin Stark presented possible options for use of American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funds. Motion made by Miller, seconded by Scholz to use ARP funds to pay for a water system study, and lift station rehab and abandoned wastewater treatment facility demo, based on work orders from Olsson contingent upon the availability and disbursement of ARP funds. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Washington Street Resurfacing/Milling. Motion made by Miller, seconded by Scholz, to approve the Olsson work order for Street Improvements Preliminary Design and Cost Estimate using proceeds from the city sales and use tax. Motion carried (4-0. Wenz abstained)

Having no further discussion, motion was made by Scholz, seconded by Miller, to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:13 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Hall.

Signed Chairman: Andrea Schaefer
Written by Deputy Clerk: Jennifer Kust
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 May 10, 2021. The minutes are available at Village Hall and the shortened version was published in The Crete News.

Clerk / Treasurer: Gloria Riley