

## Special Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2024, at 5:30 PM @ Panther Activity Center (PAC)

630 Orchard Street Lodgepole, NE 69149

Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting at the Village Office (PAC), Lodgepole Post Office, the Nancy Fawcett Memorial Library, and the Village website.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present: RJ Savely, Chair; Trustees Mark Bartling, Brenda Parsons, Jerry Ostdiek, Village attorney (by phone); Tanya Engel, Clerk/Treasurer; Steve Bell Utilities/Maintenance Supervisor. Absent: Trustees Gwen Devie, Al Runge

Chair informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act and the Board's right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary for any item on the agenda per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes.

No community members provided comments.

Parsons moved to approve the agenda. Bartling seconded. Yes: Savely, Bartling, Parsons. No: none. Absent: Runge, Devie. Motion carried.

Parsons moved to accept the resignations of Gwen Devie and Al Runge. Yes: Savely, Bartling, Parsons. No: none. Absent: Runge, Devie. Motion carried.

The clerk provided a copy of the notice of vacancies to be posted on August 13, 2024.

Utilities supervisor informed the Board that the diesel storage tank needs to be tested every three years and it is time for testing. The testing will cost approximately \$500-\$1000. The state inspector gave the Village until September 9, 2024, to have the tank tested and to have a certified person in place. To become certified, Bell will attend a day-long online class. Cost of class is \$150. Removing the tank would be \$40,000 and would need to be followed by 3-5 years of ground water testing. Bartling moved to have the tank tested and the training completed. Parsons seconded. Yes: Savely, Bartling, Parsons. No: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed getting assistance with the FY2022-23 audit. Clerk discussed conversations with Julie Peetz, Rauner & Associates, that should provide a path forward. Clerk also described software issues with the accounting program. Parsons reminded the board of the 9/30/24 budget deadline and the 11/1/24 audit deadline. The board asked the clerk to keep them apprised.

Parsons moved to approve the consent agenda. Bartling seconded. Yes: Savely, Bartling, Parsons. No: none. Motion carried.

No chair comments. Parsons asked about setting a date with Julie Peetz for the budget hearing; asked for the water tower to be added the September agenda; and wished the former board members were still a part of the board.

Next regular board meeting, Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the PAC

Meeting adjourned 5:50 p.m.

Submitted August 14, 2024

Tanya Engel

Clerk/Treasurer