

Village of Lodgepole  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2024 5:30 PM @ Panther Activity Center (PAC)  
630 Orchard St., Lodgepole NE 69249

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, Gwen Devie, Vice-chair, Mark Bartling, Brenda Parsons, Jerry Ostdiek, Village attorney, Tanya Engel, Clerk/Treasurer, Ethan Kraus, Utilities Maintenance Supervisor. Absent: Samuel Charamie.

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.

**Chair opened the floor for community comments.** Alan Runge, Lodgepole, commented on the rumors he's heard in the Village; stated the financial condition of the Village when he left the Village Board in 2018; questioned the financial burden of the Village owning the PAC and acknowledged it holds sentimental value; provided a printed list of questions to the Board; concerned about a lack of budget; and asked if the Village is truly broke. Tom Nelson, Sidney, was concerned about the condition of McCall Street and the ability to move grain from his Lodgepole farm to the grain elevator at harvest time. Offered to help in any way he can. Mary Jo Klinetobe, Lodgepole, discussed her concern about the road erosion and the safety at the intersection of Persinger and Orchard. David Finely, Lodgepole, concerned about loose and tight wires and loose transformer. Cindy Bondegard, Lodgepole, asked where is the Village's money, did the clerk/treasurers know there was a problem, were the clerk/treasurers cross-training, would like to see salaries published in the paper by department like Big Springs does, wondered how many people are paid employees and are they insured, concerned that the maintenance supervisor did not have a CDL because then the trash truck could be run by one person, asked who paid to have the Christmas lights removed, asked if all the funds go into the general fund, asked if the community was asked about the 5:30 board meeting start time, asked if the office hours serve the community, spoke on the noon whistle survey, asked why there is a glass partition in the Village office at the service window, concerned about the consistency of trash pickup, asked who is calling the shots, asked if Village vehicles could be parked somewhere other than by the Museum, state that if her questions were published, then the responses should also be published. She provided a list of her questions to Devie upon Devie's request. Dana Hill, Lodgepole, commented on an idea of a plan for the old water tower: suggested holding fundraisers to pay for painting, said her research shows painting should last 10-15 years, wants the Village to vote on the demolition of the water tower, wanted to know why trash that was blown over couldn't be picked up during the trash collection run. Susan Omen, Lodgepole, asked for clarification on past due utility bills, are they being taken care of, and what is the policy on past due utility bills.

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

**Devie moved to accept Cheramie's resignation** from the Village Board. Bartling seconded. Yes: Savely, Devie, Bartling, Parsons. No: none. Motion carried. The opening will be posted in three locations, the Sidney Sun-Telegraph, and placed on the June agenda.

**Mike Trbovich, Miller & Associates, provided an update on the plan for the water tank demolition.** Plans were submitted to the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) and are still in review. The USDA has approved the plans. Once NDEE approves the plans, contractors can be located. Savely asked for clarification on deactivation and reactivation. Deactivation would be cutting and capping the line. It could be reactivated. Deactivation needs to happen prior to demotion. Devie asked Ostdiek to research a public vote for keeping the old water tower.

**Jeff Parsons and Susan Mitchell, Lodgepole Planning and Zoning Commission, provided an update on proposed zoning changes in Lodgepole.** They stated they wanted to update the current zoning so that it matches how properties are currently being used. Parsons stated that the proposed zoning changes will not impact the Village's property taxes as properties are taxed based on use not zoning. Ostdiek outlined the process the Commission needs to take: they need to hold a public hearing about the changes, make a recommendation to the Board, the Board then holds a public hearing, and then makes the final decision.

**Clerk/Treasurer provided the third and final reading of Ordinance #269,** the establishment of a recreational vehicle parks zone ordinance. Devie motioned to approve Ordinance #269. Bartling seconded. Yes: Savely, Devie, Bartling, Parsons. No: none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 269

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODGEPOLE, NEBRASKA TO ESTABLISH A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS ZONE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE MADE A PART OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODGEPOLE, AND THAT THE SECTIONS MAY BE RENUMBERED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AFTER PASSAGE, PUBLICATION, POSTING, AND PROCLAMATION AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LODGEPOLE, NEBRASKA.

Section 1. That Section 13 of the Comprehensive Zoning Code of the Village of Lodgepole is hereby amended to add Section 13.04 as follows:

Section 13.04. RECREATION VEHICLE PARKS.

Section 13 Mobile Home Park and Recreational Vehicle Park Regulation

13.04 – Recreational Vehicle Parks

- A. Recreational Vehicle Parks shall be allowed within the zoning jurisdictions of “R-3” Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Agricultural Districts of the Village of Lodgepole upon a Conditional Use Permit being approved and issued by the Village and the Park being constructed in conformance with the following requirements:
1. The tract to be used as a recreational vehicle park or campground shall not be less than one (1) acre in area. Under no circumstances shall a manufactured home be parked in a recreational vehicle park or campground. Recreational Vehicle Parks shall be excluded from R1, R2 and R4 Residential Districts.
  2. The maximum number of recreational vehicles, trailers, or camp sites shall be 15 per acre.
  3. Each recreational vehicle, trailer, camp site shall be plainly marked.
  4. The minimum dimensions of a recreational vehicle, trailer or camp site shall be 30 feet wide by 60 feet long.
  5. Each recreational vehicle, trailer, camp site shall be separated from other recreational vehicles, trailers or camp sites by at least 15 feet.
  6. A detailed site plan, displaying specific location for major site structures, open spaces, parking facilities, and roads must be submitted.
  7. All recreational vehicle, trailer, camp sites shall meet the required setbacks from roads and from the ordinary high-water mark.
    - i. Interior Lot Lines 50 feet
    - ii. Front Yard Setbacks 25 feet
    - iii. The exterior lot line setbacks shall be maintained in open space; except those landscapes for the purpose of screening the park from visual views from adjacent residential properties.
    - iv. Screening at least six feet in height shall be provided between the recreational vehicle park or campground and any adjoining residential areas.
  8. The number and location of access drives shall be controlled for traffic safety and protection of surrounding properties provided:
    - i. No one space shall be designated for direct access to a county road or highway outside the boundaries of the recreational vehicle park or campground;
    - ii. All interior access drives shall be at least 20 feet in width;
    - iii. All interior access drives and parking areas shall be surfaced with gravel, asphalt or other material to free the site of mud; and
    - iv. Roads must be designed with safety in mind, to eliminate bottlenecks; with a preference of looped design.
  9. There shall be two off-street parking spaces per each individual recreational vehicle, trailer, camp site.
  10. Each pad location shall be equipped with the following:
    - i. A sanitary sewer connection per Nebraska DEQ requirements.
    - ii. A potable water connection per Nebraska HHS requirements.
    - iii. If pad sites are not supplied with individual sanitary sewer and water connections, then a "community building" shall be constructed to the following requirements;
      - a. Pads shall not be located more than 300 feet from the "community building".

- b. Separate toilet, lavatory, and shower facilities for each sex in the following ration: one flush-type toilet, one lavatory, and one shower or bathtub for females and one flush-type toilet, one lavatory, and one shower or bathtub for males.
  - c. The previous toilet sanitary standards shall be for every 30 pad sites.
  - d. Have an accessible, adequate, safe, and potable supply of cold water.
  - e. Comply with all Nebraska Building, Electrical, and life safety codes.
  - f. Be maintained in a clean, sanitary condition and kept free of any condition that is considered a health hazard.
11. Other criteria that shall be met include:
- i. No more than one wheeled recreational vehicle or trailer shall be allowed on any individual pad site. In addition to these units, tents may be erected to serve as auxiliary Shelter.
  - ii. These parks are considered as a seasonal business and site and individual recreational vehicles or trailers considered seasonal dwelling and shall not be occupied for more than 5 consecutive months within a 12-month period. One month is equivalent to 14 days or more.
  - iii. Wheels and tires shall remain in the in-transit position.
  - iv. No porches, lean-tos, or additions shall be constructed onto any of these recreational dwellings. Canvas Screen rooms or awning shall be allowed.
  - v. A Shelter unit may be located on an individual pad site provided it is designed only to protect occupants from the elements and does not have a permanent water supply, a sewage system, electricity or heating and cooling facilities.
  - vi. Each site may have a permanent fire pit with metal or block, limiting ring for a 3-foot flame.
12. No parking allowed on internal roadways.
13. Provide at least one dumpster for proper trash disposal. A garbage and refuse shall be collected, stored, and disposed of in a manner that will not create a nuisance, provide a breeding place for flies, or harborage for rodents. All containers for garbage and refuse shall be water-tight, having tightfitting covers and shall be fly and rodent proof. Garbage Containers shall be kept clean.
14. Distribute campground rules and site plan to all occupant(s).
15. These requirements may only be modified upon an applicant's written showing of good cause with approval of the Planning Commission and the Village Board. The applicant must submit complete plans of the proposed project.

Section 2: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall be effective after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

**Clerk/Treasurer provided third and final reading of ordinance #270**, an ordinance to amend and harmonize the Village code regarding Village Board organization. Parsons moved to approve Ordinance #270. Devie seconded. Yes: Savely, Devie, Bartling, Parsons. No: none. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 270

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF LODGEPOLE, NEBRASKA TO AMEND AND HARMONIZE THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING VILLAGE BOARD ORGANIZATION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE MADE A PART OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF

LODGEPOLE, AND THAT THE SECTIONS MAY BE RENUMBERED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND THAT THAT ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AFTER PASSAGE, PUBLICATION, POSTING, AND PROCLAMATION AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LODGEPOLE, NEBRASKA.

Section 1. That Chapter 1, Article 1, §1-101, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§1-101. VILLAGE BOARD CHAIRMAN: SELECTION AND DUTIES.

The Village Board Chairman shall be selected at the December Board meeting in each year by the Village Board from their own membership. The Village Board Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Village Board. In the absence of the Village Board Chairman, the Village Board shall elect one of their own body to occupy the place temporarily who shall hold the title of Chairman pro tempore of the Village Board. The Chairman and Chairman pro tempore shall have the same powers and privileges as other members of the Board. The Chairman shall cause the ordinances of the Board to be printed and published for the information of the inhabitants. The Village Chairman shall also perform all duties of his office in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska, and the ordinances of the Village. The qualifications for the Village Board Chairman shall be the same general qualifications that apply the Village Board members. (Ref. 17-202 through 12-210 RS Neb.)

Section 2: That Chapter 1, Article 1, §1-102, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§1-102. VILLAGE BOARD; ORGANIZATION.

The Board of Trustees shall consist of five (5) members. Any person who is a citizen of the United States, a resident of the Municipality at the time of his election, and a registered voter may be eligible to be elected to the Board of Trustees. Every Trustee so elected and so qualified shall hold his office for the term of four (4) years; Provided, a Trustee's term shall expire, and the office will become vacant upon a change of residence from the Municipality. The Board of Trustees shall, before entering upon the duties of their office, take an oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Nebraska and faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their office. The Board of Trustees shall qualify and meet on the December Board meeting, organize, and appoint the Municipal officers required by law. (Ref. 17-202 through 17-204 RS Neb.)

Section 3: That Chapter 1, Article 5, §1-513 is hereby repealed.

Section 4: That Chapter 2, Article 2, §2-202, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§2-202. BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Governing Body shall appoint the Board of Health at the first regular meeting of the Village Board in January which shall consist of three (3) members who are residents of the Municipality. The Board members shall include the Village Chairman, who shall serve as chairman; the Village Marshal, who shall be the secretary and quarantine officer; and one other member. The third (3rd) member shall be a physician when a physician is residing permanently in the Municipality. The members of the Board shall serve a one (1) year term of office, unless reappointed, and shall reorganize at the first (1st) meeting in June of each year. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the full and correct minutes and records of all meetings and to file the same with the Municipal Clerk where they shall be available for public inspection at any reasonable time. The Board shall be funded by the Governing Body from time to time from the General Fund. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of doing business. The Board shall meet at such times as the Governing Body may designate. Special meetings may be held upon the call of the chairman, or any two (2) members of the Board. It shall be the duty of the Board to enact rules and regulations which shall have the full force and effect of the law, to safeguard the health of the residents of the Municipality. The Board shall enforce the rules and regulations and provide fines and punishments for any violations thereof. It may regulate, suppress, and prevent the occurrence of nuisances and shall actively enforce all laws of the State of Nebraska and ordinances of the Municipality relating to matters of sanitation which affect the health and safety of the people. The Board shall regularly inspect such premises and businesses as the Governing Body may direct. All actions of the Board shall be subject to the review and supervision of the Governing Body. The Board shall be responsible for making such reports and performing such other duties as the Governing Body may designate. No member of the Board of Health shall hold more than one (1) Board of Health position. (Ref. 17-208 RS Neb.)

Section 5: That Chapter 2, Article 2, §2-203, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§2-203. CEMETERY BOARD.

The Governing Body shall appoint the Cemetery Board at the first regular meeting of the Village Board in January which shall consist of six (6) members from among the citizens at large from Cheyenne County and who shall serve without compensation for a term of three (3) years. Two (2) members shall be appointed each year and may be required in the discretion of the Governing Body, to give a bond in a sum set by resolution of the Governing Body, and conditioned upon the faithful performance of their duties. At the first (1st) meeting in June of each year, the Board shall organize by selecting from its membership a chairman and secretary. The secretary shall keep the full and correct minutes and records of all meetings and file the same with the Municipal Clerk where they shall be available for public inspection at any reasonable time. A majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of doing business. The Board shall meet at such times as the Governing Body may designate. Special meetings may be held upon the call of the chairman or any three (3) members of the Board. The Board shall have the general care, management, and supervision of the Municipal Cemetery with the power and authority to limit and regulate the number of cemetery lots that may be owned by the same person; to prescribe rules for enclosing, adorning, and erecting monuments and tombstones on cemetery lots; and to prohibit any diverse or improper use thereof; Provided, no religious tests shall be made as to the ownership of lots, the burial therein, and the ornamentation of graves. The Board shall pass rules and regulations for the proper use of the Cemetery and prescribe penalties and fines for violations thereof. The Board shall use all revenue received from the sale of lots, gifts, or by devise for the

care, management and administration of the Cemetery. All actions of the Board shall be subject to the review and supervision of the Governing Body and it shall be responsible for making such reports and performing such additional duties as the Governing Body may designate. No member of the Governing Body shall serve as a member of the Board while serving a term of office as a member of the Governing Body. No member of the Cemetery Board shall hold more than one (1) Cemetery Board officer (Ref. 12-401 thru 12-403 RS Neb.)

Section 6: That Chapter 2, Article 2, §2-204, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§2-204. PLANNING COMMISSION.

The Village of Lodgepole shall be authorized make, adopt, amend, extend, and carry out a Municipal plan as authorized by law.

A Commission to be known as the Village Planning Commission is hereby created which shall consist of five (5) members who shall represent insofar as is feasible different professions, interests or occupations in the Village and who shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees by and with the approval of a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Village Board of Trustees at the first regular meeting of the Village Board in January.

All members of the Village Planning Commission shall serve as such without compensation and shall hold no other Municipal office.

The term of each member of the Village Planning Commission shall be three (3) years, except that two (2) members of the first Commission shall be appointed to serve for the term of one (1) year, one (1) to serve for the term of two (2) years, and two (2) to serve for the term of three (3) years. All members shall hold office until their successors are appointed. All members may, after a public hearing before the Village Board of Trustees, be removed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, by and with the consent of a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Board for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office or other good and sufficient causes. Vacancies of the Commission occurring other than through the expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Village Planning Commission shall elect its Chairman from its members and create and fill such other of its offices as it may determine. The term of the Chairman shall be one (1) year and he shall be eligible for re-election. The Commission shall hold at least one (1) regular meeting in each month. It shall adopt rules for the transaction of business and shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, finding and determinations, which record shall be a public record.

The Village Board of Trustees may provide the funds, equipment and accommodations necessary for the work of the Commission, but the expenditures of the Commission, exclusive of gifts, shall be within the amounts appropriated for the purpose by the Village Board of Trustees and no expenditures, nor agreements for expenditures shall be valid or legal in excess of that amount. Provided, however, that such Commission shall have the authority and the power to accept and receive donations of cash, of property, gifts, bequests and grants and, with the approval of the Board, may use such nonappropriated assets as the Commission shall deem beneficial and advantageous to the Village of Lodgepole.

It shall be the function and duty of the Commission to make and adopt plans for the physical development of the Municipality, including any areas outside of its boundaries but within its statute authority which, in the Commission's judgment, bear relation to the planning of the Municipality.

The Commission, from time to time, shall recommend to the appropriate public officials programs for public structures and improvements and for the financing thereof. It shall be the function and duty of the Commission, to further consult and advise with public officials and agencies, civic organizations, public utility companies, educational, professional and other organizations and with citizens with relation to the promulgation and carrying out of the plan. The Commission shall have the power to delegate authority to any of the above named groups to conduct studies and make surveys for said Commission if it deems expedient.

The Chairman of the Commission shall have the power to administer an oath to any person concerning any matter submitted to the Commission, or coming within the powers and duties of the Commission. The Commission may further issue process to compel the attendance of persons before it and shall have the power to subpoena books, records, and papers if necessary, which process shall be served the same as process issued out of the Village Police Court. (Ord. No. 59, 10/2/78)

Section 7: That Chapter 2, Article 2, §2-205, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§2-205. COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT BOARD.**

There is hereby created and established a Community Improvement Board for the Village of Lodgepole, Nebraska, which shall consist of a minimum of five members, citizens, and residents of the Village of Lodgepole who shall be appointed by the Chairman with the approval of the Village Council at the first regular meeting of the Village Board in January.

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation.

At the time of initial formation and at the time of the Board's first meeting in February of each year, the Board shall organize by selecting from their members, a Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the full and correct minutes and records of all meetings and to file the same with the Municipal Clerk where they shall be available for public inspection at any reasonable time. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an accurate account of all disbursements and all receipts, and to submit a financial report to the Municipal Clerk on a quarterly basis, which shall be available for inspection at any reasonable time.

A majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Community Improvement Board for the Village of Lodgepole shall meet at times as the governing body or the Committee Chairperson may designate. Special meetings may be held upon the call of the Chairperson of the Community Improvement Board, or by any three members of the Community Improvement Board.

The Community Improvement Board for the Village of Lodgepole seeks and encourages public involvement. Any person attending a Community Improvement Board meeting has the right to be heard on the matters, subject to reasonable time limits as set by the Board.

It shall be the duty of the Community Improvement Board for the Village of Lodgepole to assist the Board of Trustees with economic development, cultural improvement, recreational projects, and beautification projects for the Village of Lodgepole. All projects or activities that involve village owned property shall be approved by the governing body prior to beginning the project or activity. All actions of the Community Improvement Board for the Village of Lodgepole shall be subject to the review and supervision of the governing body. The Community Improvement Board



for the Village of Lodgepole shall be responsible for making quarterly reports to the governing body and performing additional duties as the governing body may designate from time to time.

No member of the governing body may serve as a member of the Community Improvement Board for the Village of Lodgepole while serving a term of office as a member of the governing body. No member of the Community Improvement Board for the Village of Lodgepole shall serve in more than one capacity as Chairperson, Secretary, or Treasurer of the Community Improvement Board for the Village of Lodgepole. The Board may appoint subcommittees, which members may be volunteers, when the need arises.

As a part of Community Improvement Board, this board will oversee tree resource needs for the Village, therefore be it known that the Community Improvement Board shall also act as the Village Tree Board. It shall be the responsibility of the Board to study, investigate and develop a written plan for the care, preservation, trimming, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in public ways, streets and alleys. Such plan shall be presented to the Village Council and upon their acceptance and approval shall constitute the official comprehensive village tree plan for the Village of Lodgepole, Nebraska. The Board shall review annually and update if needed the comprehensive village tree plan. The Board shall prepare and present an annual work plan to the Village Council for their acceptance and approval. The Board when requested by the Village Council, shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and recommend upon any special matter or question coming within the scope of its work.

Section 8: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 9: This Ordinance shall be effective after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

**Bartling provided an overview of Nate Fox's suggestions on how to decrease the Village's insurance costs by increasing or modifying the deductibles.** Devie asked if the Village was insuring items that did not need to be insured and if the insurance of contents should be consolidated and asked for clarification regarding the cemetery buildings' valuations. The Clerk/Treasurer asked to invite Nate Fox to the June meeting.

**A discussion regarding the Village's financial status followed.** Devie gave a brief update on the audit preparations. FY2021-22 needs on more entry and then a review by Julie Peetz, Village accountant. Devie and the Clerk are meeting to finalize the 2022-23 entries. The Clerk provided a list of current fees and a list of ideas for revised and additional fees. The board discussed the possibility of holding a separate meeting to discuss fees. No action was taken. The fee schedule was tabled. A table of operational costs of each building (not including electricity) was provided to the Board by the Clerk. No action was taken. The possibility of changing sanitation fees was discussed. No action was taken. Snell Services estimated \$20,000-\$25,000 to repair the PAC's boiler; the leaky pipe discovered during TriHydro's environmental study and capped by Kraus was discussed; Bartling continuing to research the cost off heat strips in some of the rooms in the PAC; no action taken.

**Ostdiek explained the Vacant Property Registration Act** as a method the state has created for a municipality to clean up vacant and abandoned properties whereby property owners must register their vacant properties and provide a clean-up plan. The Village would need an ordinance to begin using this method. A spreadsheet to track properties and the step taken was suggested. Ostdiek to provide an ordinance for reading at the June 4, 2024, meeting.

**Devie motion to accept Bill Taylor's resignation as a Village employee.** Parsons seconded. Yes: Devie, Parsons. No: Bartling, Savely. Motion failed. Ostdiek said based on resignation Taylor no longer an employee but could volunteer. Would need to complete a volunteer form.

**Kraus said he and Preston Richards are mowing** as they are available and said he would develop a plan.

**The Key Dates list was discussed.** Clerk asked Board to continue sending dates as they become aware of them. Clerk to keep document updated.

**Ostdiek discussed his willingness to participate in meetings remotely** when it becomes appropriate. He and the Board agreed that in-person participation best for now. He offered to change from charging half his hourly rate to simply charging for mileage.

**Kraus provided the board with a written maintenance update.** A discussion regarding the boiler shut-off followed. Devie asked if keeping the boiler shut off for long periods of time bad for the boiler and pipes. Bartling and Kraus thought possibly. Also discussed was the Snell Services estimate of \$20,000-\$25,000 to repair the PAC's boiler and the leaky pipe discovered during TriHydro's environmental study and capped by Kraus. Bartling continuing to research the cost off heat strips in some of the rooms in the PAC. Kraus to coordinate the painting of the new water tower with the Village name before the contract expires.

**Engel provided the board with a written Clerk/Treasurer update.** Action items included posting audio recording of Board meetings online with the understanding that using a free DropBox as the storage site means likely only one or two most recent meetings would be available and turning off comments on the Village's Facebook page.

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

ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES, C39 CI22 217, 811.17; AFLAC, INSURANCE, 86.32; AMAZON, OFFICE SUPPLIES, 78.51; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, UTILITIES, 1,058.65; CHAPPELL LUMBER, SUPPLIES, 51.47; CHEYENNE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT, ADMIN SVS FOR 1 & 6, 1,035.00; CITY OF SIDNEY, LANDFILL, 707.40; DEARBORN LIFE, FD LIFE INSURANCE, 82.56; DOUGLAS KELLY OSTDIEK ET AL, LEGAL FEES, 1,797.60; ETHAN KRAUS, CONFERENCE TRAVEL 1/23-25/24, 339.69; FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP, FUEL TRUCK, TRASH TRUCK, 445.37; HAMILTON BOOK, LIBRARY BOOKS, 25.16; HIGHLINE, OFFICE PHONE/INTERNET, 401.84; HOMETOWN LEASING, PRINTER/COPIER LEASE, 166.28; IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM, RUGS, 165.49; NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH, WATER SAMPLES, 72.00; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER, POWER & TRANSMISSION, 9,088.38; NEBRASKA RURAL WATER, MEMBERSHIP FEE, 200.00; NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, METER + RELATED SUPPLIES, 1,676.72; PREMIER AUTO PARTS, STARTER, LUBE, MOTOR OIL, 30.43; RON'S CHAPPELL AUTO REPAIR, 2003 CHEVY TRUCK REPAIRS, 1,612.82; SIDNEY SUN-TELEGRAPH, INC, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, 446.24; THE CHAPPELL REGISTER, PUZZLE TOURNAMENT ADVERTISING, 36.42; TODD'S WELDING, DIAGNOSE P/U, TOW TO CHAPPELL, 160.00;

USPS, WATER SAMPLES POSTAGE, 33.40; USPS, POSTAGE STAMPS, 204.00; UTILITY SERVICE CO INC, 30,000 ELEVATED TANK QTRLY, 2,884.92; WAPA, ELECTRICITY, 748.22; WHEAT BELT PUBLIC POWER, WHEELING, 3,171.12; WHEAT BELT PUBLIC POWER, WELL, 501.10; WILKINS ROD & STACY, AMENDT CUSTOM BUILDING, 1,155.00; PAYROLL, 9,413.48. TOTAL 38,686.76.

**Parsons moved to move into Executive session** for the purpose of a performance review for the utilities maintenance superintendent. Bartling seconded. Yes: Savely, Devie, Bartling, Parsons. No: none. Motion carried. Executive session entered at 8:10 p.m. Executive session concluded at 9:06 p.m.

**Devie moved to remove Ethan Kraus from the utilities maintenance superintendent position** effective May 7, 2024. Parsons seconded. Yes: Devie, Bartling, Parsons. No: none. Abstain: Savely. Motion carried.

**Chair comments:** Clerk directed to begin advertising the maintenance position. Volunteers welcome to help with Village tasks.

Next regular board meeting, Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the PAC.

Savely adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Submitted May 9, 2024, by Tanya Engel, Clerk/Treasurer.