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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF LODGEPOLE BOARD
OCTOBER 18, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM. Those answering roll call were RJ Savely, Mark Bartling, Christina Neit. Absent was Eric Dana.

Chair informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act by the door. The Board reserves the right to enter into closed session if deemed necessary for any item on the agenda per Section 84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes commonly known as the Open Meetings Act.

Our highway allocation for May through October in the amount of \$ 35,648.11 will be deposited in two days.

Floor open to community comments for anything not on the agenda. No comments.

Mark made motion to approve agenda, seconded by Christina. In favor: Mark Bartling, Christina Neit, and RJ. Savely; None opposed. Motion carries.

County Road Superintendent, Skyler Saucedo, spoke on the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance for the Village of Lodgepole. We had in hand his VILLAGE OF LODGEPOLE (M389) ANNUAL REPORT OCTOBER 1, 2022 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. There was a clarification of the numbers and the dates of report. Numbers are still needed for 2024. Motion to approve Resolution #283, Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2024 was made by Mark Bartling, seconded by Christina Neit. Those in favor to pass Resolution #283: Mark Bartling, Christina Neit, RJ Savely. Those opposed: none. Motion carries.

Discussion was held on repair of the boiler in the PAC (Panther Activity Center, where Village Office is located). RJ Savely made motion to hire Midwest Plumbing and Mechanical to start up boiler, fix other items as determined in repair up to \$4000.00 and provide an estimate of cost to fix other items as determined in repair. Christina Neit seconded motion. Approve: Christina Neit, RJ Savely, Mark Bartling. Opposed: none Motion carries.

Claims report for September: ROBERT KUHNS \$500.00; AMERICAN LEGAL \$3784.54; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$219.67; CITY OF SIDNEY (TRASH DUMP) \$786.60; WESTERN AREA POWER ADMIN. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY \$774.01; DOUGLAS KELLY OSTERDIEK \$1333.00; FOX INSURANCE \$525.00; FRENCHMAN VALLY COOP \$2188.34; HIGHLINE \$318.00; IDEAL LINEN \$167.97; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL \$607.34; LARM INSURANCE \$40,486.00; MOES HEATING \$1138.00; NE DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT \$30.00; NE DEPT. OF REVENUE \$6053.44; NE PUBLIC HEALTH \$518.00; NPPD \$14,805.67; PREMIER AUTO PARTS

\$62.54; SIDNEY SUN TELEGRAPH \$319.60; VIAERO \$531.39; WHEATBELT PUBLIC POWEER \$6004.21;
TOTAL \$81,144.96.

We need to amend the claims report to delete JOHN DEERE Financial for \$607.34; and Nebraska Public Health we need to delete \$518.00 and issue a check for \$30.00. Motion made by Mark Bartling, to remove payment to Fox Insurance until the updates quote is provided for the November meeting. Motion seconded by Christina Neit to approve amended claims report. Approve: RJ Savely, Mark Bartling, Christina Neit. Disapprove: none Motion carries.

Christina Neit read the Open meetings act Section84-1410 of the Nebraska Revised Statues for the board to go into executive session. Motion made by Christina to go into executive session to discuss hiring of clerk/treasurer. Motion amended to include discussion of hiring assistant maintenance supervisor also. Motion seconded by Mark Bartling. YES: RJ Savely; Mark Bartling; Christina Neit; NO: none. Motion carries. Board went into Executive session at 6:29 P.M. Board came out of executive session at 6:57 P.M.

Mark Bartling made a motion to hire Cynthia Carlton to the clerk/treasurer position at the rate of \$20.00 an hour, 40-hour work week with benefits as mentioned in the handbook. Motion seconded by Christina Neit. APPROVE: Christina Neit Mark Bartling, RJ Savely; DISAPPROVE: none Motion carries

R J Savely stated since no applicants so far that we re-advertise and post openings for position of assistant maintenance supervisor. RJ Savely made motion to pay Preston Richards \$15.00 an hour to help Steve Bell, maintenance supervisor. Mark Bartling seconded motion. APPROVE: Mark Bartling; R J Savely, Christina Neit. DISAPPROVE: none Motion carries.

Discussion was held on the LARM proposal. Nate Fox the insurance carrier had 3 questions for the Board to discuss.

1. Keep coverage on the building at 814 Sheldon St?
2. Delete substation at 814 Sheldon St?
3. Delete coverage of power grid and poles as of 11/1/2024?

RJ Savely will get in touch with Nate Fox. Christina Neit made motion to amend the quote on insurance until we hear back on the changes that need to be made with a new quote. Will go over on November 5, meeting. Mark Bartling seconded the vote, APPROVAL: RJ Savely; Christina Neit; Mark Bartling. OPPOSED: none motion carries.

Adjourned at 7:15 PM

Diana Bruns

Diana Bruns, Interim Clerk