

Village of Lodgepole

Special Board Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2024, at 7:00 pm @ Panther Activity Center (PAC)

630 Orchard St., 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 7:00 PM. Present: Susan Mitchell, Chair; Trustees, Mark Bartling, Christina Neit, Al Runge. Cynthia Carlton, Clerk/Treasurer; Steve Bell, Utilities/Maintenance Superintendent. Absent, 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.

No Community Comments

Bartling moved to approve the agenda. Neit seconded. Yes: Bartling, Neit, Mitchell, Runge. No: none. Motion carried.

Runge motioned to approve Resolution 284 signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent 2024. Appointing Douglas Hart the City Street Superintendent for January 1 through June 30, 2024 and Skylar Saucedo for July 1 through December 31, 2024. Bartling seconded. Yes: Bartling, Neit, Mitchell, Runge. No: none. Motion carried.

Discussion was made on possibly needing a survey on the boundaries between the Village land and Mark Christenson's property. None needed as the property is not being sold. Additional information regarding fencing tabled to January meeting as Dana is absent.

Discussion was made on current standing with American Legal Publishing on the recodification of the Village ordinances. Question was made on what we currently owe. The Village has hard copies and now an online version that the Board will need to go over so it can be adopted.

Bell advises the boiler at the PAC has gone down again. There are several unrelated issues causing it to shut off and reset. The PAC did not have heat on Monday morning. Discussion was made on what would be the best plan to move forward through the winter. Neit motioned to winterize the PAC and move the Clerk to the office at 814 Sheldon Street. Runge seconded. Yes: Bartling, Neit, Mitchell, Runge. No: none. Motion carried.

Neit made a motion to use the ARPA fund to purchase a flow meter and any remaining monies be used to contract with Johnson Service Company for the south side water project. Bartling seconded. Yes: Bartling, Neit, Mitchell, Runge. No: none. Motion carried.

Carlton discussed signing a contract with NPPD for them to reimburse the Village for any payments made to Wheatbelt for wheeling services. Once NPPD has contracted with Wheatbelt the contract with the

Village for reimbursement will be void. Runge motioned to contract with NPPD for reimbursement for wheeling services billed by Wheatbelt. Bartling seconded. Yes: Bartling, Neit, Mitchell, Runge. No: none. Motion carried.

Bartling motioned to move into executive session with the Board and the Clerk. Neit seconded. Yes: Bartling, Neit, Mitchell, Runge. No: none. Motion carried.

Entered into executive session at 7:54 pm.

Mitchell motioned to come out of executive session at 8:17 pm. Bartling seconded.

Bell gave the maintenance report. The west well meter has not been reading the water flow. After contact with multiple resources, the decision was made to turn the system off and reset it. As of today, it seems to be working. The flow meter is not under warranty and there may be an issue with it. Bell will monitor it. There is a water sample that will need to be done on 12/16/2024 and sent back in ice. Bell will be researching prices to fix or replace the lift station pumps. The Village may be able to use USDA funds to get those working. Bell has been accepted to the water certification class March 24-27, 2025. Bell also questioned key accountability to the buildings owned by the Village. Issues with doors being left unlocked and things moved and changed inside buildings. Suggested we have a log out/in process for keys to the buildings. Action will be taken to find out who all has keys to Village buildings to account for them. The Village bucket truck needs a new water pump so Bell will be purchasing that soon.

Carlton gave the clerks report. Carlton has reached out to RJ Meyer and offered to reschedule their attendance to a board meeting for January. No response has been received yet. The library board has approved purchase of a new vacuum cleaner for the library. Once Carlton gets copies of the meeting minutes a check will be signed and she will go to Walmart to make the purchase. Carlton has worked with Melissa Gorsuch for 2 hours on bank reconciliation and will be working on the smaller accounts to keep it current. Carlton now has online banking access to all of the Adams Bank & Trust accounts. She will be getting all reports needed by Melissa to finish the audit.

Neit stated she is concerned with the price of the gWorks computer program and wonders if there is another program that is cheaper for the Village.

Next regular board meeting, Tuesday January 7, 2025, 5:30pm at the PAC

Meeting adjourned 8:49 PM

Submitted December 20, 2024



Cynthia Carlton

Clerk/Treasurer