

## VILLAGE OF DUNCAN BOARD MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

7:00 PM – VILLAGE HALL

906 Eighth Street – Duncan NE

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The regular meeting of the Village of Duncan Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairperson Dustin Schaefer. The Chairperson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. Schaefer assured that everyone present could hear the proceedings. Board members present were Schaefer, Jeff Oppliger, Paige Young and Josh Dahlberg. Joe Boruch was absent. Also, in attendance, were Village Staff: Don Reves, Schaefer publicly asked if there was anything that visitors/staff/board members wanted to talk about that is not on the agenda. No comments or questions were made. Schaefer proceeded with the meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** Schaefer stated that all unfinished business listed on the agenda for tonight will be postponed to the rescheduled meeting/public hearing on February 18, 2019 at 7:00pm.

### New Business:

- A. **Street Sweeping Bid** Schaefer stated this subject will be postponed to the rescheduled meeting next week as well.
- B. **1 & 6 Year Road Plan Approval (R19-229)** Schaefer stated the public hearing will be postponed to next week as well, due to inclement weather.
- C. **Audit Review** Schaefer stated that this need not be on the agenda and will be dismissed.
- D. **Appoint Representative for NENEED (Nebraska Northeast Economic Development)** Schaefer stated this was strongly suggested by NENEED. Schaefer stated we will postpone this subject to next week as well.
- E. **Request to Join Fire Department** Schaefer read the letter of request to join from Matt Burbach. Schaefer stated he has moved near Duncan and would like to serve on the department. *A motion to approve Matt Burbach for the Duncan Volunteer Fire Department was made by Young, second—Oppliger. Vote was as follows: voting aye—Oppliger, Young, Schaefer and Dahlberg. Boruch absent. Voting nay--none. The Chairman declared the motion carried.*
- F. **New Pick Approval** Schaefer stated the main reason to have the meeting tonight was for this subject. Reves presented to the microphone and stated that the pick up had not been running very well. It was losing power. He took it to Duncan Parts & Service and was told that it could have dropped a valve or put a hole in a piston. It would take tearing the engine apart to tell for sure. When tested, the compression was very low. Reves was told that it would require a new engine to repair to working order. Reves stated he had been doing searches for a used pick up. He used criteria such as 'less than 60k miles, within a 100 mile radius and an 8 foot long bed to house his 8 foot long wrench. He found 4 pick ups that fit his criteria. One in Columbus, 2 in Fremont and 1 in Omaha. He had Laska (who also works for Ernst Auto) check with Ernst Auto and they could not find anything. The Omaha one is at Woodhouse, one from Fremont was a private seller and one was at Columbus Auto Quality. The private seller from Fremont had a pick up that had 51k miles and a toolbox on the bed and wanted \$24,500 for all. Reves also stated that he had spoken to Tracy and Sportline Auto in Columbus and had him looking for a pick up as well but was unsuccessful. Reves stated that he had checked all the prices with Kelley Blue Book and they are all right at Blue Book Value or under. Young asked if any of them come with warranty. Reves stated that Dodge has a 3 year/36,000 mile and 5 year/60,000 mile powertrain warranty. He stated that all the pick ups will have a little warranty left on them. He stated the other choices had a cheaper trim so they were a bit cheaper. They are all gas engines as the diesel engines are quite a bit more expensive and according to what Reves was told, they are really only better for when you need to pull something, which is not what he would be using it for. Schaefer stated a diesel could be 12k higher in price compared to a gas engine. Oppliger asked if the engines were all comparable. Reves stated that they are all ¾ ton pick ups. After discussion of other add-ons, it was decided that the new pick up should have a strobe light installed on the cab to better see when out plowing snow. Young asked about a topper. Schaefer and Reves stated that a topper would not be necessary. Reves stated if anything, a bed cover would work as well. Schaefer discussed options of financing. Young stated that if we go through Columbus Motor, there would be more options with financing. Reves stated that is not true. He stated that we would need a guarantor on the contract. The salesman told Reves that most businesses write a check and then go to their bank to take out an auto loan. It was advised to finance through our bank if necessary. Reves then went on to discuss what he had found when shopping for a new snow plow to fit the new pick up as well. He stated the cheapest and closest was at Midwest Sales & Service (located between Columbus and Schuyler) at \$6,100 for a V-plow. Reves was told by this company that they thought they could get it installed by the end of the week if they had the pick up. Reves was told by the other companies that it may be a day or two or even a week. Reves was worried about getting this done quickly due to the weather forecast showing significant snowfall this coming weekend. Schaefer stated that we do have the funds available. He stated that we would have room in the budget, according to Laska and Jill Clay. Schaefer has reservations in case something comes up in the next 6 months. Reves suggested borrowing money when and if something happened. Oppliger suggested we go ahead and pay for the pick up. Schaefer thought even if we get a short term loan to get us through to the next budget and then pay it off. He stated we could put a down payment and then pay for the plow and get a loan for the rest. Then pay it off in November on the new budget. Young stated 1<sup>st</sup> National has options for financing. Further discussion on financing by the board members on different interest options. Schaefer reiterated that Laska and Clay had told him if we keep it under \$30k it will not be a problem. Even if we go over a few thousand dollars. Oppliger asked if the price would be lowered if we pay outright. Reves did not think it would. He stated it was a 'no haggle' price. It was decided that Reves would try to negotiate a lower price. After discussion of the different options of pick ups, the board decided the best deal would be to go with the Columbus Motors pick up. It is a 2015, white, ¾ ton, Dodge pick up with 33k miles on it. Oppliger suggested to use a tactic that we have two choices and we can go either way. Stated to ask for 1k less and if they won't budge, to state we will go with the one in Fremont. Reves stated that he will try and

that he would be happy with either pick up. Reves stated that the salesman did tell him that if anything goes wrong in the first few days of taking it home, to bring it back. However, this pick up will be under warranty for another year yet. We have 5 days to return it and 30 days to exchange it if needed (at Columbus Motor). It was also decided that the pick up will have a sign put on it stating 'The Village of Duncan'. After discussion on the negotiations, a *motion was made to purchase the snow V-blade from Midwest Sales and Service and have them install it by Young, second—Oppliger. Vote was as follows: voting aye—Oppliger, Young, Schaefer and Dahlberg. Boruch absent. Voting nay--none. The Chairman declared the motion carried.* Schaefer then clarified with the board on which pick up to go with. A motion was made to purchase the pick up from Columbus Motors at \$26,990, after attempting negotiations, by Young, second—Dahlberg. *Vote was as follows: voting aye—Oppliger, Young, Schaefer and Dahlberg. Boruch absent. Voting nay--none. The Chairman declared the motion carried.* Schaefer and Reves discussed how to get the check to Laska in order to pay for and retrieve the new pick up.

Schaefer reported that we have rescheduled the public hearing and postponed items on the agenda for next Monday, February 18, 2019 at 7:00pm due to inclement weather. He stated that he had spoken with Scott Cowels (street superintendent) and he was not planning on attending our meeting for the 1 & 6 year. Schaefer asked if the board would like him to attend. Schaefer stated that Evans opinion was for him to attend due to he has always attended in the past and only comes once a year and needs to meet the new board members. Schaefer asked the board and there were no requests for Cowels to attend. Schaefer also stated that Janice Hamilton will be attending to talk about the EMC insurance as well. No questions or concerns brought by the board members.

#### **Departmental Reports:**

- A. Utilities/Maintenance/Streets** No report.
- B. Parks & Rec** No report
- C. Planning & Zoning** No report.
- D. Clerk Report** Evans absent.
- E. Treasurer Report** Laska absent.

All meetings are open to the public and a current agenda for said meetings will be posted and available for public inspection at the office of the Village clerk, post office, AJ's C-Store and the Village website on the Thursday prior to the meeting. The rescheduled meeting and public hearing will be held on **Monday, February, 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM.** Being no other business, adjournment was made by Schaefer at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Mari Evans (Clerk)