

**VILLAGE OF DUNCAN BOARD MEETING**  
**July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7:00 PM – Village Hall, 906 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Duncan, NE 68634**

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The monthly board meeting of the Village of Duncan Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson, Jeff Oppliger. 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 held in the Village Hall. Board members present were Nick Wagoner, Steve Langton, Jeff Oppliger, Josh Dahlberg and Joe Boruch. Also, in attendance were, Village Staff: Don Reves, Marianna Evans and Michelle Schindel. No visitors present. *A motion was made to approve the minutes from last month's meeting on June 13, 2022 by Dahlberg, second--Wagoner. Vote was as follows: voting aye—Wagoner, Langton, Oppliger, Dahlberg and Boruch. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.* Visitors were given the opportunity to speak for 5 minutes on any non-agenda items. Boruch brought up that either Pavel or Stock property needs mowed down. He stated that the weeds are three feet tall. He stated it is on the northeast corner. Oppliger suggested to send a letter to both. However, Reves stated that he would find out which one owns that strip of land. Evans stated she would send a letter. Oppliger continued with the meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Duncan Welcome Sign** Oppliger stated that he should be getting a final design from Schieffer Signs soon. H stated that he sent them Boruch's drawing to go off of. Evans stated that she will need a specific area of property listed for the attorney to write up an agreement with the property owner. Reves stated that it is staked out. He stated that Bill Lehr had requested in return, that the Village push snow and street sweep his private road of Century Drive. Oppliger suggested working with him on that. Oppliger stated he will postpone this agenda item to next month's meeting.

**New Business:**

**Dog Running Loose** Evans explained that the resident that had previous complaints of dog barking has obtained another dog and that we have received a complaint that all three dogs were running loose. She stated that since we lost our previous place to take loose dogs, there is not much Reves can do when he receives a dog running loose call. She suggested attempting to get an interlocal agreement with Paws & Claws or somewhere that we can actually take loose dogs. She reminded the board that Reves does not have training on collecting loose dogs either. And that it may be a good idea to add to the agreement for someone trained to come retrieve the loose dogs as well. Oppliger stated that we do need something in place for this. Reves reported that there are a few other local dogs that are consistently running loose. Oppliger stated that we may have to start tagging dogs in town. He suggested starting with Paws & Claws on an agreement. He postponed this agenda item to the next meeting.

**Revise ARPA Funds Distribution** Boruch reported that he spoke with Bob Lloyd from the Platte County board and was advised that Duncan had been approved to receive \$500k from their ARPA funds. Evans stated that with the funding we have been approved for from the county, that the previous allocation of ARPA funds for the Bumpy Rd water extension will not be necessary. She stated that Reves suggested using our ARPA funds for the lining of sewer lines in town. Reves reported that lining the sewer lines would prevent tree root problems and back-ups to residents' homes. He stated that the approximate cost would be \$151k total but suggested doing over two years. Oppliger suggested having the JEO rep to come to our next meeting to help us figure out the best use of the county funds.

**Board Goals** Evans reminded the board of the previous goals. Oppliger suggested a walking trail or to upgrade the west park or revitalizing downtown. Dahlberg asked if we were still on the list with Loup Power to upgrade our street lighting to LED. Reves responded that we are still on that list. The board discussed goals and decided on 1. Pave Dahlberg Addition 2. Line Sewer Lines 3. Streets—Access to cemetery from 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. Oppliger suggested revisiting goals every 3 months to keep up to date.

**Budget Needs** Reves reported that the lining of sewer lines would be about \$151k and that 2 manholes would need to be added to complete the lining. He stated that the usual Tv'ing lines in town will need to be on the budget again. Reves and Dahlberg agreed that the section of sewer line in front of the church needs to be replaced with the same size that is on either side. Reves stated that the abandonment of one of our wells needs to be transferred to the new budget as well. He stated 2 fire hydrants will need replaced. He listed the water and clerk conference costs and the cost of the water main on Bumpy Rd. Reves reported that instead of replacing the sprinkler system at the ball park, he suggested digging a well for the sprinklers. He stated the issue is a water pressure issue and that having its own well should take care of that problem. There are spots not getting water right now due to pressure issues. Oppliger suggested that be a Church choice ultimately, since they are the property owners. No further budget needs discussed.

**Departmental Reports:**

**Utilities** Reves reported water and sewer lines are in at the new subdivision. He stated that the streets will be next. He stated that the tube was added last week for the culvert and the walls poured for the basin at the end. He reported that the current pipe that goes across the road was clogged so he had Obrist jet the line and clean it out. Boruch asked

about burning the tree piles. Reves stated that he would like to do next week because the grass around is all green and wet right now. He stated if he waits until fall the grass will be dry. He stated that it will be up to the Fire Chief.

Boruch asked about Lloyd's tree pile. Reves stated that he recommended Lloyd speak to Dahlberg as the Fire Chief.

**Parks & Rec.** Dahlberg stated he has not gotten an update on the park tables. Oppliger stated he noticed the glass in the little library was busted out. He suggested getting a plexy glass donation.

**Planning & Zoning** no report

**Clerk Report** Evans reported that Greenfiber has taken their bin from Tbone 2. She stated that they had 4 different times that they went to pick up and there were unapproved items in the bin. They had given us several warnings and we have paid Ace Sanitation twice to pick it up. Evans stated that the first time was the dead geese, second time was several unapproved items, third time was glass bottles and the last time there was glass in there. Evans stated that she had posted notices several times and it is listed on the bin what is accepted. She stated it is unfortunate since Greenfiber was the only company she could find that would actually have a recycle bin in Duncan. Duncan residents will now have to take their recyclables to Columbus.

**Treasurer Report & Updates—Approval of Bills** Schindel handed out the monthly recap to the board members. She went over the receipts and bills. She asked Wagoner about his check. He stated that he cashed it and the bank reversed it for some reason. Schindel stated she would write another for him. She stated she does not know why the payment was reversed. She also stated that the check we sent to the USPS broker has not been cashed yet. Evans stated that her contact said he would check on it but hasn't heard back. She stated she would try to contact him again. *A motion to approve the bills was made by Wagoner, second—Langton. Vote was as follows: voting aye—Wagoner, Langton, Oppliger, Dahlberg and Boruch. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

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, T-Bone 2 and the Village website on the Thursday prior to the meeting. The next meeting will be on **August 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM**. Being no other business, adjournment was made by Oppliger at 7:56p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Marianna Evans (Clerk)