

VILLAGE OF DUNCAN BOARD MEETING

July 8, 2024 7:00 PM – Village Hall, 906 8th Street, Duncan, NE 68634

The monthly board meeting of the Village of Duncan Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson, Nick Wagoner. 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 Lance Denbo, Steve Langton, Nick Wagoner and Jerusha Ratcliffe. Joe Boruch was absent. Also in attendance were Village Staff: Doug Michalak (Utility Superintendent) and Marianna Evans (Clerk). Michelle Schindel (Treasurer) was absent. *A motion was made to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 10, 2024 by Ratcliffe, second--Langton. Vote was as follows: Voting aye—Denbo, Langton, Wagoner and Ratcliffe. Boruch absent. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

Unfinished Business

Proposed Tree Pile Intervention Michalak suggested to move the tree pile sign to the front, near the entrance of the tree pile prior to fencing and gating the entrance. The board agreed that it was not fair to keep residents locked out when the issues are being caused mostly by non-residents. *A motion to approve moving the tree pile sign to the front before fencing and gating was made by Denbo, second—Langton. Vote was as follows: Voting aye—Denbo, Langton, Wagoner and Ratcliffe. Boruch absent. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

Nuisance Building Update/Plan Gary Schlesinger (Holy Name member) reported that the local Holy Name committee will remove the shed for the owner. He stated that there would be too much liability on the church if they did a renovation. The board agreed and thank the committee for helping.

New business

Trucks Driving on 6th Street (Gary Schlesinger) Schlesinger presented to the microphone and introduced himself and stated his address in Duncan. He reported that there a semi-trucks driving down 6th street and he is concerned for the streets. He stated that there used to be ‘No Trucks’ signs on both ends of 6th street, as well as 8th street. However, he reported that Don Reves took the signs down. The board agreed that trucks should not be allowed to drive in town. Evans reminded the board of the Ordinance already in place prohibiting trucks on streets with exception for those unloading (beer truck for bar etc) or picking something up. Evans referred the board to their packets and the copy of that ordinance. The board reviewed the ordinance and discussed. Evans explained that the change of allowing trucks on 7th street was due to a past conflict with a farmer and his ability to get trucks to his farmland. She reported she did not know which land was in question or the entire story behind the decision. Schlesinger stated that nobody should be able to drive trucks on our streets. He demanded that the Village add ‘No Trucks’ signs with a bright orange flag so that people notice them. He also stated that the Village needs to do something about all the cracks forming in the streets. He went on to complain that the Village spends a lot of money on new streets and then they do not take care of them. Evans tried to inform Schlesinger of the current plan that is in process which includes filling cracks and adding protective layer over the entire street. She stated that the west side of town was completed last year and that this year 6th street is on the budget. She stated that it is all part of the Village street maintenance plan. Schlesinger got increasingly upset and argued that the Village is not doing anything to maintain the streets. After berating Evans, Schlesinger asked an explanation from a board member. Denbo explained that the Village has completed the west side streets and will do 6th street next and then the other side after that. He reported that the job is very expensive and was not feasible to complete the entire town all at once. Schlesinger thanked Denbo and retreated to his seat. The board discussed waiting to change any ordinance on trucks on streets until they fully understand the reason for the current ordinance allowances of trucks on 7th street. *A motion to place ‘No Trucks’ signs with orange flags on each end of 6th street was made by Langton, second—Ratcliffe. Vote*

was as follows: Voting aye—Denbo, Langton, Wagoner and Ratcliffe. Boruch absent. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.

Village Pickup Repair Options Michalak reported that the Village pickup is still giving him the same issues with the check engine light. He recommended getting it fixed prior to the winter when he will need it for pushing snow. The board discussed briefly and Wagoner stated that he would call BG&S in Grand Island to schedule an appointment to look at it. He stated that the experts he spoke with about the issue stated that the transmission would need rebuilt most likely.

Board Goals for '24-'25 Wagoner discussed having a fuel storage tank for use in emergencies when tractor needed with power outages. The rest of the board and Michalak agreed. Evans stated she would check on regulations. After further discussion the Board decided on their top three goals as: 1)Update West Park 2)Fuel Tank Reserve 3)Resurface N. Blvd and Dahlberg Addition.

Budget Needs Michalak goes over his list which include projects that were not fully completed last year and the street maintenance, 4 loads crushed concrete for gravel roads; front tires for tractor; side mirrors for tractor; new jack; well valve; box scraper; road blade; new cut edge of snow plow; exercise valves; LED lights for snow plow; new office chair. The board agreed with all stated and will plan to add to budget for future approval.

Departmental Reports:

Utilities Michalak stated that Tonka reviewed the water plant and it turned out well. He stated the panel was the only thing that would need updated at some point. If anything went wrong on it, we would not be able to get parts. However, it was reported to be working as of now. Michalak stated that there were a couple valves that were fixed but that everything else looked good. Wagoner reported that he discussed and met with the owner of 5th avenue. She had reported that Village water was flooding her field. Wagoner stated he went on site and reviewed with the owner. He reported that the water was not coming from the Village and that there is no ditch. He stated that the field is farmed so far out to the road that there is no ditch and therefore nowhere for the water to go. He stated that the complaint came after we had received several inches of rain. There was standing water in the middle of the field. No further report.

Parks & Rec. Michalak reported that he bought a bag of rubber mulch from Menards to show the board and check for quality. Evans and Michalak stated that it was cheaper when researched prices online. Michalak wanted to get a bag to check on the quality before purchasing the large quantity that we will need. The board was satisfied with the quality of the Menards rubber mulch. Evans reported that Menards does not have blue, however they do have black, brown or red. Evans suggested the black would like the nicest in her opinion. The board agreed that the black color would look the best. Michalak will check on the correct amount needed prior to purchasing. No further report.

Planning & Zoning no report.

Clerk Report no report.

Treasurer Report & Updates—Approval of Bills Schindel was absent however she printed monthly recaps for the board, prepared by her. After reviewing, a *motion to approve all bills as reported was made by Ratcliffe, second—Denbo. Voting aye—Denbo, Langtonk, Wagoner, Ratcliffe. Boruch absent. 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 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM**. Being no other business, adjournment was made by Wagoner at 8:00p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Marianna Evans (Clerk)