

## VILLAGE OF DUNCAN BOARD MEETING

**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7:00 PM – Village Hall 906 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Duncan, NE. 68634**

The monthly board meeting of the Village of Duncan Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:10 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. Visitors present were: Rick Woods and Nicole Lehr. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance. *A motion was made to approve the minutes from last month's meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 by Dahlberg, second--Boruch. 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. Woods presented to the microphone and stated that there is an issue with vehicles speeding on Main Avenue. Oppliger stated that the subject is on the agenda for tonight and that it will be discussed at that time. Oppliger continued with the meeting.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Board Member Compensation Review** Evans reported the research she had found from fellow clerks. She stated that the information she obtained was from towns similar in size to Duncan. She reported the following: Silver Creek (Chair=\$50/meeting + \$400 Xmas bonus; Board=\$50/meeting); Bellwood (Chair=\$125/meeting; Board=\$75/meeting); Shelby (Chair=\$125/meeting; Board=\$85/meeting; \$60/special meeting); Clarks (Chair=\$450/quarter; Board=\$150/quarter); Cortland (Chair=\$105/meeting; Board=\$100/meeting); Bee (Chair=\$50/meeting; Board=\$40/meeting; \$15/special meeting). The board discussed briefly. Evans reported that Nebraska State Statute prevents board members from changing their pay during their term. She stated that it would have to be completed at the end of the next term. As well as the current rates are listed in ordinance 21-201 that the board approved for board member compensation. If the amount were to be changed, Evans stated it would have to be done and start at the end of the next term of 2022. And, the board would have to amend the salary ordinance 21-201. The board agreed to wait to amend the salary until the next term.

**Proposed Dog Barking Fine** Reves reported that he was called again that the dogs are still barking and keeping the neighbor(s) up all night. He stated that the call was over a week ago. He stated that he feels the neighbors have complained so much that he thinks they may be giving up with nothing being done about it. Oppliger stated that he called and spoke with the owner again and was told that the dogs now had bark collars on. Reves stated the Platte County Sheriff was called twice for the same issue. Oppliger stated that the owner has made efforts to remedy the situation however, if there are still complaints then we have to fine. He stated that the owner needs to understand the consequences of not complying. The board discussed and agreed to fine the owner \$50 (Ordinance allows up to \$500 per every 24hrs of noncompliance). Oppliger requested Evans send another letter with the fine explaining the decision and a copy of the fine ordinance. Oppliger stated that when he spoke to the owner on the phone that he did invite him to this meeting since it was an agenda item. The owner did not attend.

### **New Business:**

**T-Bone 2 Liquor License Approval Request** Nicole Lehr presented to the microphone to state that she is requesting approval for a liquor license for T-Bone 2 (previously AJ'sC-Store). She reported it would be a Class D license, just as AJ's had before. Evans explained that she had received all the documentation from the LCC and noted that she was approved for a temporary license by them. *A motion to approve the liquor license for T-Bone 2 (Nicole Lehr) was made by Boruch, second—Wagoner. Vote was as follows: voting aye—Wagoner, Langton, Oppliger, Dahlberg and Boruch. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

**Proposed Greenfiber Recycling Contract** Evans reported that Langton had spoken with Greenfiber about putting a bin behind T-Bone 2 (as it was for AJ's). Lehr stated that she was fine with Greenfiber placing a recycling bin behind T-Bone 2. She was told that she would not have to do anything with it. It will be the responsibility of the Village and Greenfiber. Reves reported that there were no problems with the last one that AJ's had set up. The board read the contract and a *motion to approve the contract with Greenfiber was made by Langton, second—Boruch. Vote was as follows: voting aye—Wagoner, Langton, Oppliger, Dahlberg and Boruch. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

**Planning & Zoning Committee Appointments** *A motion to appoint Travis Stempek and Matt Bates for the P&Z Committee was made by Dahlberg, second—Boruch. Vote was as follows: voting aye—Wagoner, Langton, Oppliger, Dahlberg and Wagoner. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

**Holiday Lighting Contest** Evans explained that Loup Power is matching up to \$100 again this year for any holiday lighting contest that we hold. She reported that last year 1<sup>st</sup> place was \$100 prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was \$75 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was \$50. Dahlberg suggested a different way of voting, instead of having the previous year's winners have to get together and vote. He asked about doing ballots. Reves stated that it used to be done that way and there was very low participation. *A motion to approve the 2021 Holiday Lighting Contest with the prizes being \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively was made by Dahlberg, second--Boruch. Vote was as follows: voting aye—Wagoner, Langton, Oppliger, Dahlberg and Boruch. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

**Speed Limit Sign Request to Move** Evans reported that Boruch had called and asked to put this on the agenda due to the speeders that are driving down Main Ave., now that the streets and dip are redone and smooth. Woods stated that it is like a racetrack and that he has seen people going so fast even through the dip. Wagoner stated he stopped to get his mail and noticed someone going approximately 60mph. Oppliger stated that we are having this issue all over town. We just dealt with the west end of town wanting to put a speedbump on 8<sup>th</sup> street. Oppliger stated that after the research Evans did on the subject, there really is no good solution. Except to try and talk to the speeders to slow down. Or have police patrol the roads more and give out speeding tickets. The flashing speed sign was brought up and Reves stated that once people figure out they aren't getting a ticket with that, they will ignore it as well. Oppliger suggested we let the Platte County Sheriff office know and try to persuade them to sit and watch for speeders once in awhile. Oppliger stated that he had spoken to Sheriff Wemhoff previously. Oppliger stated that he would like to see

if he would attend a board meeting once a year in order to keep communication open between us. The board agreed and Oppliger stated he would try to contact him.

**Departmental Reports:**

**Utilities** Reves reported that he will wait until spring to get and lay the crushed concrete on 5<sup>th</sup> street. No further report.

**Parks & Rec.** Dahlberg stated that the standing library was installed in the park and that Stacy Stempek was the coordinator of the efforts.

**Planning & Zoning** No report.

**Clerk Report** No report.

**Treasurer Report & Updates—Approval of Bills** Schindel handed each board member the monthly recap. She reported that she is still working on the 150<sup>th</sup> spreadsheet. The board reviewed the recap and *a motion to approve the bills was made by Wagoner , second—Boruch. 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 **December 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM.** Being no other business, adjournment was made by Oppliger at 7:57p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Marianna Evans (Clerk)