

PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE OF MILLIGAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES 7/10/2023

The Village of Milligan Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 10, 2023, notice of meeting being posted in three public places in advance of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Milton at 8:05 p.m. On roll call, the following Trustees were present: Eric Milton, Eric Johnson, Doug Kotas, Laura Steuben and Kimberly Gurley. Absent: none. Others present: John Zelenka, Maintenance, Vicky Thompson, Clerk, Mark McFarland, Fillmore County Emergency Management and Scott Oliva, Oliva Insurance Agency. Chairman Eric Milton made notice that the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and is accessible to members of the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following bills were presented for payment:

Black Hills Energy, utilities	144.57	Verizon, cell phones	136.46
Perennial Public Power, utilities	2,161.37	Windstream, telephone & internet	472.17
Kopcho & Sons Sanitation, garbage	3,230.00	Hometown Leasing, repairs & maint.	87.29
NE Public Health Env. Lab, water tests	32.00	One Call Concepts, Inc., mics. Exp.	46.36
Solheim Law Firms, prof. services	307.50	Nebr. Code Consulting, prof. services	877.35
JEO Consulting Group, prof. services	370.66	Oliva Insurance Agency, insurance	28,344.00
Travelers, W.C. insurance	3,819.00	War Path Pest Control, pest control	70.00
The Nebraska Signal, publications	53.60	Lois Kotas, contract labor	56.00
Chem Search, supplies	805.45	Feld Fire, supplies	697.50
Axline Lawn & Landscaping, misc.	3,000.00	Geneva Carquest, supplies & maint.	192.97
Farmers Coop., repairs & maint.	257.56	Exeter Lumber Company, repairs & maint.	205.10
Hwy 41 Express Stop, refund of dep.	150.00	Geneva Home Center, supplies	114.90
Larry Michl, maint. & supplies	212.00	Casey’s Business MasterCard, supplies	16.29
941 Tax Deposit	1,540.40	Wages	\$7,282.67
N Street Project:			
JEO Consulting Group, prof. fees	\$3,215.00	SENDD, prof. fees	\$20,370.11

L Steuben moved, seconded by K. Gurley to approve all items on the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda include the minutes from the June 12, 2023, meeting, financial reports and all bills, including the N Street Project. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, D. Kotas, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Fillmore County Deputy and Assistant Fillmore County Emergency Manager McFarland presented information on the Fillmore County Emergency Management Communication Project. Permission was requested to place communication equipment on the water tower. The goal is to be able to communicate more efficiently in mutual aid situations with surrounding counties and with all Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS agencies and departments. After discussion, E. Johnson moved, seconded by D. Kotas to allow Fillmore County Emergency Management to put communications equipment on the water tower. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, D. Kotas, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Scott Oliva, representing Oliva Insurance Agency, reviewed the village and fire department renewal policies with the board. Valuations on several buildings were discussed.

The inspection report on the Tabathea Tripp nuisance property was received, reviewed and accepted. A Declaration of Nuisance and Order to Abate order was reviewed. L. Steuben moved, seconded by E. Johnson to proceed with abatement on the Tabathea Tripp nuisance property. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, D. Kotas, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read and discussed. Included was information from several garbage carriers in the area and a request to have a tree trimmed.

Other Discussion:

- Sales tax receipts for April (received in June) were \$5,477.41
- Contract was signed with Feld Fire to order a new rescue unit
- Budget letter with BMG Certified Public Accountants, LLP was signed and returned
- Progress of N Street Project

- Discussion on general village maintenance. Water usage due to the drought and the condition/water levels of the village wells was discussed. It was decided to proceed with a water conservation plan and drought emergency contingency plan. The possibility of needing to drill a new well in the future was discussed.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. K. Gurley moved, seconded by D. Kotas to adjourn. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, D. Kotas, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. Minutes can be viewed on the website www.milligannebraska.org.

Vicky Thompson, Village Clerk