

PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE OF MILLIGAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES 12/09/24

The Village of Milligan Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 9, 2024, 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 7:04 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: Shawn Slezak, Todd Blome of BMG Certified Public Accountants, Gerald Slezak, Alivia Luzum, Jose Luzum, Vicky Thompson, Clerk and John Zelenka, Maintenance. 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	589.74	Verizon, cell phones	136.96
Perennial Public Power, utilities	1,830.44	Windstream, telephone & internet	550.61
Kopcho & Sons Sanitation, garbage	4,043.75	Hometown Leasing, repairs & maint.	89.95
NE Public Health Env. Lab, water tests	17.00	Farmers and Merchants Bank, supplies	132.80
The Nebraska Signal, publications	109.16	Lois Kotas, contract labor	56.00
Cash, petty cash for postage/water	151.50	Geneva Home Center, supplies & rep.	119.18
Business World Products, supplies	10.49	Service Press, supplies	47.00
Andrews Electric, repairs & maint.	158.10	Milligan Farming Service, fire & rescue	210.00
MacQueen Equipment, fire & rescue	482.73	Momar, supplies	918.70
Geneva Carquest, supp., maint.&rep.	1,122.70	Larry Michl, fire & rescue maint. & supp.	245.47
Solheim Law Firm, LLC, prof. fees	105.00	City of Geneva, sewer machine rental	228.00
Kassik Milling Co., Inc., equip. rental	300.00	941 Tax Deposit	1,431.12
Payroll/Wages	5,693.32	Library Expenses	585.53

D. Kotas moved, seconded by K. Gurley to approve all items on the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda include the minutes from the November 11, 2024, meeting, financial reports and all bills. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, D. Kotas, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Todd Blome of BMG Certified Public Accountants presented the audit dated September 30, 2024, to the board. Mr. Blome reviewed the financial information and answered questions.

The Agreement for the Provision of Limited Professional Services from Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers for the water tower project was reviewed. K. Gurley moved, seconded by E. Johnson, to approve the Agreement for the Provision of Limited Professional Services from Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, D. Kotas, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The official November 5, 2024, village election results were received from the Fillmore County Clerk. D. Kotas moved, seconded by E. Johnson to accept the Fillmore County Clerk's certification of the election votes from the election held on November 5, 2024, in Fillmore County, Nebraska. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, D. Kotas, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

D. Kotas moved, seconded by L. Steuben, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:22 p.m. for the purpose of reorganization. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, D. Kotas, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Village of Milligan Board of Trustees met at the Village Hall on December 9, 2024 at 7:23 p.m. for the purpose of reorganization.

On roll call the following board members were present: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak, L. Steuben, and K. Gurley. Absent: none.

The clerk asked for a nomination of a temporary chairman. L. Steuben moved, seconded by E. Johnson to nominate Kimberly Gurley as temporary chairman. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak, and L. Steuben. Nays: none. Absent: none. K. Gurley abstained.

Temporary Chairman Kimberly Gurley asked for a nomination for Chairman.

L. Steuben moved, seconded by K. Gurley, to nominate Eric Milton as Chairman of the Board. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Johnson, S. Slezak, L. Steuben, and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: none. E. Milton abstained. Motion carried.

Chairman Eric Milton appointed Kimberly Gurley to be the Pro-Tem Chairman in his absence.

The Oath of Office was taken by the Board Members and the Village Clerk.

L. Steuben moved, seconded by K. Gurley to approve the following Library Board members: Mary Johnson, President, Dorothy Novak, Secretary, Shirley Brunkow, Treasurer, Beth Vavra and Mary E. Uldrich, board members. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The following committees were assigned:

Garbage, Street and Alley	Milton, Gurley
Police, Water and Sewer	Steuben, Johnson
Finance	All Members
Health	Gurley, Slezak
Village Clerk/Treasurer	Vicky Thompson
Village Attorney	David Solheim, Solheim Law Firm, LLC
Village Street Engineer	Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers
Village Street Superintendent	Reed A. Miller, License S-514, Class A
Village Accountant	Todd Blome, BMG Certified Public Accountants

E. Johnson moved, seconded by S. Slezak to approve the committee assignments. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak, L. Steuben, and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

K. Gurley moved, seconded by L. Steuben to approve the two VISA credit cards and businesses where charges are allowed: Michl Service, Farmers Coop, Geneva Carquest, Geneva Home Center, Exeter Lumber Co., Kassik Milligan Co., Inc. and Amazon (Library). Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak, L. Steuben, and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

L. Steuben moved, seconded by E. Johnson to approve the Casey's Business MasterCard for fuel purchased for the fire department and rescue unit. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak, L. Steuben, and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

L. Steuben moved, seconded by K. Gurley to adjourn. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak, L. Steuben, and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Regular meeting was reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

Gerald Slezak presented information on the possibility of bringing recycling back to the village. A new company, Quincy Recycling, is now operating in Nebraska. Mr. Slezak is working on obtaining a baler/compactor and a recycling container.

An Agreement for Legal Services for 2025 by Solheim Law Office was discussed. K. Gurley moved, seconded by L. Steuben to approve the Solheim Law Office Agreement for Legal Services for 2025, with one deviation. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The Miscellaneous Expense Policy was reviewed. E. Johnson moved, seconded by S. Slezak, to approve the Miscellaneous Expense Policy. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read and discussed. Included was an update for the "Guidelines for the Community Development Law" manual, information on sales of surplus state property, the 3rd quarter lease payment from Perennial Public Power and a letter from Governor Pillen on the 2025 initiative to recognize and honor Nebraska's Living World War II Veterans.

Other Discussion:

- Sales tax receipts for September (received in November) were \$5,240.08
- Clerk has completed all credit hour requirements for 2024
- Clerk provided information requested by the League on our local option sales tax

- Received a video through e-mail on the sewer cleaning
- Reviewed the 2024 Village of Milligan Operations Plan for Disaster Response and Recovery
- Nebraska Rural Water Association – donation
- General village maintenance

K. Gurley moved, seconded by L. Steuben to send a donation of \$100.00 to the Nebraska Rural Water Association in January. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. L. Steuben moved, seconded by E. Johnson to adjourn. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Minutes can be viewed on the website www.milligannebraska.org.

Vicky Thompson, Village Clerk