

PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE OF MILLIGAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES 12/18/2023

The Village of Milligan Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 18, 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 7:02 p.m. On roll call, the following Trustees were present: Eric Milton, Doug Kotas and Laura Steuben. Kimberly Gurley arrived at 7:50 p.m. Absent: Eric Johnson. Others present: Randy Hellbusch of the Nebraska Rural Water Association, Todd Blome of BMG Certified Public Accountants, 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	370.54	Verizon, cell phones	136.79
Perennial Public Power, utilities	1,709.67	Windstream, telephone & internet	574.08
Kopcho & Sons Sanitation, garbage	4,073.50	Hometown Leasing, repairs & maint.	87.29
NE Public Health Env. Lab, testing	58.00	The Nebraska Signal, publications	95.40
Solheim Law Firm, LLC, prof. fees	137.15	KRUP Inc., misc. exp.	10,000.00
Eakes Office Solutions, rep. & main.	5.70	JEO Consulting Group, prof. fees	600.00
D & LK Enterprises, rep. & main.	112.50	William Jansky, rep. & main.	1,991.57
Nebr. U.C. Fund, taxes	4.81	Mid-Am. Research Chem., supplies	622.00
Lois Kotas, contract labor	56.00	Geneva Home Center, supp. & maint.	380.37
Feld Fire, fire & resc. bunker gear	1,270.00	Larry Michl, maint.	200.00
Geneva Carquest, rep. maint. supp.	479.09	Farmers Coop., rep. & main.	41.10
Milligan Farming Service, rep. & main.	567.85	Momar, supplies	456.61
941 Tax Deposit	1,430.82	Payroll/Wages	5,298.27

L. Steuben moved, seconded by D. Kotas to approve all items on the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda include the minutes from the November 13, 2023, meeting, financial reports and all bills. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, D. Kotas, and L. Steuben. Nays: none. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Randy Hellbusch of the NRWA held a discussion on PFAS (per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances) testing regulations and possible liability litigation. The NRWA recommends a retainer agreement with the law firm of Napoli Shkolnik with reference to any arbitration under the federal arbitration act and the State of Nebraska general arbitration statute. L. Steuben moved, seconded by D. Kotas to enter into a retainer agreement with Napoli Shkolnik, Attorneys at Law. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, D. Kotas, and L. Steuben. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Todd Blome of BMG Certified Public Accountants presented the audit dated September 30, 2023, to the board. Mr. Blome reviewed the financial information and answered questions.

The Fillmore County Operations Plan for Disaster Response and Recovery was presented and reviewed. The following Resolution 2023-08 was introduced by D. Kotas:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Fillmore County, the Village of Milligan and other cities and villages in Fillmore County, the Milligan Village Board deems it advisable and in the best interests of the community and of the County to approve the attached Fillmore County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Acceptance of this 2024 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Fillmore County Local Emergency Operations Plans. D. Kotas moved, seconded by K. Gurley to adopt Resolution 2023-08. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, D. Kotas, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A proposal from a garbage carrier was reviewed. After discussion, it was decided to stay with the current carrier.

A proposal from Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers, P.C. was reviewed.

K. Gurley moved, seconded by L. Steuben to appoint Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers as the Village engineer for year 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, D. Kotas, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

D. Kotas moved, seconded by L. Steuben to appoint Reed A. Miller, License No. S-514, Class A. of Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers as the Village of Milligan Street Superintendent for the year 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, D. Kotas, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

L. Steuben moved, seconded by D. Kotas to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:18 p.m. for the purpose of reorganization. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, D. Kotas, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Village of Milligan Board of Trustees met at the Village Hall on December 12, at 8:19 p.m. for the purpose of reorganization.

On roll call the following board members were present: E. Milton, D. Kotas, L. Steuben, and K. Gurley. Absent: E. Johnson.

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

L. Steuben moved, seconded by K. Gurley, to nominate Eric Milton as Chairman of the Board. Roll call vote: Ayes: D. Kotas, L. Steuben, and K. Gurley. Nays: 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 present and the Village Clerk.

D. Kotas moved, seconded by L. Steuben 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, D. Kotas, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The following committees were assigned:

Garbage, Street and Alley	Milton, Gurley
Police, Water and Sewer	Steuben, Johnson
Finance	All Members
Health	Kotas, Gurley
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

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

L. Steuben moved, seconded by K. Gurley to adjourn. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, D. Kotas, L. Steuben, and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Regular meeting was reconvened at 8:26 p.m.

The Miscellaneous Expense Policy was reviewed. K. Gurley moved, second by D. Kotas to approve the Miscellaneous Expense Policy. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, D. Kotas, L. Steuben, and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read and discussed. Included was the 3rd quarter lease payment from Perennial Public Power, an update on the Fillmore County Hazard Mitigation Program, information on the EPA proposed Lead and Copper Rule, and notification from ZITO on a rate increase beginning in January.

Other Discussion:

- Sales tax receipts for September (received in November) were \$5,869.05
- Clerk education hours are completed
- Annual donation to the Nebraska Rural Water Association
- Contract received from Feld Fire for the new rescue unit
- Completion of removal of nuisance property buildings
- Discussion on general village maintenance – well water levels

D. Kotas moved, seconded by L. Steuben, to send the Nebraska Rural Water Association a \$100.00 donation. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, D. Kotas, Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. K. Gurley moved, seconded by L. Steuben to adjourn. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, D. Kotas, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m. Minutes can be viewed on the website www.milligannebraska.org.

Vicky Thompson, Village Clerk