

Village of Bennet, Nebraska
Board of Trustees Minutes; January 8, 2018

The Bennet Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Village of Bennet, Nebraska (the "Village") held a regular meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., at the regular meeting place of the Board, the Village Hall, 685 Monroe Street in the Village, the same being open to the public and preceded by advance publicized notice duly given in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 84, Article 14, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, and having set forth (a) the time, date and place of the meeting; (b) that the meeting would be open to the attendance of the public; and (c) that the agenda for the meeting, kept continuously current, was available to public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk.

Chairman Don Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act posted near the entrance of the room for access by the public. Village Clerk Patricia Rule conducted roll call and recorded the minutes. Trustees in attendance were Justin Dorn, Jerris Nider, Don Murray, Brad Ruzicka and Ryan Cheney. A quorum being present and the meeting duly commenced, the following proceedings were taken while the session remained open to attendance by the public.

Motion by Ruzicka, second by Nider to approve minutes for December 11, 2017. Roll call vote; Cheney, Dorn, Nider, Ruzicka, Murray voted YES. Motion carried.

A list of claims was considered. The Clerk provide 2 additions, Cannon copies and Casey's, truck fuel, and 2 revisions, Blake |Austin Law firm and Core and Main; Motion by Cheney, second by Dorn to approve payment of final claim amounts. Roll call vote; Cheney, Murray, Ruzicka, Nider, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

Rule provided a treasury report and outlined upcoming transfers for bond payments, and new accounts for Keno. Motion by Dorn, second by Cheney to approve the Treasurer's report for January 2018. Roll call vote; Cheney, Murray, Ruzicka, Nider, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

Reports were received from the Planning Commission and Utility Superintendent Ken Maahs.

Village insurance premiums for 2018, property valuation increases and cyber insurance coverage were discussed. Variables were discussed. Trustees agreed that property increases offered were preferred over an across the board 3% increase, agreed to retain the current valuation on the old Bennet Park bathrooms, request a 3% increase to the metal street shop building, and preferred a cyber insurance quote from a secondary company. The Clerk noted that coverage was bound, but requested a deposit for assurance.

Motion by Murray, second by Dorn to approve insurance coverage from EMC as agreed upon with a base payment of \$24,000.00. Roll call vote; Nider, Ruzicka, Murray, Cheney, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Cheney, second by Murray to accept the BCS insurance quote for cyber liability coverage in the total amount of \$1,307.00. Roll call vote; Cheney, Dorn, Nider, Ruzicka, Murray voted YES. Motion carried.

Sewer connection to a shop building at 550 Madison Street, owned by the Lancaster Rural Water district, was discussed. The district agreed to pay back sewer use fees and correct the tap to enter directly into the main, instead of joining the line servicing their office building at 310 Fir Street. Motion by Nider, second by Murray to waive the tap and inspection fees for sewer connection to 550 Madison Street. Roll call vote; Dorn, Cheney, Murray, Ruzicka, Nider voted YES. Motion carried.

Delinquent utility bills for 885 Garden Street in the amount of \$53.62 were discussed. The Clerk reported the house was unoccupied and the owner left no forwarding address. Filing a resolution of lien on the property was considered. Village Attorney W.F. Austin suggested an alternate approach for the small amount, and would rewrite the resolution.

An agenda request to consider annexation of the Bennet Cemetery to provide contiguous connection for development of Lot 80 IT was discussed. Cemetery Board members could be contacted.

The Village Attorney would research the effects and responsibilities of annexing a cemetery. No action was taken.

Motion by Murray, second by Nider to return to agenda item 4.f. *Committee Reports*. Roll call vote; Nider, Cheney, Ruzicka, Murray, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

Nider and Dorn reported meeting with the Bennet Ball Club. Questions concerned the status of a new batting cage, the field sign and extension of the season. The Clerk responded that the State had been contacted and approved a new location for the existing sign, and that examples of a batting cage would be considered prior to ordering one. Superintendent Maahs noted that it would be difficult to extend the season as the facilities are not heated. Changing locks to secure the buildings, and key assignment were also discussed. Staff noted that keys were not returned and that periodically changing door locks was costly.

Motion by Murray, second by Dorn to adjourn at 8:17 pm. Roll call vote; Cheney, Ruzicka, Nider, Murray, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

Patricia Rule, Village Clerk