

Village of Bennet, Nebraska
Board of Trustees Minutes; March 12, 2018

The Bennet Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Village of Bennet, Nebraska (the "Village") held a regular meeting and public hearing on Monday, March 12, 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 Cheney, second by Nider to approve minutes for the February 12th, 2018 meeting. Roll call vote; Cheney, Nider, Ruzicka, Dorn, Murray voted YES. Motion carried.

A list of claims was considered. The Clerk provided two additions and one correction to the written list. Visa was corrected to \$435.17, additions were the Lancaster County Sheriff \$1,120.88, and Econo-Signs \$55.41. Motion by Cheney, second by Nider to approve payment of all claims presented. Roll call vote; Dorn, Ruzicka, Nider, Cheney, Murray voted YES. Motion carried.

Rule provided a Treasurers Report. New Keno accounts were noted. Motion by Ruzicka, second by Cheney to approve the Treasurers Report. Roll call vote; Ruzicka, Nider, Cheney, Murray, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

Reports were received from Village Engineer Ryan Brandt, Planning Commission Chairman Ron Maas, Lancaster County Sheriff's Department and Utility Superintendent Ken Maahs.

Murray acknowledged communications received.

Murray reported on a meeting with Midwest Farmers Cooperative representatives regarding their development and storage of anhydrous ammonia tanks in the floodway. A request for a change of zone and special use permit from the Midwest Coop had been filed with the Village. The Planning Commission would hold a public hearing and report findings to the Board of Trustees.

An application to OPPD Railroad for a pipeline crossing agreement for water main replacement was discussed. Motion by Murray, second by Dorn to direct Olsson and Associates to proceed with the application for a pipeline agreement, subject to clarification of insurance requirements. Roll call vote; Murray, Dorn, Cheney, Ruzicka, Nider, voted YES. Motion carried.

A public hearing was called to order at 7:25 to receive comment on a proposed name change for portions of Bennet Road to Cottonwood Street, and portions of 162nd Street to Tyler Street within the corporate limits. Discussion concerned the need for clarification and consistency. Persons addressing the issue were Ron Maas, Josh Buck and resident of 260 'Tyler' Street. Trustees agreed that an additional hearing in April should insure area residents affected by the change would have opportunity to speak on the issue. The hearing closed at 7:51pm.

Ordinance 2018-3.1 was introduced by title, changing the name for portions of Bennet Road to Cottonwood Street, and portions of 162nd Street to Tyler Street within the corporate limits. Motion by Murray, second by Dorn to advance Ordinance 2018-3.1 on first reading. Roll call vote; Cheney, Ruzicka, Nider, Murray, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-3.1 was introduced revising the number of members of the Farmer's Market Advisory Committee, and establishing a procedure for appointment of members. Motion by Murray, second by Nider to approve Resolution 2018-3.1. Roll call vote; Dorn, Cheney, Ruzicka, Murray, Nider voted YES. Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-3.2 was introduced appointing and reappointing members to the Farmers Market Committee. Motion by Murray, second by Ruzicka to approve Resolution 2018-3.2. Roll call vote; Dorn, Cheney, Ruzicka, Nider, Murray voted YES. Motion carried.

An addendum to an existing “License Agreement for Fiber Optic Cables” with Unite Private Networks to allow the extension of buried fiber optic cable within the right of way was discussed. Rule explained that the extension in the 100 block of Cottonwood Street, the right of way of Jefferson Street, and onto Public Utility Addition Lot 1 belonging to the Village, would allow the connection of previously approved Verizon equipment to fiber optic.

Motion by Murray, second by Cheney to approve the proposed addendum for right of way by Unite Private Network. Roll call vote; Murray, Dorn, Cheney, Ruzicka, Nider voted YES. Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-3.3 was introduced approving an updated contract with Lancaster County for law enforcement services. Motion by Murray, second by Cheney to approve Resolution 2018-3.3. Roll call vote; Cheney, Dorn, Ruzicka, Nider, Murray voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Murray, second by Dorn to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Roll call vote; Cheney, Ruzicka, Nider, Murray, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

Patricia Rule, Village Clerk