

Village of Bennet, Nebraska
Board of Trustees Minutes; April 9, 2018

The Bennet Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Village of Bennet, Nebraska (the “Village”) held a regular meeting on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 8:00 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 8:00 p.m. and directed the room’s attention to the Open Meetings Act posted near the entrance of the meeting room for access by the public. Trustees in attendance were Justin Dorn, Brad Ruzicka, Don Murray, Ryan Cheney, and Jerris Nider – all present. A quorum being present and the meeting duly commenced, the following proceedings were recorded by the Village Attorney, in absence of the Clerk, while the session remained open to attendance by the public.

It was moved Ruzicka, seconded by Dorn that the minutes as presented be accepted - all AYES.

Claims were reviewed. There was discussion about a .01¢ change on the electric bill. Ruzicka moved approval. Cheney seconded – all AYES.

Treasurer’s Report. Ruzicka moved approval. Dorn seconded – all AYES.

Bryan Brandt presented the Engineer’s Report for March, 2018 and went over the activities and tasks that had been performed by Kirkham Michael. There was discussion as to the status of Adams Street and Apple Street. Brandt reported that Adams Street was just under survey while Apple Street was under contract.

Ken Maas presented the Utility Report and noted that the S-10 Pickup brought \$2100.00, less the commission.

On the Parks Committee, there was a discussion on trees for the Ball Field. Nider reported that they still needed pricing for the trees. The Village could pay for themselves or wait for contributions. It was suggested by Ruzicka that Keno Funds might be utilized. It was agreed to delay any decision until next month when the matter will be revisited, hopefully with prices obtained.

On Communications, the Board noted that it had received the County Board Memo for April 19th Hearing on various matters affecting the Village and also a Notice from County-City Planning on the proposed subdivision near the Bennet corner. A question arose as to the actual zoning of that area.

At 8:18 p.m., Chairman Don Murray, opened the Public Hearing for comments on changing the names of Bennet Road and 162nd Street (Ordinance 2018-3.1). At the outset, Don

Murray noted that the Board had received a letter from Don and Adeline Bourne opposing the change of address that would result from the street name changes.

Barb Cochran was present and addressed the Board asking what the Village gains by making the street name changes. She indicated that she would have over 400 address changes to make if the street name was changed. Josh Buck responded, stating that he is in favor of the change from 162nd to Tyler. He has 4 properties that should be addressed as Tyler Street and has experienced many difficulties in the past in getting deliveries made his property because of confusion over the address as well as improper mail delivery. Pam Young said that others shouldn't have to put up with a change of name and was opposed to it along with others in the audience. Don Murray suggested naming only that portion of the streets that abutted Josh Buck's property but then went on to note that would only address a portion of the problem, leaving it up to the Board or future Boards to address the rest of the problem, that is that these roads are now Village streets and the names should be changed. There was discussion about the numbers that would be assigned if the street names were changed. Jerris Nider noted that Terry Kathe is no longer the zoning administrator and that it is now Ron Ruthus. After additional discussion, Josh Buck said he didn't care what the address is, he just wants to get deliveries to his address and eliminate the confusion. Don Murray again noted that they can look at just changing the streets abutting his property. After further discussion, the hearing was closed at 8:50 p.m. On the street name change ordinance (2018-3.1) Don Murray moved to approve it on second reading, Dorn seconded, all AYES.

Justin Stark then reported on the bid for the 2018 water main improvement project. He advised the Board that only one bid had been received from General Excavating in the amount of \$84,914.00 which exceeded the estimate. After discussion, Chairman Don Murray moved approval of the bid to General Excavating of \$84,914.00. Nider seconded. All AYES.

There was discussion on the resolution for establishing a policy of distributing keys. Nider pointed out that there may be 22 sets of keys and that there are 220 players. The Board concluded that they didn't want to require a deposit at this time. There was discussion that Trevor Pope needs to provide a list with the names of who will receive the keys, then those persons can come in and get keys from the Clerk's office. Don Murray introduced the Resolution that was presented to the Board. Ruzicka seconded. It lost on a vote of 2 AYES (Murray & Ruzicka) and 3 NAYES (Dorn, Cheney and Nider).

The Board then proceeded on to New Business.

The first item was action on a request by Trevor Grossenbacher requesting a second curb cut at 1190 Hackberry Street. After discussion, Chairman Don Murray moved approval, Ruzicka seconded – all AYES.

The next item of business was a Resolution approving the rehire of a temporary part-time summer employee. After discussion, the Board approved the hiring of James Lovell as a part-time seasonal employee. Chairman Don Murray moved approval of 2018-4.1, Dorn seconded – all AYES.

The final item of business was discussion on the request by Johnna and Justin Lygrisse to offer pony rides at Bennet Park on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for birthday party guests. After discussion, the Board agreed to allow the pony rides in the park

provided that the requestors provide a certificate of insurance evidencing \$1,000,000 of commercial general liability insurance covering the event and naming the Village as an additional insured. The Board also accepted the offer of the requestors to provide waivers by parents or guardians of those children participating in the horse rides.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

William F. Austin