

**Village of Bennet, Nebraska**  
**Board of Trustees Minutes; February 11, 2019**

The Bennet Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Village of Bennet, Nebraska (the "Village") held a regular meeting and public hearing on Monday, February 11, 2019 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.

In the absence of Chairman Justin Dorn, Village Clerk Patricia Rule called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., conducted roll call and recorded the minutes.

Motion by Cheney, to volunteer as Chair pro-tem. Second on the motion by Nider. Roll call vote; Nider, Cheney, Ruzicka voted YES. Motion carried. Cheney announced the location of the Open Meetings Act posted near the entrance of the room for access by the public.

Motion by Nider, second by Cheney to approve minutes for January 2019 as corrected. (Correction of a year/date from 2016 to 2014, referencing an ammonia incident.) Roll call vote; Nider, Cheney, Ruzicka voted YES. Motion carried.

A list of claims for payment was considered. The Clerk reported one correction to Canon for maintenance and copies in a total due of \$124.23, and additional claims from Midwest Labs, wastewater test \$174.70 and EMC, monthly Village insurance \$2,533.63.

Motion by Ruzicka, second by Nider to approve payment of February claims with additions and corrections. Roll call vote; Cheney, Ruzicka, Nider, voted YES. Motion carried.

Rule provided the Treasurers report, including a quarterly keno report. Transfers necessary for GO bond payments were also noted. Motion by Ruzicka, second by Nider to accept the February 2019 Treasury report. Roll call vote; Cheney, Nider, Ruzicka voted YES. Motion carried.

Written reports were received from the Village Utility Superintendent and Utility Superintendent.

Motion by Ruzicka, second by Nider to approve an estimate from Christensen Tree Service in the amount of \$1,430.00 for removal of dead trees near the water tower. Roll call vote; Nider, Cheney, Ruzicka voted YES. Motion carried.

Panther Ball Club officials Rick Wilen, Dave Pool and Sandy Frazee, were present to discuss leagues, team and player numbers, and field needs. A proposed license agreement for use of Bennet ballfields was discussed. Concerns were expressed for parking areas, exclusive practice times, and key deposits. The draft agreement would be updated to reflect concerns. A deposit of \$100.00 would be submitted for keys. Teams apprised of Bennet players would be included in the Panther schedule. A map indicating parking restrictions, and a practice/play schedule would be provided. Also discussed were field maintenance, scoreboard condition, and coach background checks.

A lease agreement with SpectrAir, LLC for use of the Village water tower was discussed. Terms included providing wireless internet services to designated public areas. Included were the Fire Barn and T-Ball field, and South Ballfield. The need for service at the Village Offices was noted by the Clerk as a priority. Also desirable is service to the Waste Water Treatment facilities. SpectrAir representatives agreed services to the WWTP could be offered secondary to development in the area. Services could be available as early as spring 2019.

A draft resolution to establish expenditures of public funds for recognition dinners and awards was discussed. A public hearing would be held in March to receive comment on the issue. Procedures for nominating and selecting honorees for outstanding community service awards was also considered.

A letter agreement for design and construction services for a new sludge dewatering system and street shop building was considered but not approved.

A public hearing was called to order at 8:56pm to receive comment on a *One and Six Year Street Plan* for the Village. No changes were added. Included on the one year plan were improvements for

Tyler Street from the Cottonwood Street Intersection north to the end of the corporate limits, and in the six year plan-improvements to Cottonwood Street from the Tyler Street intersection eastward to the corporate limits. The Hearing closed at 9:05 p.m.

Resolution 2019-2.1 was introduced by Chair Pro Tem Ryan Cheney approving the Street Plan. Motion by Cheney, second by Ruzicka to approve Resolution 2019-2.1. Roll call vote; Nider, Cheney, Ruzicka voted YES. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-2.2 was introduced appointing and reappointing members to the Farmers Market Committee. Motion by Cheney, second by Nider to approve Resolution 2019-2.2. Roll call vote; Ruzicka, Nider, Cheney voted YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Ruzicka, second by Cheney approving an advertising sign lease for Farmers' Market use. Roll call vote; Nider, Cheney, Ruzicka voted YES. Motion carried.

Final discussion included discussion of new holiday lights in the upcoming budget and attendance at the March 7<sup>th</sup> planning workshop.

Motion by Cheney, second by Nider to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Roll call vote; Nider, Cheney, Ruzicka voted YES. Motion carried.

Recorded by:  
Patricia Rule, Village Clerk