

**Village of Bennet, Nebraska
Board of Trustees Minutes; June 10, 2019**

The Bennet Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Village of Bennet, Nebraska (the "Village") held a regular meeting on Monday, June 10, 2019 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 Justin Dorn called the session to order at 8:00 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 Brad Ruzicka, Jerris Nider, Justin Dorn, Ryan Cheney and Don Murray. A quorum being present and the meeting duly commenced, the following proceedings were taken while the meeting remained open to attendance by the public.

Motion by Cheney, second by Murray to approve minutes for the special meeting held May 30, 2019. Roll call vote; Cheney, Murray, Dorn, Nider, Ruzicka voted YES. Motion carried.

A list of claims for payment was presented. Motion by Cheney, second by Ruzicka to approve payment of claims presented. Roll call vote; Murray, Ruzicka, Nider, Dorn, Cheney voted YES. Motion carried.

Street conditions and progress of a street assessment was discussed.

Final project design for the Whispering Pines Park Trail project was presented. Discussion concerned trail width and depth of concrete. Motion by Dorn, second by Ruzicka to approve final design and authorize the advertising of bids for construction for Whispering Pines Park trails with a 6 foot wide trail, 3 inch concrete with aggregate base. Roll call vote; Murray, Ruzicka, Nider, Dorn, Cheney voted YES. Motion carried.

Insurance coverage for the Village for the Independence Day celebration was discussed. The Village Attorney described potential risk and precedence regarding liability. Insurance Underwriter quotes were considered. Motion by Ruzicka, second by Murray to proceed with acquiring insurance as quoted for \$615.00 for the fireworks display on July 3rd, 2019. Roll call vote; Nider, Dorn, Cheney, Murray, Ruzicka voted YES. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019 was introduced: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE BENNET SOUTH BALL FIELD, INCLUDING THE CONCESSION STAND, FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JULY 3, 2019 AND THE CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF TYLER STREET, HARRISON STREET, VAN BUREN STREET, QUINCY STREET, ELM STREET, FIR STREET AND HARRISON CIRCLE ON JULY 4, 2019, FOR THE CONDUCT OF A PARADE AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES.

Discussion regarded areas involved in the fireworks display, and Nider as licensed pyro-technician. Motion by Dorn, second by Cheney to approve Resolution 2019-6.1, granting the request by the Bennet Builders Association Celebration Committee to use designated public areas for celebration activities on July 3rd and 4th. Roll call vote; Murray, Ruzicka, Dorn, Cheney voted YES. Nider ABSTAINED. Motion carried.

Discussion continued regarding pedestrian easements, in the Bush Pines and Nemaha Valley Subdivisions, designated for future trail development. Trustees agreed it was not appropriate to release any easements at this time.

Progress installing high speed internet services by Spectrair was noted as fiber optic installation in new subdivision areas. Installation of equipment on the water tower had not progressed.

Motion by Dorn, second by Murray to approve an agreement for Farmers Market advertising on the BCBA portable marquee sign. Roll call vote; Nider, Dorn, Cheney, Murray, Ruzicka voted YES. Motion carried.

Barb Cochrane and Louise Vedder represented a request from the Bennet Historical Society to establish a Memorial Park at the corner of Madison and Garden. Discussion concerned various locations for a memorial. Trustees expressed appreciation and support of the idea.

Community groups willing to assist with planning a 2021 Sesquicentennial celebration was noted.

A Capital Improvement Plan workshop was scheduled prior to the July 8th regular Board meeting.

A Treasurer's report was considered. Rule noted property tax dollars are received, and bond payments would be due soon. Motion by Dorn, second by Murray to approve the June 2019 Treasury report. Roll call vote; Cheney, Dorn, Nider, Ruzicka, Murray voted YES. Motion carried.

Reports were also received from Village Engineer Ryan Brandt, The Farmers Market Committee, Utility Superintendent, and the Planning Commission. It was noted a report had not been received from the Sheriff's Department and assigned deputies were not checking in for concerns and duties.

Motion by Dorn, second by Cheney to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. Roll call vote; Murray, Nider, Dorn, Ruzicka, Cheney voted YES. Motion carried.

Patricia Rule, Village Clerk