

The Village of Nehawka Board of Trustees met in special session on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at the Nehawka Community Building. Chairman Bob Sorenson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., noted the open meetings act displayed for public viewing, roll call of the board. In attendance: Bob Sorenson, John Henderson, June Bennett, Allen Gansemer and Jason Jackson. Attendee: Paul Grieger entered at 7:20 p.m.

It was noted that public financing advisor from Ameritas was not in attendance. The Board discussed a need to pursue financing for general obligation debt regarding outstanding IRS federal withholding tax. Information was provided for the amount of unpaid federal withholding tax quarters paid to the IRS and the amount of unpaid federal withholding quarters currently owed for outstanding tax, plus an estimate of IRS penalty/interest fees to be billed. Noted that 10 Form 941 returns have been paid monthly to the IRS and there are 10 Form 941 returns remaining to be paid. The remaining 10 Form 941 returns are scheduled to be paid monthly - April 2021 thru January 2022. Of the 10 payments made, 4 penalty/interest statements have been received. Information was provided regarding communication with IRS to remedy debt and penalty/interest fees. IRS was mailed all Form 941s on February 12th and to date, data has not been completely entered in IRS system; therefore, no agreement or offer for settlement can be made at this time. IRS Agent suggested to check back in 3-4 weeks and noted Form 911 (Request for Taxpayer Advocate Service Assistance), and Form 843 (Claim for Refund and Request for Abatement) were available.

New Business: Paul Grieger, Managing Director, Public Finance for D A Davidson handed out Sources and Uses of Funds breakdown of financing to Board. Mr. Grieger presented two options for financing, promissory note or public offering bonds, each with a 2-year maturity. Noted no penalty for prepayment, would use local bank, legal/banking fees approximately \$5,000-7,000, flexible payment schedule of monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual, rate at 0.045%, and timeline to finalize financing would be 45-50 days which would include a referendum period of ordinance. Grieger noted that his financing was based on \$48,000. Board informed that financing need is approximately \$58,000 which would include outstanding debt plus penalty/interest fees. Grieger informed that an official IRS pay off amount would be needed, and no funding could be done until receipt of payoff amount. Clerk to check with IRS.

Motion by Gansemer, seconded by Jackson to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST: *Patricia Neu*, Village Clerk