

Chairman of the Village of Nehawka Board of Trustees, Bob Sorenson called the scheduled public hearing to order at 6:44 p.m., noted the Open Meetings Act displayed for public viewing. Members present were Bob Sorenson, June Bennett, Jason Jackson, Tim Dineen, and John Henderson entered at 6:50 p.m. Also, present attorney, Tom Prickett, accountant, John Winters, Village Maintenance, Jim Nichols, community, Ann Fisher, Adam Hamilton, Melanie Hohenfield, Jim Neu. Purpose of Public Hearing was to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the budget proposal.

Accountant, John Winter handed out and discussed the budget summary, noted the levy limit of 45 cents and need to increase levy authority, discussed the state of the budget and additional spending the previous year, and compared the proposed budget with last years budget.

The floor was opened to the public for comment on the proposed budget. As there were no further comments or discussion, motion was made by Dineen, seconded by Bennett to close the public hearing at 7:00 p.m., with Bennett, Henderson, Jackson, Dineen, and Sorenson voting yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Sorenson opened the hearing at 7:00 p.m. to set the final tax request for support, opposition, criticism, or discussion or public comment. Discussion was had to increase levy authority by 1%.

The floor was opened to the public for comment on setting the final tax request. As there was no discussion or comments, motion was made by Henderson, seconded by Dineen to close the hearing at 7:02 p.m., with Bennett, Henderson, Jackson, Dineen, and Sorenson voting yes. Motion carried.

ATTEST: *Patricia Neu*, Village Clerk

The Village of Nehawka Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at the Nehawka Community Building. Chairman Bob Sorenson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., noted the Open Meetings Act displayed for public viewing, roll call of the board. In attendance: Bob Sorenson, John Henderson, June Bennett, Jason Jackson and Tim Dineen. Other attendees: Attorney, Tom Prickett, Accountant, John Winter (exited at 7:30 p.m.), Maintenance, Jim Nichols; Fire and Rescue, Ann Fisher and Melanie Hohenfield, Adam Hamilton, Jim Neu, and Nick Rayer (entered at 7:30 p.m.).

The August 11, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Jackson, seconded by Bennett to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Motion by Jackson, seconded by Sorenson to approve report. Motion carried.

Claims were presented and reviewed. Discussion on turning off electricity to ballfield lights and concession stand during the off season. Motion to approve claims by Henderson, seconded by Bennett. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Received thank you from Nebraska Rural Water for donation and Certification of Membership through August 2022. Received check for August 31st Keno Sales and Proceed in the amount of \$33.89. Permit Application approval from Cass County Zoning for garage at 5351 Anderson Dr.

Maintenance: Jim Nichols reported that water tank valve has a small leak; need to purchase additional water meter wire to install new meters, after discussion it was suggested to purchase 1,000 feet instead of 300 feet; 3 curb stops have not been replaced and will contact contractor this week to inquire; sewer plant pump #1 stopped working, after adjustments working okay, Plant is working fine at this time; needed to take multiple sewer samples to the State which included composite samples; Henderson noted that since the sewer plant is taking on additional water, will need to camera from sewer plant to Main Street to determine issues; there was a sewer backup at 421 West St., had sewer pipe camered and noticed debris had plugged sewer, sewer was jetted to clear debris, sewer pipe does not have enough slope and not enough water flow to clear. Henderson noted that the wrong sewer hookup was installed and it should have been a "Y" and not a chisel connection; Bennett reported on readable water meter installation, noted that 8 meters were installed last week, 4 installations are scheduled for the following Monday and will need to schedule 3 more, one water meter will need to be installed in a pit due to the piping being in concrete floor of building and one customer will need additional transmitter wire.

Rescue: The Zoll monitor was recently delivered; one EMT candidate will need to retake the certification test; rescue squad is still not running and Murray responded to 6 calls; a lengthy letter from Kevin Gerkin was read outlining the needs and state of the rescue squad.

It was also noted that the emergency whistle at the fire barn will need to be upgraded from manual to remote operation.

Public Comment, Concerns and Input: none

Chairman Sorenson introduced Ordinance 2021-2, An Ordinance to Adopt the Budget Statement to be Termed the Annual Appropriation Bill; To Appropriate Sums for Necessary Expenses and Liabilities; to Provide for an Effective Date. Motion by Henderson, seconded by Bennett to waive the three-reading rule as required by law. Motion carried. Sorenson read said Ordinance in its entirety.

Ordinance 2021-2, An Ordinance to Adopt the Budget Statement to be Termed the Annual Appropriation Bill; To Appropriate Sums for Necessary Expenses and Liabilities; to Provide for an Effective Date. Motion by Bennett, seconded by Dineen to adopt said ordinance. Motion carried. Voting Yes: Henderson, Sorenson, Bennett, Jackson, and Dineen.

Chairman Sorenson introduced Resolution 2021-1, A Resolution of the Governing Body of the Village of Nehawka Setting the Property Tax Request was read in its entirety and motion by Jackson, seconded by Dineen to adopt said resolution. Motion carried. Voting Yes: Bennett, Henderson, Jackson, Dineen, and Sorenson.

New Business: Photovoltaic System Roof Installation-5212 Anderson Drive – attorney noted that there is no ordinance that would prohibit installation of rooftop solar panels. SunPro representative was to provide information to the board but did not attend meeting. Board tabled matter to October meeting.

Lengemann & Associates, PC Letter Agreement was presented and noted that fees to prepare the budget, request the audit waiver, and deliver said documents is \$3,750.00. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Henderson to approve Lengemann & Associates Letter Agreement. Motion carried.

Renewal of Class C Retail Liquor License for Nomad's Bar. Noted that Notice was published in The Plattsburgh Journal on Thursday, August 26th. As there was no written or oral objection to renewal, motion by Dineen, seconded by Henderson to renew Class C Retail Liquor License to Normad's Bar. Motion carried.

One- and Six-Year Street Plan: reviewed Projects Plan and Map and noted that Projects list was not complete and did not include items on list prepared by Henderson. Matter was tabled to October to contact JEO regarding Projects list.

Nuisance Property – 324 Sherman Ave: Noted that owner is trying to sell, chimney is leaning, not mowed, brush piled, and animals living in house. Motion by Henderson, seconded by Jackson to declare a nuisance. Motion carried.

Nuisance Fence – 504 North Street: Noted that a second fence is being installed. Looking for contractor to remove first fence – Henderson to resolve. The yard has not been mowed, multiple piles of materials/debris in the yard and alley. Motion by Jackson, seconded by Sorenson to declare a nuisance and need to mow, pick up piles of materials/debris, and clear sidewalk. Motion carried.

Rescue Squad Transport Agreement with County. Fisher discussed need of this agreement which is a requirement of the new EMS billing contract, the importance of County assistance. Attorney noted that there is no cancellation clause, indemnification clause and the agreement is too vague. Matter was tabled to October pending a rewrite of agreement.

Rescue/EMS Constitution and Bylaws: Each document was revised as of 8/30/2021. To better understand each document, the matter was tabled to October. Sorenson noted that if any corrections were made, they should be sent to the Board via the Clerk.

Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds Bank Account: Clerk noted that a savings account was set up for the funds received.

EMS Claims Billing Company update: Noted that Transport Agreement will need to be rewritten, will need to check collection agency charges per incident, it is still an ongoing process at this time.

Old Business: Resolution 2021-2: A Resolution of the Governing Body of the Village of Nehawka Adopting a Vehicle Policy. Resolution was read by Sorenson. Motion to approve by Dineen and seconded by Bennett. Motion carried. It was noted that the commuting valuation method will be used at 5 days x 2 trips per day for tax purposes.

Rescue Squad Repair – bid information: Sorenson read email outlining needed repairs, bid from Danco for \$19,029.62, noted squad's value of service to area, presented email quote for liquid system for rear box in the amount of \$12,970.00, noted that exhaust has issues. Motion by Dineen, seconded by Sorenson to install Air Ride system in the amount of \$12,970.00. Motion carried.

Rental of Rescue Squad vehicle: Fisher noted that the squad could be out of service for 60-90 days. Checked on a rental option. Insurance would cover rental of \$150/day with a maximum of \$10,000, discussed need of documentation certifying inspection of rental vehicle, noted that Weeping Water would be able to provide a rental vehicle. Matter tabled to October pending written agreement.

Main St and North St repair update: cement was poured, and street is set to open Saturday, noted that extra rock was needed, that 9-1/2" instead of 8" cement was poured with a bigger radius which resulted in additional materials charge. Motion by Dineen, seconded by

Henderson to approve additional contract fee of \$750.00 to The Driveway Company. Motion carried. Final statement was presented in the amount of \$8,250.00.

Grant for Water Shed – update/information: grant has been written and due by September 30th, waiting for contractor quotes. Noted that the new building will need to have a fence installed per security requirements.

Any other business pertinent to Village Operation. Clerk noted that Board did not receive a customer balance list due to the board meeting being held before the delinquent date and will email the list after the 10th. Noted that one customer has a large balance and the need to put a lien on property. Discussed if the town should own equipment to handle street repairs or water issues. No action taken.

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Dineen to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Motion carried.

CLAIMS – SEPTEMBER 2021

<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance Total</u>	
GENERAL	Jimmy Nichols	Salary - Maintenance	2,173.51	
	Patricia Neu	Salary - Clerk/Treasurer	670.23	
	Patricia Neu-Exp	2 rolls postage stamps / 4 certified mail to IRS	124.40	
	AKRS Equipment	Tractor/mower parts	39.31	
	Frontier Coop	Fuel - maintenance pick-up and tractor	196.12	
	Lengemann & Assoc, PC	accountant fee to set up QuickBooks for budget / Clerk instruction	529.60	
	Lincoln Journal Star	Published Notice - Renewal of Liquor License	15.10	
	Meeske Auto Parts	Tractor Battery / recycle fee	133.22	
	Meeske Hardware Inc	gasket for Sprayer / pkg AAA batteries	13.09	
	Nebraska Dept of Revenue	Form 94 -Waste Reductio and Recycling Fee-June 20 thru July 21	25.00	
	NPPD-217 Sherman Ave	Electricity - Village Whistle	31.58	
	NPPD-217 Sherman Ave	Electricity - Community Bldg parking lights	123.93	
	NPPD-217 Sherman Ave	Electricity - Community Bldg	52.03	
	NPPD-221 Elm St	Electricity - Library	31.58	
	NPPD-301 Main St	Electricity - Park and Pavilion	31.58	
	NPPD-Corner of Main & Elm St	Electricity - Flagpole Light	31.58	
	NPPD-Main St & Washington	Electricity - Ballfield Lights	68.36	
	NPPD-Main St & Washington	Electricity - Ballfield Concession Stand	31.58	
	NPPD-Streetlights	Electricity - Village Streetlights	383.77	
	NextLink Internet f/k/a Future Technologies	Village Office Internet service	35.00	
	Papillion Sanitation	Community Bldg Trash Service	48.00	
	Reinsch Slattery Bear Minahan Pricket, PC	August Attorney fee	1,099.00	
	Windstream 4022270100	Village Whistle	35.77	
	Windstream 4022279923	Village Office Phone	104.00	
	United States Treasury - Form 941	Employer's Qtrly Fed WH Tax 2021 Qtr 3 - August	1,018.71	
	United States Treasury - Form 941V	Employer's Quarterly Fed WH Tax 2018 Qtr 4	2,282.22	
	United States Treasury - Form 941V	Employer's Quarterly Fed WH Tax 2019 Qtr 4	<u>2,382.22</u>	
	Total General Account:			11,710.49
SEWER	Jesse Keene	Backup fee	25.00	
	Jesse Keene	Backup Operator Aug 5 thru 10	120.00	
	Meeske Hardware Inc	calculator / legal clipboard	15.28	
	Midwest Laboratories Inc.	Sample test and supplies	52.08	

	Nextlink Internet f/k/a Future Technologies	Sewer Plant Internet Service	35.00	
	NPPD-Nehawka & Maple	Electricity - Sewer Plant	499.50	
	NPPD-Water Treat Newahwka Rd	Electricity - Lights	<u>11.44</u>	
	Total Sewer Account:			758.30
WATER	W-Cass County Rural Water District No 1	Water Supplier	2,006.40	
	1st Class Plumbing Heating & AC Inc	install 8 readable water meters	581.00	
	Jimmy Nichols - Expense	Postage - Lead & Copper Results to Nebraska	1.00	
	Nebraska Public Health Env Lab	Monthly Water Sample Test / 5 Lead & 5 Copper Tests	205.00	
	NPPD-Maple & Ave N	Water Bldg - Electricity	<u>30.00</u>	
	Total Water Account:			2,823.40
LIBRARY	Gerken Construction	Library roof/valley replacement	<u>3,557.50</u>	
	Total Library Account			3,557.50
AMBULANCE	Kelly Houfek	2021 EMS Conference	597.81	
	Matheson Tri-Gas Inc	Oxygen	<u>119.44</u>	
	Total Ambulance Account			717.25
	TOTAL CLAIMS			19,566.94

ATTEST: *Patricia Neu*, Village Clerk