

Village of Cortland Board Meeting

January 11, 2023

The meeting of the Village of Cortland Nebraska was held the 11th day of January, 2023, at 100 S. Sherman Avenue at 7:00 pm.

Present at the meeting: Chairperson Kohout, Douglass, Birkett, Goforth, German; Clerk Moormeier; Utility Superintendent Argo; Attorneys Solheim and Mahin.

Motion by Kohout and seconded by Birkett to receive and place on file all notices and material having any bearing on the meeting. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Chairperson Kohout had everyone introduce themselves since there were new board members, new attorneys and new Utility Superintendent.

Motion by Goforth and seconded by Birkett to approve the minutes of the last meeting and emergency meeting. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented. Motion by Douglass and seconded by Birkett to approve the Treasurer's report. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment: Black Hills Engery \$1,700.39, Commonwealth Electric Company \$512.50, Cornerstone Ban \$2,673.79, Donald R. Prentice \$80.00, Donelle Moormeier (mileage) \$28.82, Farmers Cooperative \$904.85, Gage County Clerk \$347.80, League of NE Municipalities \$421.00, Lovell Excavating \$1,250.00, Marilyn Devries \$679.41, Menards \$6,546.46, Michelle German \$144.00, Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$599.00, Norris Public Power \$2270.06, One Call Concepts, Inc.\$8.00, Salaries \$1,028.40, Southeast Area Clerks Association \$10.00, Tredz Central \$1,060.00, Verla Busboom \$40,00, Voice News \$196.51, Waste Connections of Nebraska Inc, \$4,112.96. Motion by Birkett and seconded by Douglass to approve the monthly payment of bills. 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion carried.

Building Permit – 405 W 7th Street storage building and steps for Kate Alder. Douglass moved and Birkett seconded to approve the building permit for 405 W. 7th Street. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Written Complaints – Written complaint from Wayne Schroeder regarding 455 W. 6th Wade & Cara Thompson property. Cut and haul off weeds from fence in alley, cut fence posts tops, move camper from west side, halfway in street, past curb. Remove stove from site on side of house. Village will take no action as camper is on property, appears to be a dispute between residents.

Update Fee Schedule – Clerk provided several towns fee schedules for reference to update Village of Cortland fees. Currently fee schedule in code book, attorney will provide Ordinance to pull schedule out of code book at February meeting. In future the fee schedule will be adopted by resolution. Board is asked to review the schedules and bring suggestions to February meeting. Birkett will reach out to Brian from Olsson Associations who is knowledgeable regarding development work. Continue discussion at February meeting.

Discussed General Excavation Invoice for water main that was hit by their digging. They claim it was incorrectly marked and will not pay. Because there were no pictures taken nor were we there it will be a lesson learned. In the future pictures will be taken, suggested we purchase a locator, and require them to contact our Utility Superintendent when onsite before they dig.

Fall Festival – Lindsey Oelling would like to plan her Fall festival for October 14th, 2023 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Would like Main street again and expand down to the park on Sheridan for the car show. There will be food trucks, beer garden, bands, chili cook off, something in park for children and vendors. Community Center is also reserved for chance of rain. Goforth made a motion and Birkett seconded to approve the Fall Festival event for October 14th, 2023.

Broadband Infrastructure Development – Birkett attended a Broadband Infrastructure Development meeting where the towns of Cortland, Adams, DeWitt, Clatonia, Pickrell and Filley would work together to bring broadband high speed internet to each Village. A larger group has more bargaining power with the carriers. Gage County Supervisors are helping with the organization. SENDD indicates there is a lot of grant money available for this type of project. Nextlink Communication is working on proposal and sample contract. Goforth indicated she would be the point person on this project as she has been working with SENDD already. Their next meeting is January 21st.

Miscellaneous updates: The Museum will be having a Soup lunch and Silent Auction on Sunday, January 29th from 11 am to 2 pm.

Clerk will be attending 2023 Midwinter Conference in Lincoln on February 27th & 28th were she can earn her mandated 8 hours of training for Treasurer position.

Engelhard was our third check signer and we need to appoint another. Birkett made a motion and Goforth seconded to appoint Douglass as the third check signer. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report: New Utility Superintendent, Brian Argo, starts on Thursday, January 12th. He and German will talk about the water classes that he needs to take. A water operator's class will be in Firth on Thursday, January 19th. Wastewater class will be in Wahoo the following week. German will help him get registered for the Conference in March in Kearney. He will set up email villageofcortland.brian@gmail.com. The phone is having problems charging, also laptop most likely should be replaced, will revisit at February meeting.

German and Birkett were asked to turn in the hours they have spent during the time we have not had a Utility Superintendent to be compensated.

Birkett reported that all street lights are working as of now. He is waiting to hear from Micah from Commonwealth regarding the pole that needs to be replaced. Solar light has not been purchased that was voted on at the December meeting.

Birkett would be taking with the locksmith next week to get doors rekeyed. A key box should be purchased to house extra keys and all should be labeled. Clerk ordered her key pad for her office but has not heard anything, she will check on it.

Clerk offered some examples of safes, discussion to make sure it is fire rated. Douglass motioned and Birkett seconded to give clerk permission to purchase safe up to \$600.00. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Specs have been received from Gage County regarding the ADA compliance for the Community Center for elections.

Olsson's are working on the sewer study for the development. Clerk was asked to send Solheim the sewer study contract between Village and Developer.

Town Clean Up days are May 6th and October 7th, clerk has ordered dumpsters from Waste Connections. The recycle is always overflowing because other towns are bringing their recycle to us. It is dumped once a week on Wednesday. Clerk will contact them regarding how much an additional unit, or having it picked up twice a week would cost.

Ball park – still need to find time to paint inside of the concession, measure netting to protect Birkett house, fencing material has been purchased and ager lime needs to be purchased.

CIA Report – Two new trees for the park have been donated by Bill and Cindy Price, just need to pay for the planting. Trees that have X's on need to be removed as they have structural issues. Activities have been set for 2023. Flyer has been sent to all residents regarding volunteer help for activities. Motion by Douglass and seconded by Goforth to accept the donation of the trees and approve paying the planting. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried. Clerk asked to send a thank you to Price's.

Motion by Douglass and seconded by Birkett to approve the 25% highway allocation match in the amount of \$1919.00. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Christmas decorations on sale, add to February agenda regarding snowflake for extra pole.

Motion by Goforth and seconded by German to adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

I, Donelle Moormeier, Village Clerk do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Village Board of Cortland, NE to the best of my knowledge.