

Village of Cortland Board Meeting
January 10, 2024

The meeting of the Village of Cortland, Nebraska was held the 10th day of January, 2024 at 100 S. Sherman Ave at 7:00 pm.

Present at the meeting: Kohout, German, Goforth, Douglass, Attorney Mahin, Clerk Moormeier and public. Absent: Birkett and Utility Superintendent Argo.

Motion by Douglass and seconded by Goforth to receive and place on file all notices and material having any bearing on the meeting. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Douglass No: None Motion carried.

Motion by Douglass and seconded by German to approve the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Voice. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Douglass No: None Motion carried.

Motion by Douglass and seconded Goforth to approve the Treasurer's report. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Douglass No: None Motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment: Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency \$ 2,169.00, Black Hills Energy \$987.02, Commonwealth Electric Company \$790.22, Cornhusker Press \$79.75, Donald R. Prentice \$85.00, Five Rule, LLC \$5,900.00, Lincoln Winwater Works \$626.92, Menards \$284.03, Michelle German \$270.00, Midwest Lab \$396.13, Nebraska Department of Revenue \$355.35, Nebraska Landscape Solutions \$100.00, Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$15.00, Norris Public Power \$2,557.47, Olsson \$607.36, One Call Concepts, Inc. \$13.98, Salaries \$4,888.35, Sapp Brothers \$517.44, Solheim Law Firm \$750.00, U.S. Bank \$311.48, Verla Busboom \$40.00, Voice News \$138.05. Motion by Douglass and seconded by German to approve the payment of claims. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, , Douglass No: None Motion carried.

Bobbi Pettit from Five Rule met with the board via Google Meet for her quarterly report. She thanked the Village for making the investment in the equipment to have meetings via internet. It has helped with the Planning & Zoning meetings. Bobbi reviewed what the P&Z has been revising of the C2 Highway Commercial District. Bobbi has visited with Mitch Linder the developer of the ground north of Cortland, Teri McHargue the owner of the ag ground south of Cortland and with Ron Preston regarding commercial development south of Cortland.

Lisa Kohout asked about the setbacks that might be new for the property they purchased at Hwy 77 and Apple Road. They will be tearing down a structure and want to make sure where to put up a new structure. Bobbi suggested the P&Z committee use this as a "test" property at the P&Z meeting on January 17th. Lisa will plan on coming to the P&Z meeting.

Executive Director of the Beatrice Humane Society, Carlee Fiddes was in attendance to tell the Village about the program they have for feral cats. We have residents of Cortland that are already trapping feral cats and taking part in this program. The cats trapped and are spayed/neutered/vaccinated/microchipped and released. This cost \$40.00. The Cortland Museum raised \$150 for the Beatrice Humane Society in December and Carlee would like to start a fund for the Cortland program with those monies. We could put donation jars up in business to donate, do fund raising events etc. Cindy Chapman indicated there are two problems in Cortland, one which is those that let their cats outside and they roam into others yards, plus the feral cats that are being fed. Cindy and Carlee will get some educational material together to put out to the community and will be on agenda for February.

Jena will look over the American League Publishing ordinances and report back at the February meeting.

Chairs from the Cortland United Church were offered to the Village for \$3.00 each to replace bad ones at the community center. Village will look for a grant to purchase new chairs.

Property manager of Barta property has not given Jena a firm yes or no to date regarding the purchase of the property. Jena will continue to communicate with them.

Discussion regarding full time Administrator will be postponed until February meeting.

Signage on 310 W. 4th Street is up. Still have not been able to check the water meters, Jena will contact the owner again and give renter until the week of the 24th to allow someone to read meters or there will be a 7 day disconnect notice given.

Museum will be having a Soup lunch and Silent auction on January 28th at the Community Center. Museum received a \$7000 anonymous donation at the end of 2023 which they are very thankful. Continue to work on the library room and the kitchen. The garage will be shingled when the weather permits.

Discussion regarding the laptop in the office acting up, may need to be replaced soon.

Midwinter Conference in Lincoln is February 26th and 27th for clerk to obtain her educational hours. Motion by Douglass and seconded by Goforth to approve the conference cost of \$407.00. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Douglass No: None Motion carried.

Discussion on the Lead Service Line inventory. Clerk will prepare and send to NPPD to be put in the utility bill. Residents are asked to fill out and return to Village Clerk.

RV that was sitting at 635 S Lincoln has been moved. Van sitting on main street in front of Douglass building that has no tags. Brian will be asked to check on it and have it towed.

Clean up day is booked for April 27th and roll offs will be at the maintenance shed.

Streets in Cortland look very good after the storms thanks to Brian Argo and the help of residents Rich Douglass, Adam German, Troy Moormeier, Travis Birkett, Dustin McGee, and the Deunks. "It takes a Village"

No updates on the ball park.

CIA is waiting for specs for the sign to apply for the grant. Leadership will stay the same for 2024. Did not meet in January because of the snow and bitter cold.

Motion by Douglass and seconded by Cheryl to approve the \$2091 Highway 25% allocation match. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Douglass No: None Motion carried.

Motion by German and seconded by Goforth to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Douglass No: None Motion carried.

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