

Village of Cortland Board Meeting
July 12, 2023

The meeting of the Village of Cortland, Nebraska was held the 12th day of July, 2023 at 100 S. Sherman Ave at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

The following bills were presented for payment: Black Hills Energy - \$424.91; Bob Moats – \$400.00; Donald R. Prentice- \$115.00; Kenneth Ostlund- \$165.54; Landmark Implement- \$222.25; Michelle German - \$144.00; Nebraska Department of Revenue- \$191.84; Nebraska Main Street Network, Inc- \$300.00; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab- \$15.00; Nebraska Rural Water Association.- \$440.00; Norris Public Power- \$2,487.20; Olssons- \$4,980.15; One Call Concepts, Inc.- \$24.34;Pavers Inc- \$9,522.44; Salaries- \$4,461.17; Solheim Law Firm- \$750.00; U.S. Bank- \$219.70; Verla Busboom - \$40.00; Voice News-\$142.15; Waste Connections of Nebraska Inc- \$ 4,540.48; XL Contracting Inc. Blain Johnson- \$5,040.92. Motion by Birkett and seconded by German to approve the payment of bills. Roll-call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass; No: None. Motion carried.

Building Permits – Mike Hanau – 250 E 4th St – Bedroom addition. Motion to approve building permit at 250 E 4th St for a bedroom addition made by Douglass seconded by Birkett. Roll-Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass No: None. Motion carried.

Casey Thompson – 705 Sheridan Ave - Vinyl privacy fence. Motion to approve building permit at 705 Sheridan Ave for a privacy fence made by Birkett seconded by Douglass. Roll-Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass No: None. Motion carried.

Regina Engelhard indicated that her concrete driveway was tore up during ditch work but is now just rock. Other driveways have been affected also. Once all the ditch work is completed in the Village the concrete driveways will be replaced all at one time. This will be more cost effective than doing one at a time. Expectation of September or October when these would be completed.

Current Status of and update of project on the development on the northwest side of the Village was tabled until August meeting as Josh Popp was not in attendance. Items to address, water and

sewer capacity, Village grants, guarantees from the Village, and mil levy taxes on new development.

Motion by Douglass and seconded by Birkett to suspend the three readings of Ordinance 2023-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CORTLAND, GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND SECTION 90.30, TITLE NINE, CHAPTER 90 FOR THE VILLAGE OF CORTLAND CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO 2005-17; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Roll-Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Birkett and seconded by Goforth to approve Ordinance 2023-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CORTLAND, GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND SECTION 90.30, TITLE NINE, CHAPTER 90 FOR THE VILLAGE OF CORTLAND CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO 2005-17; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Roll-Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass No: None. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding steps required to Amend Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Development Plan: The Comprehensive Development plan would first need to be amended with a public hearing before the P&Z Board and a public hearing before the Village Board Meeting. Amending a Zoning Ordinance would then require a public hearing before the P&Z board and a hearing before the Village Board.

Attorney Mahin has attempted to contact the owners of the strip of property by Hwy 77 east of Blue River Polaris. Omega Machine is in probate. Other properties have been addressed. Question about grant funds for removal and cleanup of properties. Goforth will contact SENND, Mahin will also check/

Bobbie Petti from Five Rule reviewed where we are with the review of the Comprehensive Plan. It has been a laborious task for the P&Z Board as they have been reviewing each line of the 208 line matrix that Petti provided in the plan. Petti feels that she is fielding more calls from P&Z as plans for parcels in Village. She is recommending an hourly contract for future support. It would be beneficial if the Village could invest in equipment so she could attend meetings via zoom. Petti will return to the August meeting with a proposed contract assuming that the Village will have the technology for her to attend 50% of the meetings virtually. More discussion regarding annexing the parcel south of town and the possible zoning of C2. Goforth will research the cost of technology needed.

Mahin provided examples of development procedures and fees from other towns. Board will review and revisit in August.

Clerk provided the revised fee schedule. Mahin will bring a resolution to the Board in August.

Motion by Goforth and seconded by Birkett to have NERWA do a sewer/water rate study. Roll-Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass No: None. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous: The Cortland Museum will be a participant on the biggivegave.org on September 14, 2023. Monies collected will be used to establish a Research Room in the Museum. Utility Company permits tabled until August. Clerk asked to reach out to other towns regarding Ordinances pertaining to Fireworks dates/times.

Maintenance Report: 150 keys have been ordered for the Dump. Argo will get the gates up by August 1st. Clerk will send out flyer next week to let residence know about keys. Recycling bins have been overflowing and used by other communities. Motion by Goforth and seconded by German to have recycle bins removed. Discussion that there is a recycling area at 27th and Pine Lake and Beatrice has a recycling which people can use. Roll-Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett No: Douglass. Motion carried. Toilet in meeting restroom is fixed. Fire Hydrant at 7th & Highland needs to be moved. Will ask XL Contracting to give us a bid. Goforth reported that a grant for ADA compliance at the Community Center has been submitted. Goforth asked Argo to get some bids on a commercial grade kitchen update for the community center. There are grants that can be applied for and needs to be done by the end of 2023.

Ball park: Games are done for the season. Will need to order Agrlime. Looking at sprinklers and lights for the small field, also still need net.

CIA report – Back to School Bash is August 4th with 61 kids signed up to receive free backpacks. Summer Wreck program has been going well on Wednesday evenings. Spookfest will be October 21st, 2023, Fireworks set for June 29th, 2024.

Motion by Douglass and seconded by sBirkett to approve the 25% Highway Allocation Match of \$2095.00. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass; No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Birkett and seconded by Goforth to go into closed session for employee evaluations at 9:25 p.m. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass; No: None. Motion carried. Motion by Goforth and seconded by Douglass to exit closed session at 10:00 p.m. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass; No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Goforth and seconded by Birkett to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, 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.