

Village of Cortland Board Meeting
November 8, 2023

The meeting of the Village of Cortland, Nebraska was held the 8th day of November, 2023 at 100 S. Sherman Ave at 7:00 pm.

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

Motion by Goforth and seconded by German 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 Birkett and seconded by Douglass 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 Goforth 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 \$204.21, BOK Financial \$16,786.25, Classic Auto \$170.00, EZ Stop \$297.37, Menards \$216.28, Michelle German \$252.00, Midwest Dirt Works, Inc. \$9,601.50, Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$273.00, Nebraska Department of Revenue \$357.86, Noakes \$1,255.00, Norris Public Power \$2,320.20, One Call Concepts, Inc. \$133.90, Paul Davis \$1600.00, Salaries \$4519.65, Solheim Law Firm \$750.00, U.S. Bank \$843.61, Verla Busboom \$40.00, Voice

Motion by Birkett and seconded by Douglass to approve the payment of claims. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass No: None Motion carried.

No building permits and no written complaints.

Update on Nuisance properties – Mahin reported she no return call from property manager of Barta property. She will find information for owner and try to contact them directly. Other properties are showing progress, no new problems at this time.

German was asked by Fire Chief Briggs to have a final decision on the route that will be taken to correct the humidity and mold problem in the fire barn. Goforth made a motion to go with Wrightsman Plumbing, Heating, & Cooling, Inc. bid for Option 2 materials and labor \$8140.00. Birkett seconded the motion. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass No: None Motion carried.

Clerk asked for clarification of jurisdiction of the Village for signage south of Cortland for the inquiry from Precision Signs and Graphics. The Village does not have jurisdiction that is a State jurisdiction because of Hwy 77.

Nicole Stoner addressed the board with question regarding the trees at the back of their property. They are dead or dying and need to be removed. The board believes that there is an easement to allow utilities to make repairs but it is actually Stoner's property and they may take the trees down as they see fit. It is not a platted alley. Attorney Mahin will research 130 W 1st Street to find the easement.

The signage for the business that is operating at 310 W 4th has never been displayed as was asked several years ago. The clerk will get all the information to attorney Mahin so that she can address the issue.

Moormeier reported that the Museum received approximately \$3300 from Big Give Gage in October. The museum had opening day during the Paper Moon Fall Festival on October 14th and were pleased with the attendance. They will have a silent auction and soup lunch on Sunday, January 28th to raise money.

Moormeier asked about putting out a bulk mail flyer – it will include snow removal and parking ban information, recycling information, holiday hours, December 1 Christmas tree lighting, December 13 Lighting contest, and December 16 Santa and his reindeer coming to Cortland. Moormeier also reported the auditors would be in the office on Monday, November 20th. She also requested vacation for Monday November 27th, which was approved.

Maintenance – Brian Argo reported that the ball park had been winterized, lights replaced along highway 77, the Black Hills Energy will be working in town for another month as they are having problems

with locations. Problems with water meter readings for the last two months and have determined it is the Microsoft 11 on the new computer that is causing the problem. Brian will see if Windows 10 can be installed instead. Ready for snow with bags of salt and gravel. Rich asked if there was room for the new flower pots in the maintenance building, there is not. Possibly get a tarp and cover and sit by the shop.

Ball park – Kohout reported that the concession stand leftovers when to the Community Center for Spookfest. The netting that we have will not work with the small ball field, will need to purchase something else. Goforth is working on a grant for lights for the small

CIA Report – Need to have estimates on the sign for the Community Center to apply for this quarter NPPD grant. No one has any pictures of what the old one looked like.

Motion by Douglass and seconded by Birkett to approve the \$1837 Highway 25% allocation match. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass No: None Motion carried.

Motion by Goforth and seconded by Birkett to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 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.