

Village of Cortland Board Meeting  
October 11, 2023

The meeting of the Village of Cortland, Nebraska was held the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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 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 Goforth 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 \$166.30, Cheryl Goforth \$1190.44, Clatonia Rescue/Fire Dept \$8000.00, Creek Contracting LLC \$696.74, Donald R. Prentice \$115.00, Five Rule, LLC \$5,900.00, Gana Trucking \$2,464.83, Midwest Dirt Works, Inc. \$35,370.98, Midwest Lab \$143.00, Nebr Dept of Revenue \$338.59, Nebraska Landscape Solutions \$424.00, Nebr Public Health Environmental Lab \$34.00, Norris Public Power \$2,215.91, Olsson \$3,819.30, One Call Concepts, Inc. \$42.96, Salaries \$4,963.04, Sargent Drilling \$586.00, Solheim Law Firm \$750.00, Summit Fire Protection \$245.00, U.S. Bank \$716.16, Verla Busboom \$40.00, Voice News \$47.03, Waste Connections of Nebraska Inc. \$4,169.96. Motion by Birkett and seconded by Goforth to approve the payment of claims. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass No: None Motion carried.

No building permits were submitted.

Motion by Douglass and seconded by Birkett to open public hearing at 7:10 p.m. for the Cortland 2024 One & Six Year Plan. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass No: None Motion carried. Discussion regarding projects other than general maintenance should be on our six year plan. Overlay, if not over 2", is considered general maintenance. Streets that need to be overlaid will be identified in February or March. Discussion regarding adding one-half of block to Vermont west entrance to ball park. Motion by Goforth and seconded by Douglass to close the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass. No: None Motion carried.

Motion by Douglass seconded by Birkett to approve the One & Six Year Plan with the following amendments on the 6 year plan: Extend road at 8<sup>th</sup> & Vermont going south to the entry of the ball park. Extend the work on 7<sup>th</sup> & Washington South to the home owners drive way. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass. No: None Motion carried.

Chairperson Kohout read RESOLUTION 2023-05. WHEREAS, The Village of Cortland, Nebraska, has conducted a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards, NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Chairperson and Village Board that the One and Six Year Plan for streets as presented at said public hearing has been accepted and approved. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass. No: None Motion carried.

Paul Davis is scheduled to come on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> to clean the truck and take one-third of the gear with them to be cleaned. When those are done they will bring back the cleaned and take another one-third until all gear has been cleaned. To fix the humidity problem permanently it is suggested that a mini-split option be put out for bids. Specs will be written up by German and Fire Chief Briggs and Donelle will put out for bids. Goforth will approach SENND for possible grant monies to cover the cost. This needs to be completed before next spring.

No written complaints were submitted.

Update on nuisance properties. Progress has been seen at all the properties. The Village offer to purchase the Barta property has been sent. Brian has mowed the property twice, bill needs to be sent to Barta.

Discussed Olsson's water model assessment. Lagoon sludge test could be done by Rural Water. Has not been done in 8-10 years. German will get it scheduled if fall stays nice, otherwise will be done in the Spring.

A new well is not needed as it pumps plenty of water. The North well needs to be started again as a backup. Board would like report from Brian of how many gallons are sold so that we can do a rate study for water. NRD reported that water table is higher now than it was last February.

NERWA will be doing a sewer/water rate study soon. Randy Hellbush will contact Donelle.

Miscellaneous – Museum raised \$3245 in donations during Big Give Gage. A check will be presented on October 12<sup>th</sup> which will include the percentage from Gage County Foundation. The museum's grand reopening will be Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> during the Fall Festival.

Maintenance Report – the Village has utility companies in doing digging, besides the culvert work that the Village is having done. Brian requested to purchase a new metal detector as his is not working very well. Question regarding trees behind Vinton's and Stoner's if it was their responsibility to remove or the Village, as they are dead. It is the home owner's responsibility. Town clean up on October 7<sup>th</sup> went smoothly, all 4 dumpsters were full. Tower assessment hopefully should be done in October. Need to make sure the electrician installs heater in well house. Sinks in the Community Center, because of the air gap drains we were required to install by DHHS you cannot pull both of the plugs in the sinks at the same time as they will overflow.

Water needs to be turned off at the ball park. Both ball fields outfields grass is coming up nicely. Left over concessions will be used at trunk or treat during Spookfest. Some painting still needs to be done. Commonwealth Electric submitted \$23, 796 bid for lights on the small field. Goforth will check with SENND regarding grant money. Netting still needs to be purchased for the small field. Kohout will continue to work on getting that done. Kohout was asked to make sure ball tournaments are not on the same day as clean up in May.

CIA Report – Spookfest on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Will be 12-14 trunk or treats. Decorating of gazebo for Christmas needs to be done prior to the December 1<sup>st</sup> tree lighting. Motion by Douglass seconded by Birkett to allocate up to \$500 for lights and greenery to be purchased for the gazebo. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass. No: None Motion carried. Birkett is getting ideas and pricing for the Community Center sign and for a sign at the Village Office so we can submit to NPPD grant.

Motion by Douglass and seconded by Birkett to approve the 25% Highway Allocation match of \$2118.00. Roll Call Yes: German, Goforth, Kohout, Birkett, Douglass No: None Motion carried.

A thank you note and t-shirts were sent to the Village Board from the Trail Trek for Goldenride.

Motion by Goforth and seconded by German to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 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.