

**VILLAGE OF ALVO**  
**June 7, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.**  
**135 Main Street, Alvo, Nebraska**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Meeting was called to order by Chris Juilfs at 7:30. Said meeting is open to the public to attend. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjourn to Executive Session per State Statute 84-1410. Notice of this regular meeting was printed in the Plattsmouth Journal at least ten days prior to this meeting and was posted at the village hall three days prior. Chris stated that he would like to call your attention to the Open Meeting Act posted on the wall behind us and acknowledged that the agenda is on the table in front here.

Board Members in attendance were Chris Juilfs, Roger Paul, Gary Marcoe, Larry Langer and Devon Sullivan.

Devon motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 3rd, 2022. Gary seconded.

The following members voted “YEA”: Juilfs, Paul, Marcoe, Langer and Sullivan. The following members voted “NAY”: None. 5-0. Motion carried.

Devon motioned to approve the payments, claims, payroll taxes including the necessary transfer funds to and or from the water sewer and general fund accounts of the meeting of May 3rd, 2022?

Gary asked if there is anything we can do to cut down the price of Lee Enterprises, because I don't think we need to put two pages of writing in the paper? Raider stated that you have to, by law, publish the minutes of the meeting, so the best thing we can do is keep the minutes at a minimum, that would keep the space of the paper at a minimum and bring down the costs down dramatically. Chris stated that it was a full page and a half.

Larry asked how many more payments to Domina Law? Raider stated that this will be the last payment to Domina Law, fourth and final. Larry seconded.

The following members voted “YEA”: Juilfs, Paul, Marcoe, Langer and Sullivan. The following members voted “NAY”: None. 5-0. Motion carried.

<b>Intuit Quickbooks</b>	<b>Accounting</b>	<b>\$8.56</b>
<b>Lee Enterprises</b>	<b>Advertising</b>	<b>\$275.18</b>
<b>OPPD</b>	<b>Electric</b>	<b>\$487.82</b>
<b>Peopleservice</b>	<b>Contract Labor</b>	<b>\$850.00</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>\$1,716.05</b>
<b>Maguire Iron</b>	<b>(Water Tower)</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Windstream</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>\$223.97</b>

<b>Domina Law</b>	<b>Law Fees</b>	<b>\$2,919.50</b>
<b>League of Nebraska Municipalities</b>	<b>Treasurer Conference</b>	<b>\$407.00</b>
<b>US Treasury</b>	<b>Federal Withholding</b>	<b>\$1,198.98</b>
<b>Nebr. Dept. of Revenue</b>	<b>NE Withholding &amp; Unemployment</b>	<b>\$526.23</b>
<b>Office Depot</b>	<b>Printer ink and envelopes</b>	<b>\$148.39</b>
		<b>\$9761.68</b>

**Communication of Citizens:**

Citizen Dennis Tempelmeyer noted that at the beginning of the meeting the month and date of the meeting should be mentioned that way when it comes up on tape it shows.

Citizen Brandon Badberg asked about Agenda Item 11 on the back page. Previous meetings that when been at the last two months regarding the EMA, EMS, illegal interlocal agreement. We've been told it's regarding EMA, we've been told it's regarding EMS, it's been voted on and the voting was made with a very vague description on what ever the illegal agreement was. We have been able to find out that it had to do with this lid exemption that's listed on there for \$3500. But last month after the meeting we got a letter, and I was informed it was from Beth Ann and Larry and it was proposed by them and a group of people on the board. Not necessarily the new members is what I was told. It was previous members that are still on the board. This letter was sent out to the people of the republican party, and I don't know who else, but it said that it is regards to the Emergency Response System and the \$3500 related to that. So that's three different stories that are now going on, that we've been informed of. I actually looked into the emergency response system that was put into place by the Cass County EMA for instances like what happened down in Texas with the school shooting. It's a service that's provided by the Cass County Emergency Management Agency and the Sheriff's department to have a direct line of contact to and from the school systems within Cass County. So they can directly reach those individuals in that system. So if we voted to potentially get rid of any taxes coming to the village pertaining to the safety and well-being of students and teachers. Roger Paul stated that we don't have a school in town. Brandon stated we don't, but we live in a county that has a school in Elmwood, Murdock and Eagle. Roger said well they'll show up there, won't they? Brandon said that's part of being a citizen. Citizen Robin LaPage said we pay taxes to the school district. Brandon stated that we pay taxes to Southeast Community College. Roger stated that Southeast Community College is in Lancaster. Brandon said that you still pay a tax to it. Citizen Hunter Long stated that the largest tax on your property tax is District 145. Brandon said that the concern from the village is that were voting on things that we have no idea about from a board member standpoint. And it's affecting the livelihood potentially of individuals in the village here that have children that go to those schools. Roger said that they'll still go there. Brandon said but you're opting out- Roger stated that we are about bankrupt. We need streets. So the kids can stand out there and not have to stand in the mud to wait for the bus. Don't you think?

Brandon said that he would much rather have his kids stand in mud than have a lack of funding- Roger said they don't have a lack of funding. They have plenty of money over there. Have you ever heard them talk when you're not there? Brandon asked if you have kids that go to school? Roger said that he has had kids go to school. Brandon asked that when they went to school was there as many things going on- Roger asked if he has heard them talk about how they got to spend all this money they got so they can- Brandon stated it's so that they can retain what they have. Roger said yeah. Brandon continues but this was something put in place by the Emergency Management Agency to help out with the schools. Robin asked if we are discussing agenda item 11 now or what are you going to do? Robin said if you have an emergency here, they won't come, you won't get any FEMA money, you get nothing. Roger asked who said? Robin said because you got rid of Cass County EMA. Roger said he doesn't believe that. Luke stated that you will not get federal money without Cass County Emergency Management Agency. I just spent twenty-four hours of class on this. And I will not fill out your paperwork for you. Every county has an Emergency Management and you want an interlocal with them. A tornado hits here, you call them, what do you need. FEMA is structured village to county. If they can't help, they reach out to surrounding counties. If they can't help you get the supplies you need then it has to go to the state if the state of Nebraska can't supply this stuff for you then it has to go to Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and any state around you if they can't help you then it has to go to the federal government. Roger said hold up what supplies are you referring to what are they gonna do for me they're not going to do anything and I'm going to be sucking up when like everybody else. Luke said your water tower gets taken out where are you getting drinking water? Roger said out of the freaking ground. Luke said Roger you're sitting there worrying about yourself you're one person you can go get bottled water you have a whole village here you have to supply services too it's not just you if you don't want their EMS program that's fine but don't get rid of their Emergency Management. Roger said the government just finds a way to get bigger and bigger. Luke said they're not charging you anything. What are they charging you? Roger said they must be charging us something 'cause they're there. Robin said they're not charging a penny. Luke said it's county funded. Gary asked why it's on the budget? Citizen Mike Lanctot said that it's a value assessment of if we had to pay, we put 10,000. That also granted more tax money back from the federal government to the village. You were in that budget meeting when we talked about it. Luke said Gary you were there. It's just your levy lid so you can actually collect more tax money they're not sending you a bill. Robin asked Raider if there has ever been a payment to Cass County EMA Cass County EMS? Raider said no, not that I could find. Robin asked has there ever been a payment to Eagle for the 10,000 on our line item on our budget. Raider said no. Robin said it's on there to bring more tax money to the town if you would have to pay for Cass County EMS. That's what that's for, it's just telling you that's what you would have to pay but it brings more tax money to the town. This town has never paid one penny for any emergency services from anybody. Gary said well we shouldn't. Robin said you don't. Gary said we pay taxes for that whole group so we should never have a bill from rescue like that. Brandon asked how come you make decisions and vote on things, but you have no knowledge or you don't put forth the effort to find out the information? Robin said that if you take that 10,000 off and if you take the 3,500 off you're going to lose tax money that's coming here, it's just on there to show you what you'd have to pay if you had to pay for it so you get tax money from the

county for it. Gary said that he's never seen it on there before. Robin said because we put that on there so that we could get more money 'cause Alvo wasn't getting half the tax money it should have been getting. Chris said that's why I wanted to specify what we voted out. We voted EMS off we did not vote EMA to be gone. Robin said that if you vote EMA out EMS is gone. Devon asked if we can vote EMS out and keep EMA? Robin said you can't have it without EMA. Devon said because they come together. Robin said they're one entity. Brandon said and that's why the gentleman I called at the state office EMA for Nebraska told me that before you guys made a vote he highly suggested that you get an attorney to look over the interlocal agreements because there are so many agreements attached with that when you break one the likelihood of you breaking multiple other ones is very high. Robin said Dave Morgan signed that interlocal agreement with Cass County EMA When that came here in 2018. We were then hooked up with Cass County EMA Cass County EMS. Then as the Board member the chairman and as the rescue captain he went behind the board's back and started having meetings at South Bend and different places trying to undermine what he had just signed for this town. and was trying to get rid of Cass County EMS so when the board found out about it the board said Hey Dave we wanna talk to you about why you're having secret meetings and representing Alvo when you didn't have any approval from the board and as the rescue captain. And he said no I'm not coming to any meetings so then we called him again three days later said hey the board wants to talk to you we want to know why you went behind the boards back and you're having meetings representing Alvo as chairman and captain of the Rescue Squad and he said no I'm not coming and that's when he got suspended that's what started the lawsuit all over Cass County EMS. He fought because he said he didn't sign the paper Yes, he did his names on it. If anybody, instead of writing letters to Erv Portis writing letters to NEMA. Go over to the Cass County EMS office and talk to the people. Look at their budget. There's no grants paying for anything, it's all tax money. This letter that got sent out by Beth Saying that oh the inheritance tax is empty. There's \$8 million in the inheritance tax account that letter that got sent out is nothing but lie after lie after lie. All created with Dave Morgan because he's the one that signed that interlocal agreement, his name is on it as chairman but as chairman and as the captain of the Rescue Squad he went behind everybody's back had meetings and that's why you have the lawsuit with David and Karen and Leslie and Dana or Mike Krass that's why you have it because of EMS. Sandy Reichman adds that the letter was unsigned. A lot of accusations and untruths and they didn't have the courage to sign it. If really believed what you sent in that letter You'd put your name you'd put your telephone number and you'd say call me, let's talk about it. Robin said or have a town meeting, let's have a town hall meeting and get together so people here can have an input. Because there's a lot of people that know the truth other than you guys meeting down at Larry's behind everybody's back and not including the truth. You're hearing one side of it, and we're done with it. An unknown citizen (UC) asked why do you, each of you board members, not want EMS or EMA. What are your reasons for not wanting it for your village? Roger said it looks like we're paying 4 grand a year. Robin said no we're not paying that let me explain again. You do a budget there's line items for certain things in a village. Roger asked what is a line item? Robin said so you put on their rescue services garbage attorneys just everything. Roger said like a checkbook. Robin said you put it on a line item You don't spend it but it brings you tax money so the village gets tax money for that line item being there. If you take that \$3500 off and you

take the 10,000 that we put on there for Eagle you're gonna lose tax money to the village. UC said if you're sitting on this board you should be researching this and you should be finding out. Roger said I don't get paid to do this job. UC said well then why did you run why do you wanna do this? Roger said just because I've lived here a long time. UC said then you should be knowledgeable of what you're voting on. And you should be knowledgeable about what is going on with EMS and EMA before you say I don't want it. You are representing every person in this village and not just yourself. Robin said but what I'm saying is anybody on the board should have went over to Cass County Emergency Management Agency's office and said hey can I see the budget? Absolutely can I see this absolutely but no nobody investigated it. Letters were getting written to Erv Portis, to NEMA accusing this accusing that and they're all false everything on that first letter that got sent out is false there's not one ounce of truth on it. Gary said that it should have been explained. Robin said it was explained when the interlocal was signed it was explained that was signed in '18 by the board. Larry you weren't there because you tried to get it stopped saying we did not have 75% of the quorum you don't have to have the whole quorum you have to have a yes vote from 75 percent of board in attendance. Because we were going to have a second board meeting if you recall and I found out Dana Krass was lying. And I even sent everyone a copy of the letter from the attorney general's office that said no 75% of the people in attendance, not a quorum so that budget was good you were at the meeting Gary, we talked about it. Brandon asked if you didn't understand what you were voting on two months ago why didn't you take the time to go do the research on your own? Robin said any of you can go to CCCMA call Sandy anytime and talk to her. Devon said that's why I wanted to get it back on here I was absolutely underinformed on what I was voting on it was my first meeting here and I definitely did not vote in good conscience and it's been weighing on me so I wanted to get it back on here I want to do the right thing for Alvo I wanted to hear from everybody I've done my research and that's what brought me to getting this back on the meeting and hopefully we look into this further before we make any big decisions that are going to leave us without EMA. Even if we do get Emergency Management, we have to have that recovery period afterwards. And if we get stuck with the bill for everything that they come in and do that could actually sink the ship. Robin said but the only reason this is going on with this Alvo truth group is because of the same person that signed the interlocal agreement Dave Morgan and Larry are wanting to get the ambulance service back up in this town. That's what this whole thing is over and if you guys want to vote that out because of those two people and Krass and Krigs And \*\*\*\* everybody else that lives in Alvo if they need Emergency Management Services then shame on every one of you because if you have a heart attack there the ones that have to come in and administer the drugs. Eagle doesn't get to do it. They have to have them so if you guys want to do that to everybody here. If you can go consciously Door to door and tell everybody we got rid of it and if you have a heart attack and you need that but they can't come shame on you.

## **Fire Report**

Luke said it was by far a busy month we had 12 rescue calls 6 fires 4 car accidents which was 22 calls total. We averaged 12 people per call one call I had 20 people. We had three calls within the hour one night they were all answered by Eagle. No mutual aid a rescue call a car accident and a rescue call all within an hour when the first ambulances coming back that's when we got the third call so everything was taken care of.

We're running about 26 strong right now. we had 11 people attend fire school in Grand Island for the weekend. We've been mutual aiding with Elmwood we have a training program coming up with them in the next week or two we've had some bad calls with Waverly had a bad apartment fire. One thing I wanted to address that got brought to my attention someone on the board here came from a farmer was told that the ambulances wait for Cass County medics that is absolutely the falsest thing I've heard ever in my life. It's up to the EMTs on that ambulance to decide if they want to wait for Cass County Medics or go ourselves. It depends what the call is. we have two paramedics now not necessarily we can administer some drugs we don't wait for the Cass County medics I've flown people with strokes with LifeFlight before Cass County medics were even there. Whoever wants to sit there and go talk to some farmers and have conversations with them that's a complete lie. Doctor Ernst has never sat there and told Eagle rescue to wait for Cass County medics. Not once, it's up to us if we think the call severe enough where we need them if there's a call here in Alvo they'd probably be 10 minutes out with a squad, 4 minutes to the station 6 minutes over. They're 2 or three minutes out they're 15 minutes from here across highway 1. So I don't need to hear that stuff. all it does is put panic and fear and it's a straight up a lie. Sandy adds and I believe that's a statement that was made in a letter that was sent out. Sandy also encourages everyone to attend Eagle Days and meet the volunteers of the Eagle Fire Department.

Gary asked about what times are Fire Permits available? Luke said they are usually good from dawn until dusk. Luke said you can do it on the internet, or you can go down and talk to them.

## **Planning Committee**

Nathan said we haven't met yet. We'll be meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **Water Report**

Chris said water report. Everything is fine. Tower was flooded to clean it out. The chlorination is over, no cause was found.

## **Sewer Report**

Chris said everything is fine.

## **Consideration of small claims court against Chad Wright for unpaid balances.**

Chris said the utilities at 102 East 2nd were hooked up without village permission and the water connection fee of \$500 and the sewer connection fee of \$500 has not been paid. In addition, there was found to be four \$545 of unpaid water and sewer bills. May I have a motion to take Chad Wright to small claims court for unpaid balances? Gary asked if we have given him permits to build anymore buildings? Robin said just that one, that I know of. If you take him to small claims court, you may get a judgement, but they can't make him pay. Robin asked why we didn't put a lien on it? Chris said it was too late, he had already sold it. Gary said he'll make the suggestion that he doesn't get any more permits to build unless he pays his bill. Devin said I think he's selling that lot as it is. Dennis suggests we take him to small claims and get a judgement then put a lien on his other property. Raider said I don't think you can do that. If we took him to small claims court and get a judgement against him then if he wanted to do business in the town in the future, he'd be required to pay his past bills. Dennis asked who will do the small claims? Raider said I will it's \$28. Dennis adds and your wages as a clerk? Raider said oh yeah. Larry motions to take Chad Wright to small claims court. Gary seconds.

The following members voted "YEA" said Juilfs, Paul, Marcoe, Langer and Sullivan. The following members voted "NAY" said None. 5-0. Motion carried.

## **Discussion of withdrawal from Cass County EMA/EMS**

Chris said that I don't think we voted to withdrawal. Robin said you cancelled it. Chris said that I specifically asked if we needed to change the wording at the meeting. Robin said it was their local agreement they sent it here to get signed. It came from CCEMA. 'cause it has to have specific wording in it. It came from them. We didn't do it. Gary asked if we have copies of it. Robin said it should be here. Raider said I can't find it. Robin asked if I have called Cass County EMA and asked for a copy of it. Raider said not yet. Brandon asked if we sent them a letter that they voted- Raider said I have not yet. Devin said I think we need to talk about it a little further before we do that. Even if we get the EMA elsewhere, I don't really see that how Alvo wins in this. Robin said if you guys cancel Because you withdrew from the interlocal agreement you cancelled that so if Eagle would say you know what we're done you guys are gonna have to pay for services coming from Lincoln. you're going to have to have a contract with the service. Luke said LFR told Firth and Bennet that they will no longer respond to BLS calls. Luckily Burnett was getting their ambulance because they're starting a rescue service. So it's between Eagle and Southeast to cover because LFR the call volume went up so much. Robin said so if you guys choose not to come here then we'd have to wait for I don't know who Bennet? Luke said You have Greenwood greenwoods got two EMTs I don't think Eagle would ever slam the door on you shut but there's a whole new village board going in and there's going to be a lot of change on that village board that you guys are paying \$0.00 right now so I would be pretty happy with what you got. and I think we've only had one call in Alvo all year.

Roger asked I don't understand what EMS has to do with Eagle. Luke said EMS comes with us. It's basically Cass County emergency Services, but if you go to a letter that was sent out it just threw a bunch of wrenches that were untrue on it. So, what happens is people are questioning why do we need them it's a service that the county funded it doesn't cost you anything they don't send you a bill why wouldn't you want them I just don't get it. Do you think your taxes are going to go down just because you get rid of them? Absolutely not you're gonna pay your same share. Roger asked I still don't understand what they have to do with the Eagle fire department? Luke said because they come with our rescue department. Now I'm pretty sure that they would come with our rescue department to a certain point you need the Emergency Management part, not the EMS part. But if Eagle said no we're done with you guys you have nothing. Roger said it seems like the only thing I ever see them do is drive around in a pickup truck. Brandon asked if we have individuals that are making irrational decisions or voting on things we do not fully understand from a board member standpoint that could have huge logistical impacts; can those individuals be removed from the board? Raider said you can petition them to be recalled. Brandon continues other than the petition can the board members make a decision that said this person is not making- Sandy asked when the board took their questions to the EMS what was their response when you visited with them? Devin said that he spoke with a FEMA representative and a NEMA representative they didn't understand either. they didn't understand what was illegal about it they didn't understand what our end goal was, and I didn't understand all I saw was the budget agreement the lid exemption and I thought that was something we were having to pay. and with us having no money I thought that's what we were voting on. Brandon asked if you were being told that by somebody on the board then? Robin asked why didn't you reach out to the people that did the budget why didn't she reach out to people that were formerly on the board or call the CPA himself his names right on the budget? Devon said he should have. Robin then gave a lengthy history of Alvo Rescue Services. Gary makes a motion to table the discussion of the withdrawal of Cass County EMA/EMS. Larry seconds. Brandon asked if the motion to table that should have been worded exactly the same as it was when you voted to break it? Raider asked discussion of the withdraw of the illegal interlocal agreement with Cass County Emergency Management Agency? Brandon said rather than rather than slash EMS.? Raider said it could have been, but we were just discussing it today, there were no issues that needed to be decided upon. Robin said well I'd ask that it be put on there for discussion and approval next month. Chris said the next meeting is scheduled for July 5th 2022 Do we have amotion to adjourn? Gary motions. Devon seconds.

Larry motioned to adjourn. Devon seconded.

The following members voted "YEA": Juilfs, Paul, Marcoe, Langer and Sullivan.

The following members voted "NAY": None. 5-0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32

Village Clerk, Raider Rhotenacher

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