

VILLAGE OF ALVO
August 2, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.
135 Main Street, Alvo, Nebraska
Meeting Minutes

The regular 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 scheduled meeting was posted at Langer Industrial, Nebraska Digging and Alvo Village Hall 72 hours prior to the meeting. Chris stated that he would like to call 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, Gary Marcoe, Larry Langer and Devon Sullivan. Roger Paul was absent at the time but joined the meeting in progress.

Devon motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 12th, 2022. Gary seconded.

The following members voted “YEA”: Juilfs, Sullivan, Marcoe, and Langer. The following members voted “NAY”: None. 4-0. Motion carried.

Gary 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 July 12th, 2022. Roger Paul joined the meeting. Larry seconded.

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

Intuit QuickBooks	Accounting	\$8.56
OPPD	Electric	\$539.92
Peopleservice	Contract Labor	\$850.00
Payroll (Board)	July	\$115.44
Payroll (Clerk)	July	\$1,146.94
Maguire Iron	(Water Tower)	\$1,000.00
Windstream	Phone	\$126.09
U.S. Postal Service	Post Office Box Rental	\$90.00
U.S. Treasury	Federal Withholding	\$1,140.52
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	NE Withholding	\$163.11
Nebraska Dept. of Labor	Unemployment Company	\$41.82
Peopleservice	Contract Labor	\$908.32

Communication of Citizens:

Citizen Robin LaPage talked about the interlocal agreements between Cass County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) and the cities and villages of Cass County. Robin stated the history, audits, and oversight of the CCEMA. She reminds the Board that no Board Member has taken the ICS classes necessary to receive FEMA money. Devon stated he was new to the Board and didn't understand what he was voting on. He said he feels we did not make the correct decision regarding the vote.

An unknown person that is not a citizen of Alvo, asked the board what they plan of doing to rectify the situation. Citizen Dennis Templemeyer asked the Board to revisit the situation. Larry Langer stated that the matter is under investigation.

Fire Report

Luke Renken stated there were two rescue calls, two fire calls and one car accident since the last meeting.

Devon asked Luke about rescue service options for Alvo if Alvo-Eagle Fire District Nine does not provide service to Alvo. Luke said that Alvo would have to contract with a private ambulance service.

Planning Committee

Nathan Jordan said we have nothing at this time.

Water Report

Chris stated that water has tested positive again for coliform bacteria. There is a hole in the water tower.

Lance Messer, water operator from PeopleService said that he had photos from a drone that showed a possible hole in the water tower. He said that because we have had three coliform occurrences this year which means we need to chlorinate the water until 30 days after the hole in the tower is fixed. He said this will be costly unless Village Board can take samples. Larry asked if that should have been fixed by Maguire Iron. Discussion was on work recently done to the tower. Village Clerk, Raider Rhotenacher stated that he has contacted Maguire Iron and was arranging for repair. Lance also suggested a surge arrestor for the north pumphouse. Plans were made to take chlorine residual tests by Board Members. Citizen Brandon Badberg asked if the Board can be trusted to take the tests. Lance said that it is the Village's system and the owners should be able to be trusted.

Sewer Report

Chris said everything is fine.

Discussion on water meters being replaced.

Dennis asked the PeopleService water operators about cost for replacing the meters.

Discussion on CPA hired for the 2022-2023 Budget, and what is the plan for those meetings.

Chris said we have no one hired and no plan. Robin said last year's CPA charge was \$500 and you have to put it up for bid.

Discussion on the status of the missing road signs being replaced.

Nothing new to report.

Discussion on Gary Marcoe board seat availability.

Chris said that Gary's resignation needs to be in writing. Dennis asked Gary to resign. Larry told Dennis he was out of order. Two other people asked Gary to resign. Gary Marcoe resigned from the Alvo Village Board of Trustees.

Discussion on the current amount in the community savings account.

The \$3,248.07 in the saving account was there one year ago. At this time we are unsure why this account was created and/or if these funds were promised to be spent. Robin asked if there is a community savings account. Raider said it is a General Fund savings account. Citizen Brandy Jordan asked if we can use these accounts for community projects. Raider asked about the streets. Citizen Jordan stated they asking for saving to be set aside for community events and that kids need to do things. Raider asked why they could not start a community group and bank account for the Village on their own. Citizen Jordan said that Chris said he was fine with setting aside funds. Chris stated that creating an account will not create any funds and the village treasurer doesn't need another account to keep track of. Citizen Jordan said we have funds available. Robin said we could get donations if we had an account. Raider stated the village is over \$160,00 in debt, we do not have funds for frivolous activities or recreational stuff. Citizen Jordan stated that there is enough time to talk about getting out of an illegal interlocal agreement. She said the Board is unconcerned with the Village's cares because of a decades long feud. Past expenses were discussed. Raider suggests that individuals in the village create an account and be responsible for it. It is said that it is the clerk's job. Raider said it is not.

Discussion on the status of potentially switching to rural water.

Chris stated that there is nothing new to report. Lance Messer from PeopleService talked about grants available to upgrade water systems.

Discussion on removal of Cass County Emergency Management Agency from illegal interlocal agreement with the Village of Alvo.

Chris said that there is no new information. Devon talked about the budget agreement and amending the vote. Devon said that he is confused and doesn't understand the benefits of removing them from an interlocal agreement. Luke stated that there was a big storm in Greenwood and Cass County Emergency Management Agency responded. Citizen Badberg asked if Cass County Emergency Management Agency Emergency Medical Services are operating illegal, why is the Alvo is the only village in the county pursuing legal action. Discussion included the state's Emergency Management Act. Robin said that state requires audits. Devon motions to amend the vote on removal of Cass County Emergency Management Agency from illegal interlocal agreement with the Village of Alvo. Luke stated that Cass County Emergency Medical Services is coming with Alvo-Eagle Fire until Alvo ends the interlocal with Eagle. Discussion on possibly losing rescue services from Eagle. Devon stated that a motion to rescind can only be made if no action has been taken on the original motion. We have not taken any action. It can be made at any time, later meetings included, after the original motion was made and passed. Devon made a motion to rescind our previous vote on Emergency Management Agency and to keep it intact, at least until we get some answers. Roger seconded the motion.

The following members voted "YEA": Paul and Sullivan.

The following members voted "NAY": Langer.

The following members abstained: Juilfs 2-1-1 Motion carried.

Consideration and approval for the Village Board of Alvo to report criminal actions and pursue court order against the Cass County Emergency Medical Services being run under Cass County Emergency Management Agency.

Chris stated that because the Cass County Emergency Management Agency is in violation of Nebraska State Statutes 13-303, 38-1236 and 81-829.38; I hereby motion for the Village Board of Alvo to report criminal actions and pursue court order against Cass County Emergency Medical Services being run under Cass County Emergency Management Agency. Chris asked if he had a second? Larry seconded.

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

The following members voted "NAY": None.

The following member abstained: Sullivan 3-0-1. Motion carried.

Chris stated that the next meeting will held September 6, 2022

Larry motioned to adjourn. Devon seconded.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:41

Village Clerk, Raider Rhotenacher

*** These meeting minutes are condensed for publication purposes.