

VILLAGE OF ALVO

June 6, 2023 at 7:30 P.M.

135 Main Street, Alvo, Nebraska

Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Sullivan at 7:34 p.m. 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 published in the Ashland Gazette ten days prior to the meeting and at Village Hall. Devon stated that he would like to call attention to the Open Meeting Act posted on the wall behind us and acknowledge that the agenda is on the table in front.

Board Members in attendance were Devon Sullivan, Cathina Schueth, and Larry Langer. Roger Paul and Gary Estes were absent.

Larry motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 2nd, 2023. Devon seconded.

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

The following members voted "NAY": Schueth. 2-1. Motion carried.

Cathina asked about the computer. Village clerk, Raider Rhotenacher said we bought a new computer. Cathina asked if we had voted to purchase a new computer. Raider said yes. Cathina asked if that was at the last meeting. Raider said it was last year. Cathina stated so we voted to purchase a computer last year and we're just purchasing it now. Raider said yes. Cathina asked what Lee advertising is. Raider said that it was for notices in the paper. Citizen Dennis Tempelmeyer interrupted the meeting to ask about Maguire Iron payment. Raider said it was increased at their request. Dennis stated that we did not discuss it at the meeting here. Raider stated that he was contacted by Maguire Iron about increasing the payment and he replied that he felt comfortable with increasing the payment to \$2,000, but not \$2,500. Dennis interrupted again to ask if this is something the board should discuss. Larry asked if we needed a motion. Raider said we could make a notation to not pay Maguire iron \$2,000 we could do an amendment and then approve the amended claim. Raider stated that we owe them approximately \$75,000 and our contract with them expires in September. They are done with us, and we still owe them \$75,000. Citizen Tempelmeyer interrupted again to state that he felt that if there was an increase it should be discussed by the board at a meeting. Raider said it is, right now. Tempelmeyer said it should have been discussed last month. Raider said I just got the call this month. Cathina said it can be added as an emergency line item, so we can just make a motion to add it as a line item. Raider said that all we need to do is approve what is on the agenda as claims. Citizen Alexander Brase asked how much the payment to Maguire Iron was last month. Raider said \$1,500. Cathina stated that we have to approve a payment for something that has not been voted on, so if the board has not voted on it, payment cannot be made on it.

Alexander asked if the \$2,00 payment had been made on it. Cathina said no. Alexander said voting on it now makes it fine. Devon motioned to add the approval to raise the monthly payment to \$2,00 to Maguire Iron. Larry Second. Raider stated that we have a motion on the table to increase the payments to Maguire Iron to \$2,000.

The following members voted “YEA”: Sullivan Schueth and Langer.
 The following members voted “NAY”: None. 3-0. Motion carried.

Larry motioned to approve the payment of the claims, wages and payroll taxes, including the necessary transfer of funds to and/or from Water/Sewer and General Fund accounts of the meeting of May 2nd, 2023. Cathina seconded.

The following members voted “YEA”: Schueth Langer and Sullivan.
 The following members voted “NAY”: None. 3-0. Motion carried.

Maguire Iron	Water Tower Repair	\$ 2,000.00
PeopleService	Contract Labor	\$ 895.00
OPPD	Electric	\$ 469.23
Windstream	Phone	\$ 113.96
Lee Advertising	Publication	\$ 323.05
Neb Public Health Lab	Water Testing	\$ 83.00
Great Plains	Propane	\$ 292.64
Office Depot	Computer	\$ 599.99
Intuit QuickBooks	Accounting	\$ 819.77
Nebraska Department of Revenue	Sales and Use Tax	\$ 395.20
Payroll Board	May	\$ 138.51
Payroll Clerk	May	\$ 1,065.97
	Total	\$ 7,196.32

Devon motioned to reorder the agenda to allow for communication of citizens before going into executive session. Larry seconded.

The following members voted “YEA”: Langer, Sullivan and Schueth.
 The following members voted “NAY”: None. 3-0. Motion carried.

Fire Report

None.

Water Report

The tank was cleaned and painted last month. Everything is good.

Sewer Report

Everything is good.

Consideration and approval of Ronald Welshiemer joining the Alvo Fire Department.

Devon asked if it was discussed in the fire department already. Raider said yes.

Larry motioned Ronald Welshmeier joining the Alvo Fire Department. Devon seconded.

The following members voted "YEA": Sullivan, Langer and Schueth.

The following members voted "NAY": None. 3-1. Motion carried.

Consideration and approval of purchasing Village Snowplow Truck.

Devon asked if we had one in mind. Raider stated that Scott Marcoe had found one and is willing to sell it for what he paid for it. It's a Ford 1995 with only 109,000 miles on it. It has a snowplow on the front that can move up and down and side to side and the bottom is made of strong iron, so possibly after a nice rain, we could scape fletch down make it not so rough. Devon asked if it was in good working order. Raider said yes. Cathina asked if the intent of the snowplow was to maintain the roads. Raider said yes. Devon said he thinks it is necessary and last year was brutal with Chris just having his side by side and a snowblower. Devon asked the price. Raider said \$1,100.

Devon motioned to approve the purchase of the snowplow for \$1,100. Larry seconded. Cathina asked who would operate it. Devon said he would. Raider stated that volunteers could do it. Larry stated that firemen could do it as long as they have workers compensation.

The following members voted "YEA": Schueth Sullivan and Langer.

The following members voted "NAY": None. 3-0. Motion carried.

Consideration and approval of purchasing street signs.

Devon asked which street sign are the these? Raider stated these are the signs that contain the name of the street and the number of the street up. The reason it wasn't approved last time was because the holders that put the two signs together were heavier than I thought they were going to be and the shipping was more expensive than what was budgeted for. Cathina said these are same ones that are missing that we voted on before. Devon asked if we are working with the same budget as before. Raider stated that the last time he tried to purchase street signs the total came to \$419.00, and last time we voted to purchase street signs for not more than \$420 it did not pass. Devon said that we need the signs and made a motion to purchase the signs for not more than \$500. Cathina seconded.

The following members voted "YEA": Langer, Sullivan and Schueth.
The following members voted "NAY": None. 3-0. Motion carried.

Communication of Citizens:

Citizen Tempelmeyer stated that he had asked specifically about his neighbor's dogs at large. He stated that he saw a communication in the water bill about it, but he wanted it specifically addressed to them like in the past. He stated that he has videos of them out again today, and that he gets a video of them about every day. He stated that when dogs get over his way and kill a chicken, it gets costly for somebody. He stated that they need to keep their dogs contained, so they need specifically told fix your fence. Cathina said that the dogs are Tom and Crystal, they're right next to me their dogs are always out. Devon said he would talk to them. Cathina said that she has talked to them. Citizen Tempelmeyer stated that he likes it when you send a letter, because then he can come get a copy of it in a file that says hey, you've been warned, and the sheriff says yes, we'll take that and there's no argument at all. Tempelmeyer further stated that he wishes he didn't have to, he wishes they would keep their fences fixed but you see the siding falling off of the house and it just looks bad. Citizen Tempelmeyer then asked about the water tower and when we knew we were going to do routine maintenance on that. He asked if we knew last month at the meeting. Raider said no. Tempelmeyer asked when anyone knew. Devon stated that he didn't know until they were there, but it's part of their contract to do. Tempelmeyer asked when- Raider said the water operator said that they had switched things around and that it had got moved up, I was supposed to have let people know in their water bill, but they showed up and were going to start working on the 24th, but it was a holiday weekend, so they put it off until the 31st. Tempelmeyer said that if he knew about it last month it would have been nice because he gets calls from people asking what's going on, and he said call up town, call the board, don't ask me. But they call me, and I can't get them to call you guys for nothing. Devon stated they have my phone number. Tempelmeyer stated that they have it, on a poster right out there, but they're tired of dealing with the Board because of how they've been treated by Boards in the past. Tempelmeyer stated that we need new flags again. He said we can buy them at Menards. Devon stated that he meant to get them up before the holiday but got busy.

Enter executive session to discuss disclosure of evidence.

Devon motioned to enter executive session to discuss disclosure of evidence. Larry seconded.

The following members voted "YEA": Schueth Langer and Sullivan.
The following members voted "NAY": None. 3-0. Motion carried.

The time was 7:51

Cathina motioned to come out of executive session and adjourn the meeting. Devon seconded.

The following members voted "YEA": Schueth Langer and Sullivan.
The following members voted "NAY": None. 3-0. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34

Village Clerk, Raider Rhotenacher

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