

**Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees Minutes  
January 6, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees was held Friday, January 6, 2023, at the Dorchester Community Hall and was called to order at 5:06 p.m., after the Oath of Office was recited by all present elected board members. Chairperson Pracheil advised those present of the Open Meetings Act. Answering Roll Call were board members Andrea Pracheil, Roger Miller, Eric Bird, and Matt Shaw. Sarah Wenz was excused. Also in attendance were Jen Kasl, Clerk-Treasurer; Dawn Zoubek, Deputy Clerk; Marvin Kasl, Utilities Superintendent; Brant Pracheil, Fire Chief, DVFD; Justin Stark, Olsson; Craig Bontrager, Code Compliance; Clint Simmons, LARM; and Kelly Hoffschneider, Hoffschneider Law, . Advance notice of the meeting was posted at the Dorchester US Post Office; First State Bank, NE; Village of Dorchester office and in *The Crete News*.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Bird, to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-#4. Motion carried (4-0-1). Seward/Saline County Solid Waste Management Agency meeting will be January 19<sup>th</sup>. Matt will attend since Roger will be gone. No Sheriff's report given. Chief Pracheil gave the fire report. Tom & Jerry fundraiser had a good turnout. Upcoming events: Recognition banquet – March 4<sup>th</sup>; Brisket meal fundraiser – April 1<sup>st</sup>; Dye eggs at Fire Hall – April 7<sup>th</sup>; Egg Hunt – April 8<sup>th</sup>. Bontrager gave the code compliance report. There was some discussion on the property at 605 W. 9<sup>th</sup>. A formal letter will be issued outlining the guidelines to be taken. Bontrager will check with the EPA and Fire Marshal for regulations on storing chemicals.

Unfinished Business: Discussion was held on the Code Compliance Officer contract. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to adjust the contract amount to \$6,000 per year, to be split into 12 equal payments of \$500 per month. Motion carried. (4-0-1) Discussion held on future infrastructure projects for water and streets. It was decided to hold off on water projects until more information is received regarding the well issue. Street projects were narrowed down and prioritized. Clerk Kasl and Justin Stark will discuss and review the updated plan and Clerk Kasl will continue to check on bond and funding options. Discussion was held on the Employee Handbook. Motion by Miller, seconded by Bird to approve the Employee Handbook. Motion carried (4-0-1). Motion by Bird, seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting sine-die and open the meeting of the board of adjustment. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned sine-die.

Discussion was held on variance #22-682. Motion by Miller, seconded by Bird to approve the variance. Motion carried. (4-0-1). Clerk Kasl will issue a letter to the property owner giving the reasons for approval. Motion by Bird, seconded by Shaw to adjourn the meeting of the board of adjustment and re-open the regular board meeting. Motion carried (4-0-1).

New Business: Discussion was held on the quote and interlocal agreement presented by Clint Simmons from LARM for village and vfd insurance. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to switch insurance for both the village and the fire department and to approve the interlocal agreement with LARM. Motion carried. (4-0-1). Discussion was held on Resolution 2023-01:

**League Association of Risk Management  
2023-24 New Resolution**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01**

WHEREAS, The Village of Dorchester is a member of the League Association of Risk Management (LARM);

WHEREAS, section 8.10 of the Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment and Operation of the League Association of Risk Management provides that a member may voluntarily terminate its participation in LARM by written notice of termination given to LARM and the Nebraska Director of Insurance at least 90 days prior to the desired termination given to and that members may agree to extend the required termination notice beyond 90 days in order to realize reduced excess coverage costs, stability of contribution rates and efficiency in operation of LARM; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of LARM has adopted a plan to provide contribution credits in consideration of certain agreements by members of LARM as provided in the attached letter.

BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of The Village of Dorchester, Nebraska, in consideration of the contribution credits provided under the LARM Board's plan, agrees to:

Provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2026. **(180 day and 3 year commitment; 5% discount)**

Provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2025. **(180 day and 2 year commitment; 4% discount)**

Provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2024. **(180 day notice only; 2% discount)**

Provide written notice of termination at least 90 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2026. **(90 day notice and 3 year commitment only; 2% discount)**

Provide written notice of termination at least 90 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2025. **(2 year commitment only; 1%)**

Provide written notice of termination at least 90 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2024. **(90 day Notice only)**

Adopted this 6th day of January, 2023.

Signature: Andrea Pracheil

Title: Chairperson

ATTEST: Jennifer M. Kasl

Title: Clerk-Treasurer

Please email ([customerservice@LARMpool.org](mailto:customerservice@LARMpool.org)) or fax (402.476.4089) the completed resolution to LARM.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Bird to approve Resolution 2023-01 with the 180 day and 3 year commitment; 5% discount option. Motion carried (4-0-1). Clerk Kasl will look into other STD/LTD and life insurance options. Discussion was held on Olsson master agreement work order No. 10. Stark will have the work order adjusted to reflect the changes in street work to be completed. Upcoming conferences will be discussed at the February meeting. Discussion was held on the invoice for Marvin Planning. Motion by Bird, seconded by Miller to approve the invoice. Motion carried (4-0-1). Clerk Kasl will find out proposed completion date for the planned fire building, then supplemental bids can be evaluated.

Motion by Bird, seconded by Shaw, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. (4-0-1). Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. Next regular meeting date is Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Dorchester Community Hall.

Signed Chairman: Andrea Pracheil

Clerk - Treasurer: Jennifer M. Kasl

I, Jennifer Kasl, Clerk for the Village of Dorchester, hereby certify that the preceding minutes are a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Chairman and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dorchester January 6, 2023. The minutes are available at Village Hall and the shortened version was published in The Crete News.

Clerk - Treasurer: Jennifer M. Kasl