

**Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees Minutes
June 5, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees was held Monday, June 5, 2023, at the Dorchester Community Hall and was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Chairperson Pro Tem Miller advised those present of the Open Meetings Act. Answering Roll Call were board members Roger Miller, Sarah Wenz, Matt Shaw and Eric Bird. Andrea Pracheil was excused. Also in attendance were Jen Kasl, Clerk-Treasurer; Dawn Zoubek, Deputy Clerk; Trent Roesler, Assistant Utilities Superintendent; Justin Stark, Olsson; Daryl Schrunk, Dorchester School; and Connor Madsen, Hoffschneider Law, P.C., LLO. 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 Bird, seconded by Wenz, to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-#4. Motion carried (4-0-1). No fire report given. Code compliance report in packet.

Unfinished Business: Consideration and discussion was held on the proposed fence addition on the south side of the football field. Motion by Bird, seconded by Wenz to approve the fence. Motion carried (4-0-1). Deputy Semrad arrived and gave the Sheriff's report. Board would like them to watch for speeders. Discussion was held on future infrastructure projects – water and streets. Olsson will work to put together a flushing schedule. It was decided to stay with Piper Sandler for street bonding for the time being. The Olsson Master Agreement Work Order was reviewed. Motion by Bird, seconded by Shaw to approve the work order. Motion carried (4-0-1). Discussion was held on the utilities superintendent vacancy. Miller, Shaw, & Clerk Kasl will interview candidates next week. Discussion was held on bids for manhole at Northview Estates. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Bird to approve the bid by Excel Excavating. Motion carried (4-0-1). Hometown Housing will be discussed later in the meeting. Discussion was held on the fire building updates. Miller would like a site committee formed, so multiple people will know what is going on throughout the construction process. Chief Pracheil, M. Kasl, Roesler, and any board members who wish to be involved will get together once the building is delivered. Plumbing will need to be approved by the State Fire Marshal.

New Business: Discussion was held on the bid from Crete to move the light pole by the fire station. Motion by Bird, seconded by Wenz to approve the bid. Motion carried (4-0-1). Two bids were reviewed for removal of trees in the Village right-of-way. Motion by Wenz, seconded by Bird to accept the bid for Trauernicht. Motion carried (4-0-1). Discussion was held on restricting water usage within the village. Motion made by Wenz, seconded by Shaw to change the splash pad hours to 1 pm-8 pm until further notice. Motion carried (4-0-1). Motion by Bird, seconded by Shaw to establish a voluntary restriction of watering yards until further notice. Motion carried (4-0-1). Discussion was held on park safety and improvements. Wenz made a motion to lock the restrooms each night when the splash pad closes. Motion failed. Discussion was held on poured rubber and fencing for the splash pad. Consideration of bid for additional camera at park. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Wenz to approve the bid to be paid out of general. Motion carried (4-0-1). Miller said to check on automatic locking doors for the restrooms. Clerk Kasl will check with Bob Kister to see if he has options. Discussion was held on wage ranges. Kasl will direct Atty. Hoffschneider to draft an ordinance establishing new wages based on minimum wage. Clint Fichter, Small City Resource, arrived and presented a progress report on the Hometown Housing project. Clerk Kasl will speak with Cline Williams on the progress, and Fichter will check with the other landowners to see if they're interested in the proposal.

Motion by Bird, seconded by Wenz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m. Next regular meeting date is Monday, July 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Dorchester Community Hall.

Signed Chairman:



Clerk - Treasurer:

