

Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees Minutes October 7, 2024


The regular meeting of the Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees was held Monday, October 7, 2024, at the Farmers Cooperative meeting room, and was called to order at 6:31 p.m. Chairperson Miller advised those present of the Open Meetings Act. Answering Roll Call were board members Matt Shaw, Nancy Tellez, Tammie Lang, Nate Hitchins, and Chairperson Roger Miller. Also in attendance were Jen Kasl, Clerk-Treasurer; Dawn Zoubek, Deputy Clerk; Trent Roesler, Utilities Superintendent; Brent Kasl, Assistant Utilities Superintendent; Craig Bontrager, Code Compliance; and Atty. 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 Shaw, seconded by Hitchins, to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-#4. Motion carried. No sheriff's report. B. Kasl gave the fire report. Fire & rescue is going to purchase new gear, with an expected 4-6 week turnaround time. Bontrager gave the code compliance report. Four properties will be added to the November agenda for declaration of nuisance/unsafe properties by resolution.

Unfinished business: Construction update on Future Infrastructure Projects – Streets. Work is coming along nicely and MTZ submitted Pay App #1 for consideration. Motion by Lang, seconded by Shaw to approve Pay Application #1. Motion carried. Update of vehicle storage building. Milford Plumbing and Heating is done. AP Electrical Solutions needs to finish up now that Milford is done.

New business: Consideration of application for new DVFD Fire and Rescue member. Motion by Motion made by Lang, seconded by Shaw to approve the new member. Motion carried. No quotes for building repairs or cameras have come in yet. Discussion was held on the quote for a heavy tooth bucket and snow blade for the Bobcat. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Lang to approve the quote for both, to be paid out of the general account. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the trees in the boulevard. Several are growing up into the power lines. Motion by Hitchins, seconded by Shaw to remove the problematic trees and replace them with smaller ornamental trees. Motion carried. Consideration and discussion of the ESRI renewal quote. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Lang to approve the renewal. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the board wages. Tabled until November meeting. Clerk Kasl will check with similar municipalities for wage comparison. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing the evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting for a period not to exceed 10 minutes per person to complete review forms and 10 minutes per person for the employee review, to include individual employees, all board members, and Atty. Madsen. Motion carried and entered closed session at 7:17 pm. Motion by Lang, seconded by Tellez to resume meeting in open session at 8:27 pm. Motion carried. No formal action was taken during closed session. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to pass a 6.5% wage increase to all regular full-time employees and the dump attendant, effective the next pay period. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Signed Chairman: 
Clerk - Treasurer: 