

Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees Minutes October 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees was held Monday, October 9, 2023, at the Dorchester Community Hall, and was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Chairperson Pracheil advised those present of the Open Meetings Act. Answering Roll Call were board members Matt Shaw, Nancy Tellez, Sarah Wenz, Roger Miller, and Chairperson Andrea Pracheil. Also in attendance were Jen Kasl, Clerk-Treasurer; Dawn Zoubek, Deputy Clerk; Trent Roesler, Assistant Utilities Superintendent; Brent Kasl, Assistant Utilities Superintendent; Craig Bontrager, Code Compliance; Justin Stark, Olsson; Brad Slaughter, First National Capital Markets; Phil Hardenburger, County Commissioner; 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*.

Discussion was held on Ordinance 2023-09 regarding street improvements using Highway Allocation funds. Motion by Miller, seconded by Tellez to waive the three-reading rule. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 09

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF HIGHWAY ALLOCATION FUND PLEDGE BONDS, SERIES 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,200,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING CERTAIN PAVING AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE VILLAGE; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; PLEDGING FUNDS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE VILLAGE FROM THE STATE OF NEBRASKA HIGHWAY ALLOCATION FUND; AGREEING TO LEVY TAXES; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE BOND PROCEEDS AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to approve Ordinance 2023-09 issuing Highway Allocation Pledge Fund Bonds, Series 2023, not to exceed \$1,200,000. Motion carried. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw, to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-#4. Motion carried. *Claims: Ameritas Life Ins Co ins \$575.60; BHE gas \$316.86; BCBS ins \$24,747.78; Central States Hydraulic Svs svs \$1,173.24; Cline Williams svs \$328; Cline Williams svs \$550; Craig Bontrager svs \$500; Danko Emergency Equipment Fire Dept spls \$15,595; Dawn Zoubek reimb \$48.47; Dutton-Lainson Co. spls \$874.59; Eakes Sept \$146.52; EFTPS payroll tax \$2,188.94; Express Carriage Parking \$16.25; Farmers Coop Vill \$1,016.02; FSB HSA \$2,250; Great Plains Pest Mgmt Fire Dept \$75; Great Plains Pest Mgmt Vill \$35; Gretna IT Park Camera \$1,500.32; Harbor Freight spls \$20.32; Hoffschneider Law svs \$2,045.38; Jennifer Kasl reimb \$48.47; Jimmy Johns lunch \$30.61; KCL Grp Benefits STD/LTD \$241.28; Kelli Hromek svs \$112.32; LARM Ins \$34,428; Lincoln Wholesale Logistics spls \$43.34; Marriott Cornhusker Hotel Sarah/Matt \$330; Matheson Tri Gas oxygen \$85.85; Matt Shaw reimb \$103.74; Midwest Lab spls \$97.50; Napa Auto Parts spls \$27.98; NE Dept of Rev Sales & Use Tax \$5,397.61; NE Dept of Rev Annual pymt \$25; NE Municipal Clerks' Assoc 2023-2024 Dues \$100; NE Public Health Envl Lab svs \$15; NE PPD Aug \$39,671.53; NPPD elec \$151.16; NPPD elec \$3,218; One Call Concepts locates \$10.59; O'Reilly spls \$33.98; Postmaster postage & spls \$1,209.20; Sarah Wenz reimb \$125.33; SCI publ \$319.68; Van Diest Supply Co spls \$2,722.50; Wages Sept \$17,244.82; Walmart spls \$163.79; Waste Connections garbage \$5,465.79; Waste Connections Fire Dept \$388.57 Windstream VFD \$190.98; Windstream vill \$271.94; Windstream internet \$281.76.*

No sheriff's report given. Clerk Kasl gave the fire report. The chassis is in and the next payment on the truck is due and will be paid out of the MFO account. The roof has been completed but have not received the invoice yet. Bontrager gave the code compliance report. Discussion was held on what can be done to prevent landlords who don't maintain their properties and dilapidated properties that need to be fixed up.

Unfinished business: Discussion was held on Future Infrastructure Projects – Water and Streets. Clerk Kasl is getting info to Samantha at Olsson for the water PER. A date for the open house will be set for the last week in November. Discussion was held on the vehicle storage building updates. Building construction is set to start the week of October 16th. All additional contractors will be contacted to let them know we're 2-3 weeks out. Discussion was held on the Hometown Housing updates. Phil Hardenburger will be in touch with Mike Hansen and Jon Pedersen to let them know of the discussion. Board would like to schedule a workshop with reps from Hometown Housing, Cline Williams, Phil Hardenburger, landowners and the village board to discuss options further. Discussion was held on Ordinance 2023-05. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to amend the ordinance regarding restrictions on new grass seedings. Motion carried. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to pass the ordinance on the second reading. Motion carried. Discussion was held on park improvements. Wenz has ordered a tree from Faller Landscape in York to replace the broken memorial tree. The splash pad is shut down and will be winterized this week. It needs to be cleaned and sealed. Potential mural projects and ways to get the youth more involved were also discussed.

New business: Discussion was held on Ordinance 2023-08 to vacate 7th Street from Stephens Avenue to North Depot. Motion by Wenz, seconded by Tellez to waive the three-reading rule. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 08
7TH STREET VACATION

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE 7TH STREET FROM STEPHENS AVENUE TO NORTH DEPOT IN THE VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER, SALINE COUNTY, NEBRASKA; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Wenz to approve Ordinance 2023-08. Motion carried. Discussion was held on vicious dogs and dogs running at large. All future letters will be issued through Atty. Hoffschneider's office. Discussion was held on the recodification of the Village Code Book. Clerk Kasl will get another quote to compare for the next meeting. Discussion was held on the quote from Sparq Data Solutions for board meetings. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Tellez to approve the quote. Motion carried. Office staff will look for tablets and bring quotes to next meeting. Discussion was held on engineering firms. A presentation by Miller & Associates will be scheduled for the next meeting. Discussion was held on new Christmas/Holiday decorations. Choices will be narrowed down and brought back to next meeting. Outlets may need to be adjusted on poles. Other potential electrical contractors will be checked into for projects village utilities staff can't handle on their own, and the progress on the median sprinklers will be researched as well. Open comments were also made regarding digital keno. Clerk Kasl will check into it. Chairperson Pracheil turned in her resignation letter, as she will be moving out of town. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to accept the letter. Motion carried (4-0-1. Pracheil abstained.) The December reorganization meeting will be held Friday, December 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Motion by Wenz, seconded by Shaw, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m. Next regular meeting will be Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Dorchester Community Hall.

Signed Chairman: _____

Clerk - Treasurer: _____


