

Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees Minutes September 9, 2024

The regular meeting of the Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees was held Monday, September 9, 2024, at the Farmers Cooperative meeting room, immediately following the budget hearing and special hearing, and was called to order at 6:46 p.m. Chairperson Miller advised those present of the Open Meetings Act. Answering Roll Call were board members Matt Shaw, Tammie Lang, Nate Hitchins, and Chairperson Roger Miller. Nancy Tellez was excused. 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; Shayne Huxoll, Olsson; 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 Lang, seconded by Shaw, to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-#4. Motion carried (4-0-1). Sheriff's report was given before the budget hearing. Nothing new to report. B. Kasl gave the fire report. The building is almost complete and they have started moving items in. Bontrager gave the code compliance report. Four letters have been sent with no response. They will be added to the October agenda for declaration of nuisance/unsafe properties by resolution.

Unfinished business: Construction update on Future Infrastructure Projects – Streets. The concrete repairs on Washington Ave may be completed this week. Consideration of Olsson Change Order #1 for 8th & Franklin Ave. improvements. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Hitchins to approve Change Order #1. Motion carried (4-0-1). Consideration of Olsson Work Order Amendment 6a for Washington Ave services. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to approve WO Amendment 6a. Motion carried (4-0-1). Consideration of Olsson Work Order Amendment 6b for 8th & Franklin Ave services. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to approve WO Amendment 6b. Motion carried (4-0-1). Surveyors will be moving forward on the new projects now that construction season is slowing down. Update of vehicle storage building. Gas should be hooked up this week. Consideration and discussion of Resolution 2024-06 for transfer of keno funds to new accounts:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 06 INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

A RESOLUTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TREASURER TO DEPOSIT FUNDS INTO 6-MONTH CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

WHEREAS, that Chapter 1, Article 8, Section 1-818.01 of the Revised Municipal Code of the Village of Dorchester, Nebraska, allows for the Village Board to authorize by resolution the Village Treasurer to purchase certificates of deposit from and make time deposits in any bank and shall be secured by a bond or as security;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Village of Dorchester, Nebraska:

1. The Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to deposit Fifty-Five Thousand (\$55,000.00) of the Village Keno Funds into 6-month Certificates of Deposit.
2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effective from and following the passage and publication hereof as required by law;
3. The Village hereby repeals Resolution No. 2024-05 and all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed and approved this 9th day of September, 2024.

Roger Miller, Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jen Kasl, Village Clerk

(SEAL)

Motion made by Lang, seconded by Shaw to approve Resolution 2024-06. Motion carried (4-0-1). Discussion held on closing date for the splash pad. Splash pad will be closed for the season on September 16th so cleaning and winterization can take place. Consideration of Ordinance 2024-04 to update the fee schedule. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Lang to waive the three-reading rule. Motion carried (4-0-1).

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04
MASTER FEE SCHEDULE**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN FEES AND TAXES CHARGED BY THE VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER FOR VARIOUS SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS, CEMETERY SERVICES, CODE VIOLATIONS, COPIES, FILING FEES, LABOR FEES, LICENSES, MARQUEE USE, UTILITIES, AND WATER TAPS, OF THE VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER AND TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF, AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Motion by Hitchins, seconded by Shaw to approve Ordinance 2024-04. Motion carried (4-0-1).

New business: Motion made by Miller, seconded by Lang to increase the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. Motion carried (4-0-1). Motion made by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to approve the 2024-2025 Budget, pending corrections made to the bonded indebtedness. Motion carried. Resolution 2024-07 setting the property tax request was read:

**RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the Village of Dorchester passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Village of Dorchester resolves that:

- 1. The 2024-2025 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	\$	242,463.00
Bond Fund:	\$	-

- 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 2.73 percent.
- 3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.442925 per \$100 of assessed value.
- 4. The Village of Dorchester proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.464999 per \$100 of assessed value.
- 5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the Village of Dorchester will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 5.31 percent.
- 6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2024.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to adopt Resolution #2024-07. Motion carried (4-0-1).

Voting yes were:
Roger Miller
Matt Shaw
Tammie Lang
Nate Hitchins

Voting no were:

Dated this 9th day of September, 2024

Consideration and discussion of 2024-2025 BlueCross BlueShield renewal rates. Motion by Miller, seconded by Lang to approve the rate as is with our current coverage. Motion carried (4-0-1). Quotes for the building repairs and Washington Ave cameras have not been received yet. Both items tabled until next meeting.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Hitchins, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (4-0-1). Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Signed Chairman: Ray Miller
Clerk - Treasurer: Janice M. Karl