

Palisade Village Board of Trustees
 Regular Session Minutes
 February 12, 2014

The Palisade Village Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at the Village Office. Members present: Chairman Jason Hicks; Trustees, Mary Suda, Reid Ott and James Christner. Trustee Brian Monnahan was absent from the meeting. Other staff present: Attorney Phil Lyons, Zoning Administrator/Building Inspector Dennis Wilson and Village Clerk/Treasurer Kerry Miller.

Chairman Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Chairman Hicks made everyone aware of the Open Meeting Act Notice posted in the Village Board meeting room.

Motion made by Christner and seconded by Ott to accept the January 8, 2014 Regular Session Minutes. Yea: Hicks, Christner, Ott and Suda. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed their financial statements. Motion made by Ott and seconded by Christner to accept the February 12, 2014 Balance Sheet. Yea: Hicks, Christner, Ott and Suda. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Christner and seconded by Ott to approve the claims with a total of \$43,572.98 Yea: Ott, Hicks, Christner and Suda. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Adams Bank & Trust	Dumpster loan	\$986.90
Arbor Day Foundation	2014 Membership	\$20.00
Aupperle Plumbing & Heating INC	Sewer Jetting	\$642.00
City Of McCook	Trash Service	\$841.81
Colonial Life & Accidental Co.	Insurance Premium	\$129.40
DHHS Public Health Labs	Water Tests	\$75.00
ED Enterprises (CarQuest)	Fuel Filters/Batteries	\$529.02
Garrisons McCook Letting	Employee Coats	\$153.18
Great Plains Communication	Fax/Telephone	\$195.15
HomeTown Agency	Insurance	\$159.00
Ideal Linen	Rugs	\$21.86
IRS	Withholding Tax Monthly Deposit	\$1,747.58
MCI Business Premier	Long Distance Phone	\$43.11
Municipal Supply INC.	Supplies	\$13.32
NE Dept. Of Revenue	941N Withholding Tax Q4	\$721.13
NE. Dept Of Revenue	Sales Tax	\$481.40
Petty Cash	Postage/Office Supplies	\$141.17

Riener Farms	Road Grader	\$25,000.00
Roonie's Place	Memorial Hunt Service	\$35.00
Scoop Media LLC	Advertising	\$371.41
Southwest Public Power	Utilities	\$2,422.34
Top Office	Office Supplies	\$181.83
USPS	Postage	\$20.85
Village Of Trenton	Trash Service	\$1,500.00
Wauneta/Palisade Coop Oil	Fuel/Oil/Propane	\$1,151.62
Weathercraft Companies	Office Gutter Repairs	\$317.16
Wireless INet	Internet Service	\$110.00
Wages	Gross Earnings	\$5,561.74

Unfinished Business:

The Village Web site was discussed. Trustee Suda informed the Board that the domain site is palisadenebraska.com and the website is almost complete.

There was much discussion about building permit issues and the wording with the Village's Ordinance 9-103. Lyon's presented the Board with the amended Ordinance 9-103. Motion was made by Christner and seconded by Suda to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 9-103. Yea: Ott, Suda, Christner and Hicks. Nay: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Christner and seconded by Ott to suspend the 2nd and 3rd readings and to pass Ordinance 9-103 under suspension. Yea: Hicks, Christner, Ott and Suda. Nay: None. Motion carried.

New Business:

Curtis Kayton from SWPPD addressed the Board in regards to the Franchise Agreement between the Village of Palisade and SWPPD. Kayton briefly went over the agreement and stated that upgrades will soon be available and SWPPD is pleased to be serving the Village. The Franchise Agreement is to be renewed every 25 years. There were no changes to be made and the Board thanked Kayton as well as SWPPD for their continued service. Motion was made by Christner and seconded by Ott to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 147 (2-14). Yea: Ott, Suda, Christner and Hicks. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Christner and seconded by Ott to suspend the 2nd and 3rd readings and to pass Ordinance 147 (2-14) under suspension. Yea: Hicks, Suda, Ott and Christner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The water, sewer and trash rates were discussed. Attorney Lyons presented the Board with Ordinance 202 (2-14). There was discussion about the differences in commercial and residential rates. Hicks stated that he was in contact with USDA and was informed that the Village needs to stay current with their rates. There was discussion on the commercial trash rates and charges for dumpsters. Suda and Ott voiced concern on businesses that do not generate much trash paying the

increased rate. Chairman Hicks allowed comments from the public. Ordinance 202 (2-14) states as follows:

The monthly sewer rate, from the date of approval of this Ordinance shall be \$24.00 for residential use and \$36.00 for commercial use.

The monthly trash removal rate, from the date of approval of this Ordinance shall be \$21.25 for residential user and \$85.00 per dumpster for commercial users.

The user water rate, from the date of approval of this Ordinance shall be as follows:

1. 1 inch meter users and less - a charge of \$33.00 per month, plus any water used during the month shall be billed at \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons;
2. 1 ½ inch meter users - a charge of \$40.00 per month, plus any water used during the month shall be billed at \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons;
3. 2 inch meter users - a charge of \$76.00 per month, plus any water used during the month shall be billed at \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons;
4. 2 ½ inch meter users - a charge of \$85.00 per month, plus any water used during the month shall be billed at \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons;
5. 3 inch meter users - a charge of \$112.00 per month, plus any water used during the month shall be billed at \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons;
6. 3 ½ inch meter users - a charge of \$125.00 per month, plus any water used during the month shall be billed at \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons;
7. 4 inch meter users - a charge of \$150.00 per month, plus any water used during the month shall be billed at \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons;

Penalties for late payment are \$2.40 for sewer, \$2.25 for trash, and 10% of the total water bill. These penalties will be assessed if the bill is paid after the 15th of the month.

Motion was made by Christner and seconded by Ott to amend Ordinance 202 (2-14) stating two commercial dumpster users may agree to share a dumpster and split the cost by a written agreement approved by the Village. Yea: Hicks, Ott, Suda, Christner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Christner and seconded by Ott to approve the amended 1st reading of Ordinance 202 (2-14). Yea: Christner, Ott, Suda and Hicks. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ott and seconded by Suda to suspend the 2nd and 3rd reading of the Ordinance 202 (2-14). Yea: Christner, Ott, Hicks and Suda. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Christner and seconded by Ott to approve the amended Ordinance 202 (2-14) under suspension. Yea: Hicks, Suda, Ott and Christner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding a water account with a high consumption.

Motion was made by Christner and seconded by Ott to approve Resolution 12-2014 appointing Village Clerk/Treasurer Miller as Nuisance Officer. Miller will be assisted by Utility Superintendent Miner as needed. Yea: Suda, Christner, Hicks and Ott. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Reimbursement to the Hitch and Hay for services for Palisade residents was discussed. Motion was made by Christner and seconded by Ott to pay \$1,891.82, which is half of the suggested reimbursement, and to request a representative from Hitch and Hay to explain their services at the next meeting to possibly pay remaining half. Yea: Hicks, Suda, Ott and Christner. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding sewer jetting. This issue will be tabled until the March meeting when more information can be obtained.

Reports of Staff, Commissioners & Committees:

Clerk/Treasurer Miller gave her report. Miller informed the Board on the upcoming Clerk School in March. Miller asked the Board to consider putting a flagpole in front of the Village Office. Miller addressed the Board about having the swimming pool open for the summer. There have already been some applications for manager. Hicks told Miller to start advertising for summer pool help.

Library/Cemetery Commissioner Suda gave the library report. Suda went over library minutes. Suda informed the Board there were 24 people that attended the poetry readings of Tami Vrbas. Suda also informed the Board the Library received the Hansen Grant in the amount of \$14,000.00 for repairing the library basement.

Park, Pool and Housing Commissioner Ott requested that Miller also advertise for summer pool help in the Palisade Times. Ott informed the Board that the Park Board has not had a meeting therefore no Park items were discussed.

Street, Police and Tree Commissioner Christner discussed tree issues and trimming some trees in town. Christner asked Miller to put in Municipal Code Chapter 8 Article 2 8-201 Sidewalks: Overhanging branches in the Palisade Times.

Water and Sewer Commissioner Monnahan was not present at the meeting to give a report. Hicks presented the Board with a map and information about extending the sewer line for the new State of Nebraska Maintenance Facility. Hicks has been working with Miller and Associates on this project.

Health Commissioner Hicks had no report

Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Dennis Wilson gave a report. Building permit #181 J. Muths putting in new sewer line was discussed. Motion was made by Ott and seconded by Christner

to approve Building Permit #181 for J. Muths. Yea: Ott, Hicks, Suda and Christner. Nay: None.
Motion carried.

Executive Session:

There was no Executive Session.

Miscellaneous business:

There was citizen's concerns about the over population of cats in town.

Attorney Lyons informed the Board that a court date has been set for March 12, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hitchcock County Courthouse regarding Miller's vs. Village of Palisade.

Chairman Hicks adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Attest:

Kerry A. Miller
Village Clerk/Treasurer