

Palisade Village Board of Trustees
 Regular Session Minutes
 July 10, 2013

The Palisade Village Board of Trustees met in Regular Session Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at the Village Office. Members present: Chairman Brian Monnahan; Trustee, Mary Suda and Trustee Jerry Vrbas. Vice Chairman Jason Hicks, Trustee James Christner, Utility Superintendent Richard Miner and Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Dennis Wilson were absent. Other staff present: Attorney Phil Lyons; Village Clerk/Treasurer Kerry Miller, Deputy Clerk Patricia Post

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

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

Motion made by Suda and seconded by Vrbas to accept the June 12, 2013 Regular Session Minutes as presented and published: Yea: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed their financial statements. Motion made by Vrbas and seconded by Suda to accept the July 10, 2013 Balance Sheet. Yea: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Vrbas and seconded by Suda to approve the claims with a total of \$26,691.47 Yea: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Adams Bank & Trust	Dumpster Loan	\$986.90
Barnett's Do It Center	Supplies	\$45.45
C & K Dist.	Supplies	\$54.66
City of McCook	Trash Service	\$1220.37
Colonial Life & Accident Co	Insurance Premiums	\$129.40
Dan's R Us	Dumpster use	\$995.64
D & S Hardware	Supplies	\$74.25
Diamond Vogel	Supplies	\$29.66
Great Plains Comm.	Fax/Telephone	\$194.88
H & H Construction	Concrete work/curb/library	\$1488.00
Ideal Linen	Rugs	\$32.79
MCI Business Premier	Long Distance Phone	\$38.62
Various Vendors	Meals/workshop	\$78.25
Bart Monnahan	Reimbursement tree planting	\$103.38
MWC	Dumpsters	\$4600.00
Municipal Supply INC.	Water supplies	\$692.91
NASB	Registration workshop	\$150.00
Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip.	Fire extinguishers/repairs	\$323.85

State of Ne Dept. of Revenue	Sales Tax	\$520.01
NE Dept of Revenue	State Withholding tax	\$406.95
Nebraska Rural Water Assoc.	Annual Membership	\$125.00
One-Call Concepts	Diggers Hotline	\$8.55
Petty Cash	Postage/Office supplies	\$63.07
Richard Alan's	Office Supplies	\$112.14
Scoop Media	Advertisement	\$170.06
Southwest Public Power	Utilities	\$2451.63
Mary Suda	Mileage-Workshop	\$153.79
Titan Machinery	Parts	\$93.28
Top Office	Office Supplies	\$504.08
USPS	Postage	\$41.70
Village of Trenton	Trash Transport	\$1500.00
WalMart	Camera	\$255.25
Wauneta-Palisade Coop Oil	Fuel/Oil	\$829.75
Wayne's Tree Service	Tree Removal/Service	\$625.00
Wayne's Repair	Repairs	\$35.50
Shad Wiese	Reimbursement tree planting	\$103.38
Wireless INet	Internet Service	\$110.00
Wages	Employee (Gross Earnings)	\$7343.32

Unfinished Business:

There was discussion on the web-site for the Village. Trustee Suda presented the Board with a Letter of Development from the Art Cottage. Suda presented the pricing and how the site would be set up. Suda informed the Board that once the web site is up and running that Clerk Miller will be able to add and make changes pertaining to the site. There will be an upfront fee that will need to be paid to the Art Cottage and then a 3 year domain fee. Motion was made by Suda and seconded by Vrbas to accept the Art Cottage's Development Plan and pay \$300 and the \$80 domain fee. Yea: All Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Letter of Understanding for storage of items in the Library basement was discussed. Suda handed the Board an agreement that the Library Board felt would be better suited to use. There was much discussion on charging a \$1 fee for all non-profit organizations that wanted to store items in the basement. Shirley Ferguson said the Library Board does not want to charge a fee at all. Ferguson addressed the Board on the Library Board's intentions on the storing of items in the basement and what is already being stored there now. Attorney Lyons went over the drafted agreement his office had prepared, and suggested the Village use this agreement. After much discussion this issue was tabled until the August meeting.

There was much discussion on how the Board should handle past unpaid utility bills. Attorney Lyons informed the Board that the delinquent accounts from 5 years and longer should be written

off. He informed the Board that there should be a Resolution done up every June to show the delinquent accounts. There was much discussion on whether or not a landlord is responsible for the delinquent account if a tenant does not pay. The Board did agree that when an account becomes delinquent that the landlord is to receive the same letter that the tenant does.

There was discussion on Nuisance Properties. There were 10 properties that were discussed. Pictures were presented to the Board and Clerk Miller informed the Board that there were 10 courtesy letters sent out to landowners about properties that had weeds and grass 12" or higher. Seven landowners took care of the properties and three did not. Letters will be sent out to the landowners that were not in compliance. They will be given 15 days to take care of the property or to appeal the letter.

New Business:

Valley Bank & Trust was not present at the meeting to inform the Board of the new services they have to offer the Village.

The Village of Trenton was not present to address the Board concerning the rural trash service.

Chrystine and Shawn Cole were present to discuss the letter they had received concerning the number of dogs they owned. She addressed the Board on her situation, she had several complaints about other citizen's dogs running at large and other citizens that have more than three dogs. After listening to the Cole's the Board agreed that two of the dogs that are owned by Cole's are grandfathered in and so they can keep all five.

Shawn Cole addressed the Board about Whismon Street, the street that is north of their property. He stated that people have been using it and would like the Board to look into having the street abandoned and not let any thru traffic use it. Attorney Lyons suggested that the Hayes County Assessor should be contacted to see if Whismon Street is still considered a street in the Village. Lyons will research this and report back to the Board at the August meeting. Cole also addressed the Board about his property line and where it ends. Chairman Monnahan suggested that Cole have the property surveyed.

Tim Davis was not present to address the Board about building permit issues.

JoAnn Ward addressed the Board requesting to changing the date for the special liquor permit for the American Auxiliary Homecoming Reception. The date was to be September 28, due to hotel accommodations she would like the date changed to September 21. Motion was made by Monnahan and seconded by Vrbas to allow Ward to change the date from September 28 to September 21 Yea: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Patsy Wickizer addressed the Board about the stray cats in town. She said that she feeds them and they keep the mice population down around her property. She takes them to the vet if they're sick and takes care of them. She was unhappy due to the fact someone has been shooting the cats. She

found two in the street that had been killed by gunshots. She also addressed the Board about the truck traffic on her street and other streets during harvest time. She asked the Board to put up stop signs on the corner of Blake and Kerr Streets. Attorney Lyons will prepare a Resolution to place a stop sign on the corner of Blake and Kerr Streets. Wickizer also asked the Board if there was a law against shooting off fireworks after the Fourth of July. She asked the Board if there was something they could do to stop people from shooting them off after a certain time after the Fourth. Lyons informed Wickizer that the sell of fireworks is illegal after the Fourth of July, but that fireworks can be set off at any time of year.

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Vrbas and seconded by Suda to go into executive session at 8:57 p.m. to discuss pending litigation or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body. To discuss Millers Vs. Village, dog ordinance violations and dogs running at large. Yea: All Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Monnahan and seconded by Vrbas to come out of executive session at 9:16 p.m. Yea: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Vrbas and seconded by Suda to direct Attorney Lyons to consider eliminating the Colleen McVicker's Conditional Use Permit in South Palisade. Yea: All. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Reports of Staff, Commissioners & Committees:

Clerk/Treasurer Kerry Miller gave her report. Miller informed the Board that the Clerk's and Deputy Clerk's offices have been moved. Miller, speaking on behalf of Utility Superintendent Miner, informed the Board that the bag and deck on the mower need to be replaced. The Board was presented with information about purchasing a new deck and bag. The Board gave their approval for Miner to purchase a new deck and bag. The cost will be \$1,725.00 not including shipping and handling. Miller presented a letter from a citizen about feral cats and potential health hazards associated with their feces.

Utility Superintendent Richard Miner was not present at the meeting to give a report.

Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Dennis Wilson was not present to give his report. But the following Building Permits were discussed. (Building Permit #139 Catholic Church-Concrete work) Motion was made by Monnahan and seconded by Vrbas to approve the permit. Yea: All. Nay: None. Motion carried. (Building Permit #142 Richard Durham-carport) Motion was made by Monnahan and seconded by Vrbas to approve the permit under the condition it meets all building and zoning ordinances. Wilson will review. Yea: All. Nay: None. Motion carried. (Building Permit #145 R. Miner-siding). Permit was not needed. (Building Permit #146 C. Kayton fence) Motion was made by Vrbas and seconded by Monnahan to approve the permit under the condition it meets all building and zoning ordinances. Wilson will review. Yea: All. Nay: None. Motion carried. (Building Permit #147 C. McVicker-fence) was tabled until the August meeting.

Library/Cemetery Commissioner Suda presented the minutes of the July 8th Library Board meeting. Suda informed the Board that the Sons of the American Legion donated \$300 to the Library from proceeds from the spaghetti feed they had during Pioneer Days. Ferguson addressed the Board about the upcoming budget and that the Library will be requesting to have a larger budget allocation. She also indicated that the Library Board would like to see an increase in the librarians wage. Ferguson mentioned that the summer reading program is still going on. Ferguson told the Board that the Library Board is planning a work day for the cleaning and organizing of the library basement.

Park, Pool and Housing Commissioner gave his report. The Board advised Miller to start advertising for 2 Park Board Members. Miller informed the Board that she had an applicant express interest in managing the swimming pool next year. Discussion was held on starting at the first of the year advertising for summer pool help.

Street, Police and Tree Commissioner Christner was not present to give a report.

Water and Sewer Commissioner Hicks was not present to give his report.

Health Commissioner Monnahan had no report.

Citizens' concerns were voiced on the roughness of the railroad tracks on mainstreet. The Department of Roads will be contacted. There was discussion on flowers being removed from urns at the cemetery that are part of the headstone. There was discussion on having the beginning and ending utility bills prorated. There was a suggestion that there should be a community event such as a potluck held every month for everyone to attend.

Chairman Monnahan adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Attest:

Kerry A. Miller
Village Clerk/Treasurer