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**VILLAGE OF WATERLOO
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2013**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Waterloo met for a Regular Meeting on May 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office, 509 S. Front Street.

PRESENT:

Stanley E. Benke Jr., Chairperson
Garry Lee, Vice-Chairperson
Tom Harrie, Trustee
Bill Rotert, Trustee
Ken Hitchler, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT:

Nancy Hert, Village Clerk
Ken Bunger, Attorney

OPEN MEETING

Chairperson Benke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and stated the location of the Open Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was duly exercised and mailed per the bylaws.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marcia Spilker, a Waterloo Business Owner came before the Board to communicate her frustration with the condition and ongoing upkeep of a neighboring property at 309 Washington Street. She has sent a registered letter to the owner of the property, but also wanted to ask the Village for their help. Village Attorney Bunger explained that we have a nuisance ordinance that requires a letter to be written to the resident allowing them 10 days upon receipt to correct the situation.

Clerk Hert explained that she had not sent a letter yet, (Marcia stopped in office the previous day), but did have the property inspected and pictures taken today which she needs before sending a letter.

Waterloo resident Don Shelton reported that he had noticed kids using the drive off Third Street to access the river. He wasn't sure if they should be down there. Trustee Rotert explained that the driveway is temporary, as the River Bank Stabilization Project is still under construction, but only authorized personnel should be in the area. The Board said they would put up "No Trespassing" signs until the project is complete. Police Chief Donahue told Shelton to call "911" when he sees something going on.

MOTIONS TO APPROVE

Minutes from the April 23 Special Meeting were approved with the following changes: Adding "rock" after crushed and deleting "We" in paragraph 4. The Minutes from the April 23rd Regular Meeting and the Treasurer's Report were approved as presented.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Benke, second by Rotert to pay the following bills: Barnes & Noble-Books 443.07, Bi-State Motor-Parts 127.03, Black Hills-Heat 1945.33, BlueCross BlueShield-Employee Insurance 2744.19, Bunger-Attorney fees 1275.00, Benke-Cleaning 150.00, Cox Business-Internet/Phones 679.74, Cummins Central Power-Fire & Rescue Maintenance 1254.76, Dana Safety Supply-Police 190.42, Demco-Library Supplies 103.34, DC Election Office-General Election 158.72, Douglas County Gazette-Publications 236.79, DC Register of Deeds-Lien release 10.00, Elkhorn Hardware-Supplies 71.74, Ford Motor-Police SUV 629.72, FSH Communications-Payphone 63.90, Grass Pro-Fire Lawn 180.15, Heritage Plumbing-Library repairs 147.00, Hike-Library IT Support 360.00, Holcomb-Deposit refund 33.20, JEO Consulting-Bank Stabilization Project 2874.75, JQ Office-Office copier 139.55, JP Cooke-Pet Licenses 62.14, Johnson-Mileage 39.22, Jorgensen-Library petty cash 96.71, Market Klean-Fire facility cleaning 408.00, McCarthy-Police training 798.00, Menards-Supplies 241.85, MUD-Cost of Water (2 months) 19,746.78, Micromarketing-Library supplies 317.80, Miller Monroe-Liability Insurance 10,415.00, Nebraska Library Commission-Class 10.00, Office Depot-Supplies 83.46, Office Net-Library copier 402.45, Omaha Tractor-Streets 364.00, Omaha World-Herald-Garage Sale Ad. 177.49, OPPD-Electricity 4222.73, Orkin-Fire Facility maintenance 56.71, Papillion Sanitation-Trash pick-up 114.75, PeopleService-Utility Contract 10,752.00, Rob's Oil-Fuel 3153.43, TMDE Calibration-Police 260.00, U-Fill-It-Clean-up Day 1100.00, Utility Equipment-Meter parts 277.94 and Verizon-Cell phones 93.68. All in favor, motion carried.

Total Bills: \$ 66,990.95

Total Payroll: \$ 25,446.97

SCOTT VENCIL-PROPERTY AT 104 WASHINGTON

Waterloo resident Scott Vencil approached the Board with complaints about a neighboring property at 104 Washington. This property has been under construction for three years, is an eyesore, and at various stages, a safety hazard. Scott asked the Board if they could do anything to move this project along. Next door neighbor, Shelly Rehmeier, also came forward with pictures and expressed her ongoing frustration with this property.

Trustee Harrie said he didn't know what it would take, but we need to do something as this lack of action is an embarrassment. Attorney Bunger said we need to hold a hearing with the property owner in attendance.

REPORTS

Utilities: Mike Goddard provided the PeopleService Report. Mike said they have received over 300 responses to the recent cross-connection surveys, and are pleased with the results.

Fire/Rescue: No Report

Police: Chief Donahue submitted a proposal to increase the Village contribution towards Health Insurance. He needs to hire a third full-time officer and can't attract qualified applicants with the current health insurance package. The Board tabled this discussion until the May 28th Meeting.

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Maintenance: Bednar said he contacted the County after he received a complaint about the dust from Blondo Street. The County told him they hire a company to do the spraying and the cost to the Village would be about \$1900. A Riverside resident said they also use a contractor to do their gravel road spraying and suggested we contact them. The Board told Bednar to check with this company for rates.

Library: Director Jorgensen reported that they just had three air-conditioner compressors go out, so they are currently without air. The Board asked the Clerk to report this to the insurance company to see if they will cover any of the replacement costs.

Jorgensen said the Library Board does not want the library closed when both the Director and Librarian are gone and suggested they hire a substitute to fill in when this happens. Motion by Hitchler, second by Benke to hire Linda Oyster effective May 6, 2013 as a "substitute librarian", at her former rate of pay of \$14.20 an hour, to be brought in only when both employees will be gone due to unforeseen circumstances. On roll call voting YES: Rotert, Lee, Benke, Harrie and Hitchler. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Planning Board: No Report

Clerk's Report: Report provided. Motion by Hitchler, second by Benke to approve the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk's attendance at the 2013 Municipal Accounting & Finance Conference in Kearney, June 19-21. On roll call voting YES: Harrie, Lee, Rotert, Benke and Hitchler. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

Hert said Steve Franson, a local bar owner asked about bringing Big Red Keno to Waterloo. Attorney Bunger is researching the Village's agreement with Nebraska Cooperative Lottery and will report his findings to the Board.

JUSTIN ROSSITO-REQUEST TO ADD LANDSCAPING

Rossito presented a plan to add bushes, plants and one tree on the side and back of his building at 312 Third Street. Motion by Hitchler, second by Harrie to approve the landscaping plan for 312 Third Street presented by Justin Rossito. All voted in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-14-13-01

Benke introduced, read, and moved for approval of Resolution No. 05-14-13-01, approving the appointment of Brandon Hanuek to serve as a volunteer on Waterloo Fire & Rescue. Harrie seconded the motion and on roll call voting YES: Lee, Hitchler, Rotert, Harrie and Benke. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-14-13-02

Benke introduced, read, and moved for approval of Resolution No. 05-14-13-02, approving the bid from Barnes Enterprises to replace the curb in the alley immediately south of the Dog House Saloon at a cost of \$1900.00. Lee seconded the motion and on roll call voting YES: Benke, Rotert, Hitchler, Lee and Harrie. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION NO. 05-14-13-03

Rotert introduced, read, and moved for approval of Resolution No. 05-14-13-03, approving the purchase of a Hydraulic Driven Parallel Arm Rotary Cutter from Omaha Tractor at a cost not to exceed \$15,927.00 with a \$1500.00 trade in allowance. Hitchler seconded the motion and on roll call voting YES: Lee, Benke, Harrie, Rotert and Hitchler. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-14-13-04

Benke introduced, read, and moved for approval of Resolution No. 05-14-13-04, approving the closure of S. Front Street, from 6th to 7th, on June 29th, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. until midnight. Hitchler seconded the motion and on roll call voting YES: Rotert, Lee, Benke and Hitchler. Voting NO: None. Harrie abstained. Motion carried.

WEST SHORES INTERLOCAL

Tabled until May 28, 2013 Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-14-13-05

Harrie introduced, read, and moved for approval of Resolution No. 05-14-13-05, approving the Special Designated Liquor License for the Depot Lounge for June 1, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Lee seconded the motion and on roll call voting YES: Rotert, Hitchler, Lee, Benke and Harrie. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-14-13-06

Benke introduced, read, and moved for approval of Resolution No. 05-14-13-06, approving the temporary closure of Third Street, from North Front to the alley, from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., June 1, 2013. Rotert seconded the motion and on roll call voting YES: Harrie, Hitchler, Lee, Benke and Rotert. Voting NO: None. Motion carried.

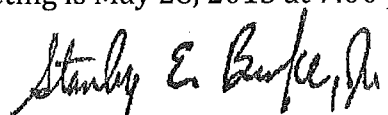
Correspondence was reviewed.

TRUSTEE TOPICS

Trustee Lee thinks we should continue our efforts to get the State to do something about the 275 Overpass. We've sent one letter, but he thinks we need to send another letter, perhaps copying our congressmen, letting them know how important and serious this situation is. Hert and Donahue will draft a letter for board approval.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is May 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.


Nancy Hert/Village Clerk


Stanley E. Benke, Jr., Chairperson