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**VILLAGE OF WATERLOO  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
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The Board of Trustees of the Village of Waterloo met for a Regular Meeting on May 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office, 509 S. Front Street.

**PRESENT:**

Stanley E. Benke, Jr., Chairman  
Garry Lee, Vice-Chairman  
Tom Harrie, Trustee  
Bill Rotert, Trustee  
Jeff Barnes, Trustee-Arrived at 7:36

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Melissa Johnson, Clerk's Assistant  
Ken Bunger, Attorney

**OPEN MEETING**

Chairman Benke called the meeting to order at 7:04pm and stated the location of the Open Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was duly exercised and mailed per the bylaws.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Benke reported that after the May Primary Election, Waterloo was successful in retaining the Village form of government. The citizens decided, not the state, of what is best for the Village. From now on it will be business as usual.

The Board wanted to give a big Thank You to the following for help with Clean-up Day: Mutchie Lawn and Tree, Floyd Stenneche, Judy Domina, Niels Domina, Donnie Andersen, and Containers To Go.

**MOTIONS TO APPROVE**

Minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 8, 2012 were approved as presented.

**DISCUSSION/CONSIDERTION/ACTION**

Randall Albrecht, a resident at Homes at River Road, approached the board about the empty lots in the subdivision that are bank-owned. Albrecht was concerned about the lack of mowing of these lots. He stated that not only does it look bad, it poses safety and health issues by allowing small animals, such as opossums, to live in the brush. The Board agreed the empty lots should not get to that point. Clerk's Assistant Johnson was directed to contact the bank representative about obtaining a mowing schedule and notify him that if the lots are not maintained in a reasonable manner, the Village may mow them and bill the bank. Trustee Lee also stated that the TIF agreement will be up for renewal next year and this issue may impact any further renewals.

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Albrecht and his neighbors, Joan and Kittie Bucholz, were also concerned about the speed bumps installed on Denton Street. While they agree the speed bumps are necessary, they asked if there is a different style that wouldn't be as rough. The Board told them the other speed bumps in town were more expensive but there may be some other options. They agreed to look into other styles of speed bumps that have a longer slope.

Dave Henke with JEO Consulting presented the plans for the 3<sup>rd</sup> St water main project. JEO will begin to advertise for bids and will schedule the bid letting to be at the Village office on June 19 at 11am. The bids will be presented at the June 26 meeting for approval.

Benke introduced Ordinance #720-**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 3-203(B) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF WATERLOO, NEBRASKA TO CHANGE THE RENEWAL DATE FOR PET LICENSING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF WATERLOO, NEBRASKA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECT DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.** Bunger informed the board that this Ordinance was premature and needed to be brought up again after the current pet licenses are issued. Motion by Benke, seconded by Rotert to lay over any action on Ordinance #720. Upon roll call voting, voting YES: Rotert, Harrie, Lee and Benke. Voting No: none, motion carried.

Benke introduced Ordinance #721-**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF WATERLOO, NEBRASKA PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** Motion by Benke, seconded by Rotert to waive the three readings. Upon roll call vote, voting YES: Lee, Benke, Barnes, Rotert, Harrie. Voting NO: none, motion carried. Motion by Benke, seconded by Rotert to adopt Ordinance #721. Upon roll call vote, voting YES: Lee, Barnes, Benke, Harrie, Rotert. Voting NO: none, motion carried. A true, correct & complete copy of said ordinance is on file at the Village Hall.

Benke introduced Ordinance #722- **AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN FEES AND TAXES CHARGED BY THE VILLAGE OF WATERLOO FOR VARIOUS SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BUILDING AND USE, ZONING, OCCUPATION, PUBLIC RECORDS, ALARMS, EMERGENCY SERVICES, RECREATION, LIBRARY, PET LICENSING, AND WATER, SEWER AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES OF THE VILLAGE FOR RESIDENTIAL USERS AND COMMERCIAL USERS (INCLUDING INDUSTRIAL USERS) OF THE VILLAGE OF WATERLOO, REGULATING THE MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS AND RATES OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.** Motion by Benke, seconded by Barnes to waive the three readings. Upon roll call vote, voting YES: Barnes, Benke, Lee, Harrie, Rotert. Voting NO: none, motion carried. Motion by Benke, seconded by Barnes to adopt Ordinance #722 with the discussed changes. Upon roll call vote, voting YES: Rotert, Benke, Barnes, Harrie, Lee. Voting NO: none, motion carried. A true, correct & complete copy of said ordinance is on file at the Village Hall.

Barnes introduced, read and moved for approval of Resolution No. 05-22-12-01, a resolution to approve Fire Department member James Hopkins. Trustee Rotert seconded

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the motion. Upon roll call vote, voting YES: Benke, Barnes, Rotert, Harrie, Lee. Voting NO: none, motion carried. A true, complete and correct copy of said resolution is on file at the Village Office.

Barnes introduced, read and moved for approval of Resolution No. 05-22-12-02, a resolution to approve Fire Department member David Sekera. Chairman Benke seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, voting YES: Benke, Lee, Harrie, Barnes, Rotert. Voting NO: none, motion carried. A true, complete and correct copy of said resolution is on file at the Village Office.

Benke introduced, read and moved for approval of Resolution No. 05-22-12-03, a resolution to approve street closure for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from alley to in front of Grainbridge on May 28, 2012 from 10am-5pm. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, voting YES: Barnes, Lee, Harrie, Rotert, Benke. Voting NO: none, motion carried. A true, complete and correct copy of said resolution is on file at the Village Office.

Benke introduced, read and moved for approval of Resolution No. 05-22-12-04, a resolution to approve street closure for 3<sup>rd</sup> St from North Front Street to Washington Street on July 21, 2012 from 8am-1am for the Day of the Hog. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, voting YES: Rotert, Harrie, Lee, Barnes, Benke. Voting NO: none, motion carried. A true, complete and correct copy of said resolution is on file at the Village Office.

Benke introduced, read and moved for approval of Resolution No. 05-22-12-05, a resolution to approve street closure for South Front Street from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street on June 30, 2012 from 4pm to midnight. Trustee Rotert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, voting YES: Benke, Rotert, Lee, Barnes. Voting NO: none. Trustee Harrie abstained from voting. Motion carried. A true, complete and correct copy of said resolution is on file at the Village Office.

Benke introduced, read and moved for approval of Resolution No. 05-22-12-06, a resolution to approve employment of Charles Rehmeier as a part-time police officer. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, voting YES: Lee, Harrie, Barnes, Rotert, Benke. Voting NO: none, motion carried. A true, complete and correct copy of said resolution is on file at the Village Office.

Benke introduced, read and moved for approval of Resolution No. 05-22-12-07, a resolution to approve Special Designated Liquor License for the Fire Barn Sports Bar and Grill for Harvest Days on August 25, 2012 from 10am-1am. Trustee Barnes seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, voting YES: Rotert, Harrie, Benke, Barnes, Lee. Voting NO: none, motion carried. A true, complete and correct copy of said resolution is on file at the Village Office.

Benke introduced, read and moved for approval of Resolution No. 05-22-12-08, a resolution to approve National Association of County Officials annual Health Insurance Plan renewal. Trustee Harrie seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, voting YES: Benke,

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Barnes, Lee, Harrie, Rotert. Voting NO: none, motion carried. A true, complete and correct copy of said resolution is on file at the Village Office.

Benke introduced, read and moved for approval of Resolution No. 05-22-12-09, a resolution to approve street closure for 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Lincoln Street to Washington Street on June 30, 2012 from 4pm to 10pm. Trustee Rotert seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, voting YES: Rotert, Lee, Benke, Barnes, Harrie. Voting NO: none, motion carried. A true, complete and correct copy of said resolution is on file at the Village Office.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed a letter Lalit Jha from JEO sent to FEMA regarding the submission of additional information for the Levee Accreditation. Johnson was asked to contact Jha to attend the June 12 meeting with a formal update on the Levee Accreditation and the bank stabilization project.

### **TRUSTEE TOPICS**

Currently, a Trustee has not been assigned to oversee the Planning Board. Trustees Rotert and Harrie have agreed to split the responsibilities. They will work out a schedule at the next Planning Board Meeting.

Trustee Harrie shared a retirement letter from Library Director Linda Oyster. The board would like to do something to recognize Oyster's service to the community.

Trustee Rotert gave an update on his efforts to contact Union Pacific to clean up the abandoned communication lines along North Front Street. Johnson will send Bunger the details so that he may contact UP on behalf of the Village.

Trustee Rotert asked how often the mowing along 240<sup>th</sup> Street needs to be done. Barnes stated that the Operations and Maintenance manual for the Levee directs mowing to be done twice a year.

Rotert informed the board that he and the maintenance department are still working on possibilities for mowing the steep portions of the Levee. Barnes would like to bring some equipment into town to see if he has something that will work.

Donahue reported that he drove around town looking for streetlights that were out and did not find any.

Barnes asked that the maintenance employees always wear their safety vests when mowing near the highway.


Lee reported that the Levee Inspection with the United States Army Corps of Engineers went well.


Rotert asked if the Board would like to see flowers in the boxes on Main Street. Everyone thought that was a good idea.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Stanley E. Benke Jr., Chairman

  
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Melissa Johnson, Clerk's Assistant