

VILLAGE OF DUNCAN BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2025 7:00 PM – Village Hall, 906 8th Street, Duncan, NE 68634

The monthly board meeting of the Village of Duncan Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairperson, Gary Schlesinger. The Chairperson publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was held in the Village Hall. Board members present were Lance Denbo, Nick Wagoner, Gary Schlesinger, Jerusha Ratcliffe and Van Steyn. Also in attendance were Village Staff: Doug Michalak (Utility Superintendent), Marianna Evans (Clerk) and Michelle Schindel (Treasurer). *A motion was made to approve the January 13, 2025 meeting minutes by Ratcliffe, second---Wagoner. Vote was as follows: Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.* Chairman provided opportunity for any non-agenda items to be brought to the Board's attention. He stated a 5-minute limit and that the Board may only listen and add to the next agenda if approved. No discussion or decisions may be made. There were no items brought to their attention.

Unfinished Business

Lloyd Subdivision Progress Update Schlesinger stated that Steve Lloyd called him and stated that he was in Florida and would not be back until approximately March 8th. Schlesinger reported that Lloyd stated he planned to start on one home when he returns. Steyn questioned what the issue was. Schlesinger explained that this project was supposed to be done in two phases and phase one is not even started yet. Evans also stated that inviting Lloyd to the meeting was more for the new Board members to learn about the project and to update the Board on his plans for moving forward. In order for the Board to stay informed on the progress of the project. Don Reves (P&Z Chairman) explained how the subdivision process works and how this project was supposed to progress. Schlesinger noted that the final plat was signed November of 2021 and there has not been any homes built yet. However, Lloyd did install the water/sewer lines and street (8th Avenue) as directed. Reves reported there are 6 homes to be built with phase one. After phase one is complete, Lloyd must install the street for phase two (10th Street). He explained that the first 100 foot or so will be Village responsibility as it is not through Lloyd property. Comment from the public also noted that Lloyd also promised the Board several years ago (2018) that if they removed a \$11,000 lien from the 5th street property, he would purchase it and build a duplex or home on it and has not done anything with it. Steyn reported his opinion questioned the need for the Village to question Lloyd. Schlesinger reported that this project had to go through our P&Z committee and Village Board to be approved and it is appropriate to follow the progress for development of the town and to be sure all zoning ordinances are being complied with. Steyn stated understanding.

New Business

Request to Contract Baseball Field for Summer (Columbus Baseball-Marcus Gillespie) Marcus presented to the microphone and introduced himself to the Board. He stated that his organization is happy with the contract last year and is fine with a similar one. He reported that there are issues with the bathroom toilets however. He stated that he hired a plumber last summer to get them working, however there may need to be a few toilets replaced. Schlesinger asked Gillespie if they would be willing to split the cost with the Village to replace the toilets. Gillespie agreed. He reported that there are a couple sprinkler heads not working and he will take care of that. *A motion to approve the contract with Columbus Baseball for the 2025 season was made by Schlesinger, second—Denbo. Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.* Evans asked Gillespie if he had spoken with Brett Mueller (Outlaws baseball). She reported that he had called her and asked if his team could have a double-header on June 22 from 11am-5pm. Gillespie stated he was fine with that as they do not use the field on the weekends. Evans stated that she would let Mueller know he can use. Schlesinger mentioned a possible fee for one-time use. Schlesinger asked Gillespie to send their schedule to the Village as well. Gillespie stated that he would. Evans stated she would get the contract sent to Gillespie for signature. Gillespie stated he would sign and send back with a copy of his insurance liability document.

Appoint Planning & Zoning Committee Member Josh Dahlberg is present and stated that he would like to help the town in some way and is requesting to be on the P&Z board. *A motion to appoint Josh Dahlberg to the P&Z Committee was made by Schlesinger, second—Wagoner. Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

Portable Storage Containers (P&Z Committee) Schlesinger explained that these are the semi-truck trailers that are being used as storage units on residential and other properties in town. He stated there is no ordinance banning them at this time, however it will need to go through the P&Z Committee first. Reves agreed that it would need to be discussed in the P&Z before coming to the Village Board. Agenda item postponed pending P&Z Committee handling of the issue.

Proposed Christmas Parade (Don Reves) Reves presented to the microphone and proposed a Christmas parade/day celebration for the town this year. He proposed ideas of horse/carriage rides, hot chocolate, pancake feed, parade and other

events during the course of a day. He proposed a Santa/Mrs. Santa and photo booth etc. The day would end with a lighted parade of side-by-sides, 4-wheelers etc. lit up with Christmas lights. He is requesting to set up a committee to make this happen. He stated that any profit would be donated to the Village Parks & Rec. fund. He stated that there should be no funding needed by the Village. He stated the only request to the Village will be to close certain streets for the day of the parade. Possible dates include the first or second Saturday in December this year. There were no objections from the Board. Schlesinger asked Reves to keep the Village updated on his progress.

Ballpark Update (Don Reves) Reves stated that there are new bleachers at the ballpark that were obtained and installed by Schlesinger and others. Reves stated that he had been obtaining donations from local businesses to fund this and has only a small amount left to obtain. He stated that they would like to recognize the volunteers and donations by having a sign made (for \$150). *A motion to approve \$150 for sign recognizing donators and volunteers for ballpark bleachers, with repayment from donations obtained by Reves was made by Denbo, second—Wagoner. Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

R25-294 Nebraska Rural Water Association (NRWA) Voting Delegate Evans explained this is an annual resolution needed to submit to NRWA proving who our voting delegates are from the Village. *A motion to approve R25-294 NRWA Voting Delegate was made by Ratcliffe, second—Schlesinger. Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

Proposed NRWA Annual Donation Evans reported to the Board the last few years' donation amounts. After discussion, *a motion to approve a \$500 donation along with the \$250 membership fee was made by Wagoner, second—Denbo. Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

Departmental Reports:

Utilities Michalak reported that the streets, sewer and water are all good at this time. He reported on his installation of the new engine brake prohibited signs as requested. He reported the need to purchase a new water nitrate testing machine.

Parks & Rec no report

Planning & Zoning no report

Clerk Report no report

Treasurer Report After the Treasurer reported on the bills for the month and the Board reviewed the monthly recap, *a motion to pay the bills was made by Ratcliffe, second—Wagner. Voting aye—Denbo, Wagoner, Schlesinger, Ratcliffe and Steyn. Voting nay—none. The Chairman carried the motion.*

All meetings are open to the public and a current agenda for said meetings will be posted and available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk, Post Office, T-Bone 2 and the Village website on the Thursday prior to the meeting. The next meeting will be on **March 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM**. Being no other business, adjournment was made by Chairman Schlesinger at 7:57p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Marianna Evans (Clerk)