

VILLAGE OF EAGLE

January 17, 2023

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on January 17, 2023 with Todd, Hochstein, Meier and Dobbins present. Caylor was absent. The Agenda items listed thereon were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting. The Chairperson, at the beginning of the meeting, informed the public about the location of the posted current copy of the Open Meetings Act. Chairperson Todd named the three (3) areas where the agenda was posted as follows: Eagle Municipal Building, Eagle Fire & Rescue Department and Eagle Municipal Park. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Hochstein, second by Dobbins, to approve the purchase of two suction units, gas detector and cut-off saw kit for Fire & Rescue in an amount not to exceed \$4,550.00. Voting: Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Motion by Todd, second by Meier, to approve Derek Wiedenfeld as a member of the Eagle Park & Recreation Commission. Voting: Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Motion by Todd, second by Meier, to approve the 2023 Annual Investment with Cass County Economic Development Council in the amount of \$2,000. Voting: Ayes – Meier, Todd. Nays – Hochstein, Dobbins. Motion failed.

Motion by Hochstein, second by Meier, to approve the 2023 Sustaining Membership with Keep Cass County Beautiful in the amount of \$1,000. Voting: Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Open Forum – Hochstein asked when the last time a letter was sent to residents informing them of when sidewalks need to be cleared of snow. Nystrom said most recently a memo was included on the water bills indicating the timeframe in which snow is to be removed from residential and business district sidewalks. Dobbins inquired as to if there is any interest from the Village Board in substituting paper packets with digital (i.e. Chromebooks). Todd and Hochstein said their preference is to remain with paper copies. Meier said he has asked about switching to digital packets several times over the years and could not garner enough support to make the change. John Surman (450 Eagle Dr.) said as members of the Village Board there are no real consequences for registering and paying for a conference with taxpayer dollars and then not attending; this issue has happened in the past where there was no legal recourse for the taxpayers to be refunded by a board member when they did not end up attending.

Motion by Hochstein, second by Dobbins, to approve Terri Todd, Marcus Hochstein and James Dobbins attending the League of Nebraska Municipalities' 2023 Midwinter Conference on February 27-28, 2023 in Lincoln at a cost of \$1,185.00. Voting: Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Motion by Hochstein, second by Meier, to approve Bryce Belt attending a Grade IV Water Operator Training Course in Beatrice on May 23-25, 2023 at a cost of \$260.00. Voting: Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Motion by Meier, second by Hochstein, to approve minutes as typed for the previous meeting. Voting: Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

The Village Board acknowledged Polly Frye's notice of intent to retire as Village of Eagle Deputy Clerk effective April 1, 2023.

Motion by Todd, second by Hochstein, to approve a conditional offer of employment to Michael Graham for the Full-time Maintenance position at a rate of \$26.00 per hour. Voting: Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Motion by Todd, second by Hochstein, to go into executive session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss Bryce Belt's annual employee evaluation and to protect the reputation of the employee. Voting: Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Chairperson Todd said the Village Board has come out of executive session at 8:25 p.m. after discussing Bryce Belt's annual employee evaluation.

Motion by Todd, second by Hochstein, to increase Bryce Belt's wage to \$19.00 per hour. Voting: Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Nick Nystrom
Village Clerk

Terri Todd
Chairperson