The Village of Sutherland Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on July 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village of Sutherland Meeting Room, located: 1200 First Street, Sutherland, Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was given by posting notice in four public places, the designated method by the Village Board of Trustees. An agenda for this meeting was kept continuously current and available for inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk. Trustee Members present upon roll call were: Scott Meyer, Sam Haworth, Kimberly Backer, and Frank Fleecs. Also, present were: Village Clerk Dani Jorgensen, Village Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Wilson, Village Superintendent Casey Kendall, and Village Attorney Rory Roundtree. Guests present were: Trenda Seifer, Derek Dempcy, Linda Tacey, Tom Werblow, Janet Mueller, Tory Copeland, Jim Bliss, Cody Fenwick, Ken Main, Jackie Main, Chris Bruns, Steve Gies. If all the names are not included, it is only by error, absence of signature or undecipherable signature in the guest book.

Chairperson Backer called for a roll call, recognized a quorum was present, and called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees and guests rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Backer gave notice of the open meeting law poster and its location and proper procedure for guests.

Reading and approval of minutes for the July 6, 2022, Board of Trustees Work Session was held. Motion Haworth, second Meyer to approve the minutes as presented. Voting: Yes: Haworth, Backer, Fleecs and Meyer. Motion carried.

Reading and approval of minutes for the July 13, 2022, Board of Trustees Regular meeting. Discussion was held. Motion Meyer, second Haworth to approve the minutes as corrected. Voting: Yes: Haworth, Backer, Meyer, Fleecs. Motion Carried.

Reading and approval of minutes for the July 13, 2022, Board of Trustees Work Session was held. Discussion was held. Motion Haworth, second Meyer to approve as corrected. Voting Yes: Backer, Meyer, Fleecs, Haworth. Motion carried.

Reading and approval of minutes for the July 20, 2022, Board of Trustees Work Session was held. Motion Haworth, second Meyer as presented. Voting Yes: Meyer, Fleecs, Haworth, Backer. Motion carried

Chief’s Report-Chief was unavailable but had spoke with Trustee Meyer.Meyer reported to date they have run 137 ambulance calls and 36 fire calls. Discussion held.

Chairperson Backer thanked, guest Chris Bruns for attending and invited him to speak on any items that are relevant to this community. Bruns is the County Commissioner for the district that includes the village. Discussion was held.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Agenda adjusted to new appointment to Board of Trustees. Derek Dempcy was selected and motioned by Backer, second Fleecs to fill the vacated seat on the Board. Voting: Yes: Fleecs, Haworth, Backer, Meyer. Motion carried. Dempcy was sworn in by Roundtree to fill the vacated seat on the Board of Trustees for the Village of Sutherland.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Fence on North Walnut was discussed by Kendall. There is nothing new to report.

Fire Hall/Fire Department Merger was discussed by Meyer. The contract was presented to the County Board of Commissoners and was preliminary approved and has a ten day period before the final stamp. Discussion held.

ARPA Funding was discussed by Backer and Wilson. Have not received the second payment yet.

Storm/Sewer Drainage was discussed by Kendall. He talked to Werblow and there has been no definite answer but is still ongoing.

Bonnie Edwards – Survey of Village Property was discussed by Meyer. He is wondering if we can move forward and get the survey done and have it completed and ready to add to the merger. Discussion held.

Fire and Rescue Resolution 2022-05-02 was discussed by Wilson. It has been given to R. Paulman to sign and we are just waiting to receive the papers back.

Water Tank Bids were discussed by Werblow and Roundtree a gave a summary of the three bids that were submitted. Three bids were received. Bids were from Pittsburg Tank and Tower Group, Maguire Iron Inc, and Viking Industrial Painting. Werblow recommended going with Maguire pending some answers to what kind of paint would be used. Motion Haworth, second Fleecs to accept Maguire contingent on answering questions about the paint that will be used. These questions will be addressed by Werblow when awarding Maguire the job. Voting yes Haworth, Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs. Motion carried. Adjusted the agenda to address the school playground update. Tory Copeland and Janet Mueller represented the school about the current playground at the school. They are researching options to update the area. Part of the problem is the drainage problem at the school. That is the reason to include Werblow in this conversation. Asking the Village if they want to partner with the school. Discussion was held.

Equipment fund was discussed during the Budget Workshop. Nothing new.

Budget workshops were discussed by Backer. Have meeting with Tiffany for budget on Tuesday August 2, 7 P.M. Call Bob for the next week to meet about numbers.

WCNDD was represented by Cody Fenwick. Discussion was held. Fence permit is active for property to the west. She will send letter thanking for work done to this point and see if we get closer to getting this property cleaned. Regarding 1251 Locust. They have been notified based on wording in July 13,2022, minutes. The cleanup company will be able to work all properties by putting it off.

Renewal for LARM Insurance proposal. Motioned by Haworth second Fleecs to renew at 3-year contract 5% discount. Voting yes Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth. Motion carried.

Motion to sign Resolution2022-07-01 by Haworth. Second Fleecs. Voting yes Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth, Backer. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

WCNDD represented by Cody Fenwick recommended removing from the list of Rescintions case 2022 SUT 021 1520 South Street. Fenwick will send a letter thanking for work that has currently been completed and let them know there are some items remaining. Motioned by Meyer second Dempcy to rescind the declared nuisance 2022 SUT 003  701 1/2 Union Street by Resolution 2022-07-03. Voting yes Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth, Backer, Meyer. Motion Carried. Motioned by Haworth second Fleecs to rescind the declared nuisance 2022 SUT 005  Sec 29, Twn 14, Rng 33 by resolution 2022-07-04. Voting yes Fleecs, Haworth, Backer, Meyer, Dempcy. Motion carried. Motioned by Dempcy second Meyer to rescind the declared nuisance 2022 SUT 006 111 S Oak Street by resolution 2022-07-05 .Voting yes Haworth, Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs. Motion carried. Motioned by Meyer second Dempcy to rescind the declared nuisance by resolution 2022-07-06 .Voting yes Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth. Motion carried. Motioned by Meyer second Dempcy to rescind the declared nuisance 2022 SUT 016 1321 South Street by resolution 2022-07-07.Voting yes Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth. Motion carried. Motioned by Meyer second Dempcy to rescind the declared nuisance 2022 SUT 020 1541 South Street by resolution 2022-07-07.Voting yes Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth, Backer. Motion carried. Motioned by Fleecs second Haworth to rescind the declared nuisance 2022 SUT 028 121 S Vine Street by resolution 2022-07-14.Voting yes Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth, Backer, Meyer. Motion carried. Motioned by Haworth second Fleecs to rescind the declared nuisance 2022 SUT 031 130 S Oak Street by resolution 2022-07-09.Voting yes Fleecs, Haworth, Backer, Meyer, Dempcy. Motion carried. Motioned by Haworth second Fleecs to rescind the declared nuisance2022 SUT 032 126 S Oak Street by resolution 2022-07-10 .Voting yes Haworth, Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs. Motion carried. Motioned by Dempcy second Meyer to rescind the declared nuisance SUT 033     120 S Oak Street #1 by resolution 2022-07-11 .Voting yes Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth. Motion carried. Motioned by Haworth second Meyer to rescind the declared nuisance 2022 SUT 036 120 S Oak Street #8 by resolution 2022-07-12.Voting yes Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth, Backer. Motion carried. Motioned by Haworth second Fleecs to rescind the declared nuisance 2022 SUT 039     150 West County Road by resolution 200-07-13.Voting yes Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth, Backer, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motion to abate discussionabout what is seen in pictures presented by Cody about the addreses. Suggested that items in trailers be allowed. Meyer noted that if we change what we require WCDD to follow when enforcing the ordinance We are going to have a huge backlog.. Rountree elaborated more about this being interpretation of the ordinance not a change to the ordinance. Cody wanted to get it clear for what they are to enforce with contents of a trailer and the fence. Items contained in a trailer that are recyclable will be allowed. Motioned by Backer second Meyer to abate 2022 SUT 004     701 Union Street. Discussion held. Voting no-Dempcy. Yes-Fleecs, Haworth, Backer, Meyer. Motion carried. Motioned by Meyer second Haworth to abate 2022 SUT 015     1311 South Street. Discussion was held. Voting yes Fleecs, Haworth, Backer, Meyer, Dempcy. Motion carried. Motioned by Dempcy second Haworth to abate 2022 SUT 029     125 S Vine Street. Voting yes Haworth, Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs. Motion carried. Motioned by Haworth second Dempcy to abate 2022 SUT 035     120 S Oak Street #4. Voting yes Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth. Motion carried.

Motioned by Haworth second Meyer to declare 2022 SUT 018 1341 South Street a nuisance by resolution 2022-07-15. Voting yes Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth, Backer. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about purchasing a new ambulance with what was in the fund. This will be addressed by the merge but we won’t be doing anything with it.

Discussion was held about how we need to work the pumper truck lease into the merger. The board will pay the October payment and we have to give the free & clear title to the rural at the merger time. Discussion was held based on the merger going forward.

Casey has ordered the part for the baler. It is under warranty. It will be fixed as quick as possible.

Backer volunteered to be the liaison for the Growth Committee going forward to fill the vacancy of Jorgensen.

The board had discussion with a home owner about what would need to be done to get the variance for approval of the fence permit and the process that is needed. Need to check with the Board of Adjustments in order to get this taken care of. Current ordinance was discussed.

Bid from Kelly Tree Service to trim 3 trees in the Railroad park for $800.00. Motion Haworth second Fleecs. Voting yes Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth, Backer, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Meyer and second by Haworth to remove Melissa Wilson as signer/Village Clerk on all Village of Sutherland accounts at Adams Bank & Trust. Discussion held. Voting yes Fleecs, Dempcy, Backer. Voting no Haworth, Meyer. Motion carried. Motioned by Meyer and second by Haworth to remove Melissa Wilson as signer/Village Clerk on all Village of Sutherland accounts at Hershey State Bank. Discussion held. Voting yes Fleecs, Dempcy, Backer. Voting no Haworth, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Fleecs second by Haworth to remove Jorgensen as an authorized signer/trustee on all Village of Sutherland accounts at Adams Bank & Trust. Discussion was held. Voting yes Haworth, Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs. Motion Carried. Motioned by Fleecs second by Haworth to remove Jorgensen as an authorized signer/trustee on all Village of Sutherland accounts at Hershey State Bank. Discussion was held. Voting yes Haworth, Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs. Motion Carried. *This contradicts what we are trying to achieve because HSB does not have it designated as trustee just signer removed to submit*

Motioned by Fleecs second by Dempcy to add Village Clerk Danette Jorgensen as a signer to all Village of Sutherland accounts at Adams Bank & Trust. Voting yes Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth. Motion Carried. Motioned by Fleecs second by Dempcy to add Village Clerk Danette Jorgensen as a signer to all Village of Sutherland accounts at Hershey State Bank. Voting yes Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth. Motion Carried.

Motioned by Meyer second by Haworth to add Trustee Derek Dempcy to all Village of Sutherland accounts at Adams Bank & Trust. Voting yes. Meyer, Fleecs, Haworth, Backer. Abstain Dempcy. Motioned by Meyer second by Haworth to add Trustee Derek Dempcy to all Village of Sutherland accounts at Hershey State Bank. Voting yes. Meyer, Fleecs, Haworth, Backer. Abstain Dempcy.

Wilson’s wages going forward and part time status were discussed. Clarified what the time frame can be charged. Roundtree suggested a log in 15 minute increments.

Motioned by Haworth second Meyer to change Wilson job title to deputy clerk. Discussion was held. Voting yes Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth. Motion carried.

Motioned by Haworth second Meyer to raise wage for Wilson to $25/ hour effective for the current pay period*.* Discussion held*.* Voting yes Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth, Backer. Motion carried.

Haworth motiontioned to rescind his motion of removing Wilson as a signer 2nd M. Discussion held. Motion withdrawn.

**OTHER:**

Claims for July 27, 2022 were presented in the amount of $52,448.72. Discussion was held. Motion Haworth, second Meyer to approve the claims as presented. Voting: Yes: Dempcy, Fleecs, Haworth, Backer and Meyer. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

Superintendent Kendall: Lines are painted around the school. Old compost is starting to get hauled off. Pickup is back from the shop. Weds in parks are sprayed. Pool will stay open through the second week of August and then stay open through August on weekends. This could change.

Clerk Jorgensen: nothing

Clerk/Treasurer Wilson: Nothing

**Trustees Reports:**

Haworth: Nothing to report.

Meyer: Thanks to the Village employees for how well things are going. Town looks very good and everyone working well together. Fleecs- concerns about requests that have been made for bond request in the past years.

Backer: attended Chamber meeting. Concerns about the website being outdated. We now have the ways to update on our own. We will make this a duty of our secretary. 40 booths filled with 33 vendors for Maker’s Market on August 28.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

These minutes are set to be approved at the next regular meeting on August 10, 2022.

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Kimberly Backer, Chairperson

Board of Trustees, Village of Sutherland

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Danette Jorgensen, Village Clerk

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