The Village of Sutherland Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on April 13, 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, Dani Jorgensen, Frank Fleecs, Kimberly Backer, and Sam Haworth. Also, present were: Village Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Wilson, Village Superintendent Casey Kendall, and Village Attorney Rory Roundtree. Guest’s present were: Chris Brunz, Ken and Jackie Main, Felecia Patrick, Kensie and Ed Walters, Gene and Linda Tacey, Jessica Krajewski, Trenda Seifer, Shi Sutter, Jacqueline Mraz, John Wrubble, and Bob Meyer. Guests present via Zoom: None. 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 March 23, 2022 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting. Discussion was held. Motion Haworth, second Meyer to approve the minutes as presented. Voting: Yes: Haworth, Meyer, Jorgensen, and Backer. Abstain and Not Voting: Fleecs. Motion carried.

Sherrif’s Report was discussed by Backer. CFS: 75; Total Traffic: 5; Total Village Code Violations: 3; Village Hours: 166.5; To Date: 929.25, and Yearly: 1200.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Pool Update/Resurface was discussed by Kendall. This is still on schedule and moving forward. Haworth stated that Mr. Roundtree looked into using Keno Funds for this type of project.

Fence on North Walnut was discussed by Backer. Kendall stated they were supposed to start this project this week, but with the wind, it’s been put on hold until next week.

Fire Hall/Fire Department/Merger was discussed by Meyer. This is still in the works at this time and nothing new to report on this.

ARPA Funding was discussed by Backer. This will stay on the agenda until proceeds are taken care of.

Spring Primary Election/Sales Tax was discussed by Backer. Flyers have been made by community members, that will get passed out door to door within the next couple of weeks.

Storm/Sewer Drainage was discussed by Backer. This will stay on the agenda.

Fee Schedule was discussed by Backer. Roundtree stated he’s still working on this project.

Lifeguard Certifications were discussed by Backer. This will be put on hold until J. Mraz is in attendance.

Dogs/Dog Ordinances were discussed by Roundtree. This is still a work in progress and needs to stay on the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jacqueline Mraz was discussed by Backer. This will be put on hold until she is in attendance.

Lilies of the Valley – Mulch was discussed by Wilson. They’re wanting $500.00 for mulch this year as the pricing has gone up and they’d like to have more to spread so it’s not so thin. This comes out of the Keno Funds. Motion Haworth, second Meyer to give the Lilies of the Valley $500.00 for mulch out of the Keno Funds. Voting: Yes: Jorgensen, Fleecs, Haworth, Backer, and Meyer. Motion carried.

Hay Ground Lease Well Field was discussed by Kendall. We need to set a date to the annual auction so we can get it in the paper. This needs to be published three times in the paper and will be placed on the May 11th agenda.

Felecia Patrick – Youth Baseball was discussed by Patrick. They’re needing chalk, paint, and a small new chest freezer. We’re completely out of chalk and paint and the old chest freezer no longer worked, so it’s gone. All we have is a kitchen refrigerator. Discussion was held. Kendall is to purchase the chalk and paint. Motion Haworth, second Jorgensen to authorize Kendall to purchase a chest freezer for the Sutherland Youth Program with a spending limit up to $500.00. Discussion was held. Voting: Yes: Fleecs, Haworth, Backer, Meyer, and Jorgensen. Motion carried. Kendall will get a key to the bathrooms, and it will be left at the concession stands.

Fire Department Memorial Bench was discussed by Backer. The Jochum Family would like to purchase and place a memorial bench by the flagpole at the new fire hall. Motion Backer, second Jorgensen to allow the Jochum Family to place the bench at the new fire hall. Voting: Yes: Haworth, Backer, Meyer, Jorgensen, and Fleecs. Motion carried.

Bob Meyer Audit Report was presented by himself. He went over the audit and explained snapshots of the numbers. Discussion was held. Motion S. Meyer, second Haworth to approve the audit as presented. Voting: Yes: Haworth, Backer, S. Meyer, Jorgensen, and Fleecs. Motion carried.

640 1st Street was discussed by Backer. John Wrubble was present to discuss what they’re wanting to do with the property. Kendall went and checked the water line, and it comes through the sewer drain. He suggested hopefully we can tap into the water main along the highway and Wrubble would be responsible from the meter pit to the property. Wrubble would like to put a greenhouse on this property. This will go in front of the Planning Commission Committee as well.

Wastewater Class was discussed by Kendall. Next Wednesday and Thursday, Henderson and Kendall will be gone to North Platte for a Wastewater Class to try and get Lagoon Operator’s License.

Arbor Day Proclamation was discussed by Haworth. The Arbor Day Celebration will be Friday, April 22 at the Sutherland Public School. He will be presenting the proclamation and helping Linda with the celebration. The Mylan Moore Family would like to donate and place a bench and three trees along the north edge of the dog park at Anchor Park in memory of Jane Moore.

Chamber Dues was discussed by Wilson. She stated we never voted to pay the $50.00 for the Chamber Dues and wanted to know if we were moving forward with this or not. Motion Fleecs, second Meyer to pay the Chamber Dues. Voting: Yes: Backer, Meyer, Jorgensen, Fleecs, and Haworth. Motion carried.

Old 31 Pumper Truck was discussed by Kendall. The fire department is wanting to know if they could store the pumper truck at the old fire hall and he said that would be okay for now. He’s also reached out to a few people on selling it as is. The pumper truck is ours and it isn’t road worthy. This hasn’t been declared surplus. Motion Fleecs, second Haworth to declare pumper truck 31 as surplus and authorize Kendall to proceed with selling it for the best offer. Voting: Yes: Jorgensen, Fleecs, Haworth, Backer, and Meyer. Motion carried.

Jessica Krajewski spoke on Anchor Park and getting more mulch. The grant will help purchase more playground equipment and if they can get some Keno Funds to help pay for some more mulch and boarder. Backer asked that she bring us some bids once she gets them in.

Shi Sutter spoke on her variance and her letters have been sent out. The nursing home has submitted a fence permit that was approved, and Sutter’s are paying for that. Sutter’s have submitted a fence permit and that’s what’s in question. Discussion was held. The five requirements for the variances were discussed. A Board of Adjustments meeting needs to get put into place and letters need to be sent out.

Lifeguard Certification/Jacqueline Mraz was discussed by Backer. Mraz would like the individuals to write the check to her to pay for the certifications. Kendall stated they may have to do these classes in North Platte or Ogallala, since the pool is getting fixed the middle of May. Discussion was held. The board agreed she’ll get paid an hourly wage to train the guards when/if she uses the Sutherland Pool. Motion Meyer, second Jorgensen to hire Mraz as our lifeguard trainer at a rate of $18.00 per hour. Voting: Yes: Fleecs, Haworth, Backer, Meyer, and Jorgensen. Motion carried.

**OTHER:**

Claims for April 13, 2022 were presented in the amount of $112,246.98. Discussion was held. Motion Jorgensen, second Meyer to approve the claims as amended. Voting: Yes: Meyer, Jorgensen, Haworth, Fleecs, and Backer. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

Superintendent Kendall: Speed trailer is in town, east crossing pot holes have been fixed, the farm stead is pretty much cleaned up, we’ve been at the library putting in some new items for Amy with the grant money, there was an accident along the highway and dented one of our light poles, so that’s ongoing, the fence at the rodeo grounds is being fixed, and the turkey vulture’s will be getting thinned out.

Clerk/Treasurer Wilson: Nothing.

Trenda Siefer: The next chamber meeting will be at Allsorts not at the Longhorn Bar. There’s also some funding that will be coming available for government entities. She emailed the information to Wilson.

**Trustees Reports:**

Haworth: More information to come on the Moore bench at Anchor Park. He’d like us to look into getting our own trash truck and dumpsters.

Meyer: He spoke with the Fire Chief and they’re sending three people to Fire School this year. There is a burn ban going as well.

Jorgensen: Growth Committee Meeting went well.

Fleecs: Nothing.

Backer: Linda, Gene, Sam, and I did an interview with a gentleman from the North Platte Telegraph on the Sales Tax. He’s going to run a story on our Sales Tax. She had a run in with Schaben Sanitation.

**Executive Session:**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

These minutes are set to be approved at the next regular meeting on April 27, 2022.

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Kimberly Backer, Chairperson

Board of Trustees, Village of Sutherland

[Seal] Melissa Wilson, Village Clerk/Treasurer

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