The Village of Sutherland Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on June 25, 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: Dani Jorgensen, Scott Meyers, Kimberly Backer, Sam Haworth, and absent Frank Fleecs. Also, present were: Village Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Wilson, Office Secretary Kensie Walters, Village Superintendent Casey Kendall, and Village Attorney Rory Roundtree. Guests present were: Ken & Jackie Main, Gene & Linda Tacey, Cody Fenwick, Roger Lathrop, Janet Mueller, Trenda Seifer, Teresa Rotert. 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 June 8, 2022 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting. Discussion was held. Motion Jorgensen, second Haworth to approve the minutes as presented. Voting: Yes: Haworth, Backer, Meyer, and Jorgensen. Motion carried.

Chief’s Report was discussed by Roger Lathrop. Lathrop stated up until yesterday there have been 110 ambulance calls and 28 fire calls for the year so far.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Agenda adjusted to the Clerk hiring process. Wilson would like to stay on part time per the board to assist with board meetings, billing, delinquent notices, and shut offs. She would work Tuesdays and Wednesdays to put together the board meetings. She would also like to stay on the bank accounts to eliminate the process of changing names from hers to Walters then to the new clerk. Wilson’s last full day in the office will be July 1st. She will continue to help where she can. Backer asked that if her help is needed that she be contacted by text message and not a phone call. Motion: Haworth, second Meyer: Based on the full-time resignation of the Clerk that she be allowed to work in a part time compacity according to her availability with continued pay and benefits as previously established. Voting: Yes: Backer, Meyer, Jorgensen, and Haworth. Motion carried. The hiring process was discussed by Backer. Motion: Backer, second Jorgensen to appoint Meyer and Haworth to form a committee of two for the rolling interview process. Voting: Yes: Meyer, Jorgensen, Haworth, and Backer. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Fence on North Walnut was discussed by Kendall. There’s been no progress. There are cows in there now and once they are moved out the fence will be moved.

Fire Hall/Fire Department/Merger was discussed by Meyer. There is a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, June 28th, with the rural fire board at 7:30 p.m. Meyer and Jorgensen will attend the meeting at the fire hall.

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

Spring Primary Election/Sales Tax was discussed by Backer. Roundtree stated everything has been sent to the State and will go into effect October 1st.

Storm/Sewer Drainage was discussed by Kendall. The ground has sold and Werblow has reached out to the new owners. The new owner requested the paperwork and will look at it.

Dog Ordinance 657 was discussed by Backer. She asked Walters to do the second reading of Ordinance 657: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUTHERLAND, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE SUTHERLAND VILLAGE CODE (ORDINANCE NO. 570) BY REVOKING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 1 “ANIMALS”; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE MADE A PART OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUTHERLAND; AND TO PROVIDE THE DATE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

Motion Jorgensen, second Haworth to waive the third reading of Dog Ordinance NO.657. Voting: Yes: Meyer, Jorgensen, Haworth, and Backer. Motion carried. Motion: Jorgenson, second Haworth to adopt Dog Ordinance 657. Voting: Yes: Jorgensen, Haworth, Backer, and Meyer. Motion carried.

Bonnie Edwards – Survey of Village Property was discussed by Backer. This will stay on the agenda until the merger is finished.

Fire and Rescue Resolution 2022-05-02 is on hold until after their meeting.

Water tank bids discussed by Kendall. Has been advertised in 3 papers and reached out to 3 different companies. He is waiting to hear back.

Equipment fund is on hold until budget time in September.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rodeo grounds building was discussed by Janet Mueller. She provided profit and loss paperwork for the last five years. Mueller stated they had a $6,800 profit last year and used it to pay their portion of the handicap ramp. The loan at the bank for the building is paid off. Mueller stated they had money left over and are using it to provide four scholarships to kids at the July 4th rodeo.

Curb and gutter on Poplar Street. Matt Martinez was wondering if the new tax money can be used. Discussion held. Poplar Street is possibly on the One-and Six-year Plan. Backer asked Kendall to check with Tom Werblow to see the plan included curbs and gutters or just the street.

Chamber Golf and BBQ tournament discussed by Backer. She stated that every year we have donated to this out of the Keno funds. $50 towards the sponsorship and $250 towards the meal for a total of $300. Motion Haworth, seconded by Meyer to donate $300 to the Chamber Golf tournament and BBQ. Voting: Yes Haworth, Backer, Meyer, and Jorgensen. Motion carried.

Signatures on Bank Accounts will be on hold and can be removed from the agenda.

Ambulance contract was discussed by Backer. Once the merger takes place the contract will be revisited. Motion: Meyer, second by Jorgensen to sign the contact. Voting: Yes Backer, Meyer, Jorgensen, and Haworth. Motion carried.

Cody Fenwick for WCNDD with the nuisance program on twenty properties. Properties listed as: 2022 SUT 003 -701 ½ Union St; 2022 SUT 004 – 701 Union St; 2022 SUT 005 – Sec 29, Twn 14, Rng 33; 2022 SUT 006 – 111 S Oak St; 2022 SUT 015 - 1311 South St; 2022 SUT 016 – 1321 South St; 2022 SUT 020 – 1542 South St; 2022 SUT 021 – 1520 South St; 2022 SUT 023 – 1220 South St; 2022 SUT 024 – 1210 South St; 2022 SUT 025 – 110 S Vine St; 2022 SUT 026 – PID 0091755.00; 2022 SUT 028 – 121 S Vine St; 2022 029 – 125 S Vine St; 2022 SUT 031 – 130 S Oak St; 2022 SUT 032 – 126 S Oak St; 2022 SUT 033 – 120 S Oak St #1; 2022 SUT 035- 120 S Oak St #4; 2022 SUT 036 – 120 S Oak St #8; 2022 SUT 038 – 150 West County Rd. Motion to declare previous properties a nuisance by resolution to exclude 2022 SUT 027. Jorgensen, second by Haworth. Voting: Yes: Jorgensen, Haworth, and Backer. Abstained Meyer. Motion carried. Discussion held on 1251 Locust St. Scott Engle has given a bid to tear down the shed, part of the fence and items in the yard in the amount of $1,850.00. Abatement for this property will be put on the agenda for July 13th.

Barricades between the new fire hall and the pool was discussed by Lathrop, who stated that there are issues with vehicles going in and out through the fire station to the pool. Discussion was held. Simplot has twenty barricades they will loan the fire department; they just have to go get them as a temporary solution. Motion: Haworth to have Lathrop place temporary barricades for lot division lines and instruct Kendall to look into signage and reflective materials for the barricade. Second Meyer. Discussion held. Voting: Yes: Backer, Meyer, Jorgensen, and Haworth. Motion carried.

Budget workshop schedule discussed. Wednesday mornings on July 6th, 13th, and 20th, 2022 at 8:00am. Requested to have all departments have their budget information in by July 6th, 2022.

Richard Gibbons resignation from the Planning Commission was discussed. Motion Meyer to accept Gibbons’ resignation, seconded Haworth. Voting: Yes: Haworth, Backer, Meyer, and Jorgensen. Motion carried with regret. We will need to advertise in newspapers, on Facebook, and any other possible avenues we can for the Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments, Tree Board, History Center, and Growth Committee.

**OTHER:**

Claims for June 22, 2022 were presented in the amount of $57,749.52. Discussion was held. Motion Jorgensen, second Haworth to approve the claims as presented. Voting: Yes: Backer, Meyer, Jorgensen, and Haworth. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

Superintendent Kendall: Before he puts the old pumper truck on the auction block, he is going to remove the new tires off of it and put old tires on it. The tires fit the mack roll off. Also, the mack roll off left him stranded in North Platte at the intersection of Buffalo Road and Rodeo Road, the clutch cable broke. The nuisance letters that were sent out for mowing weeds have all been taken care of. He will be gone the next few days on vacation.

Clerk/Treasurer Wilson: Nothing

Secretary Walters: Nothing

**Trustees Reports:**

Haworth: Haworth was approached about the curb at the Post Office where a witness has seen people not being able to easily get up and down and the person was wondering if a curb cut and slope can be put in. Discussion held.

Meyer: Nothing

Jorgensen: Nothing

Backer: L. Tacey stated the Growth Committee city wide garage sale will be July 30th from 8am-3pm. Talked at length about people to supply the positions on the Growth Committee with the tax increment implementation. The Growth Committee struggled a little with a budget due to the increase in taxes. Discussion held.

**Executive Session:**

Motion Meyer, second Jorgensen to enter into Executive Session for reason of discussion of personnel at 7:51 p.m. Voting: Yes: Haworth, Backer, Meyer, and Jorgensen. Motion carried. Executive Session was entered into for the reason of discussion of personnel at 7:51 p.m. No action will be taken.

The Board of Trustees came out of Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. No action was taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

These minutes are set to be approved at the next regular meeting on July 13, 2022.

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Kimberly Backer, Chairperson

Board of Trustees, Village of Sutherland

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Melissa Wilson, Village Clerk/Treasurer

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[Seal] Kensie Walters, Village Secretary

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