The Village of Sutherland Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on May 11, 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, Kimberly Backer, and Sam Haworth. Via Zoom: Frank Fleecs. Also, present were: Village Clerk/Treasurer Melissa Wilson, Village Superintendent Casey Kendall, and Village Attorney Rory Roundtree. Guest’s present were: Ken & Jackie Main, Janet Mueller, Emma Reichenburg, Muriel Clark, Trenda Seifer, Bob Danielson, Amanda White, Gale Hopping, Roger Lathrop, Kaye Monie, Shawna Cooper, Gene & Linda Tacey, Steve Derr, and Roric Paulman. Guests present via Zoom: Felecia Patrick and Jacqueline Mraz. 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 April 27, 2022 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting. Discussion was held. Motion Meyer, second Haworth to approve the minutes as corrected. Voting: Yes: Jorgensen, Backer, Haworth, and Meyer. Via Zoom and Not Voting: Fleecs. Motion carried.

Sheriff’s Report was discussed by Backer. CFS: 54; Total Traffic: 1; Total Village Code Violations: 2; Village Hours: 124.25; To Date: 1053.5, and Yearly: 1200.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Pool Update/Resurface was discussed by Kendall. He received a call from Mid America Pool last week and they’re experiencing weather delays, so they won’t be here until the week of May 30th. The work is scheduled to be done June 6th.

Fence on North Walnut was discussed by Kendall. The owners called for locates this week and as of Monday, part of the wire is down.

Fire Hall/Fire Department/Merger was discussed by Meyer. He asked to move this down the agenda until Roric Paulman is present.

ARPA Funding was discussed by Backer. Wilson has all the reports submitted. This will stay on the agenda.

Spring Primary Election/Sales Tax was discussed by Backer. She thanked everyone in the audience for all their help on this project. Roundtree spoke on the next steps and drafting an ordinance once everything is finalized.

Storm/Sewer Drainage was discussed by Kendall. He stated Tom Werblow sent a letter to the landowner adjacent to the east of the property and hasn’t heard anything back on this.

Fee Schedule was discussed by Backer. This will be moved down the agenda.

Lifeguard Certifications was discussed by Backer. This will be placed down the agenda until we can speak with J. Mraz.

Dogs/Dog Ordinances were discussed by Roundtree. He stated that he put together a draft that’s in the packet explaining everything. We’ll put a number on the ordinance once everything is finalized. This will stay on the agenda.

Muriel Clark – Street Closure/Peddlers Permit was discussed by M. Clark. The street closure is related to the Makers Market. Discussion was held. Motion Haworth, second Meyer closure of 1st Street from Spruce to Walnut and closure of Walnut Street from 1st to 2nd Street on August 28th 2022 from 6:00am to 6:00pm. Discussion was held. Voting: Yes: Backer, Haworth, Meyer, and Jorgensen. Via Zoom and Not Voting: Fleecs. Motion carried. M. Clark is concerned with all the paperwork that will come along with having all the vendors doing a peddler’s permit, along with the Market’s paperwork. Discussion was held. Meyer stated we work hand in hand with the Chamber, he doesn’t feel every vendor needs to pay a fee. Backer stated last year we charged one fee for the event. The Chambers vendor paperwork will work for the peddler’s permit. M. Clark asked if the Porta Potties could be moved. Backer suggested using the ones at the ballfield. M. Clark will call Scotties Potties, will be obtaining a picnic table permit as well, and we’ll discuss rounding up some extra trash cans.

The agenda was adjusted to Tim Aden – Street Closure.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Tim Aden – Street Closure July 3rd and SDL was discussed by Emma Reichenburg. The street closure is the same as it has been in the past. Motion Haworth, second Jorgensen to accept the street closure on July 3, 2022 as presented historically the same. Voting: Yes: Haworth, Meyer, Jorgensen, and Backer. Via Zoom and Not Voting: Fleecs. Motion carried. Motion Haworth, second Jorgensen to approve the SDL for Aden Enterprises on July 3rd historically the same as it’s been. Voting: Yes: Meyer, Jorgensen, Backer, and Haworth. Via Zoom and Not Voting: Fleecs. Motion carried.

Janet Mueller – SDL Sutherland Rodeo Committee was discussed by J. Mueller. This is for the 4th of July Rodeo Celebration. We’re adding a day this year, so it will be July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Discussion was held. Motion Haworth, second Meyer to approve the SDL for the Sutherland Rodeo Committee for July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th for the July 4th celebration. Voting: Yes: Meyer, Jorgensen, Haworth, and Backer. Via Zoom and Not Voting: Fleecs. Motion carried.

Schaben Sanitation was discussed by Bob Danielson. B. Danielson stated he’d like to first of all apologize for the service not being up to good standards. He stated that we’ll have more carts delivered. Backer stated that the service from the office we were/are getting is terrible. Kendall asked B. Danielson if we could get the lids fixed on multiple dumpsters. Discussion was held. He stated Schabens will get extra containers for the Maker’s Market at no additional cost.

The agenda was adjusted to Lifeguard Certifications/Class.

Lifeguard Certifications/Class was discussed by J. Mraz. She stated the lifeguards and herself will be heading to Ogallala this weekend to knock out some of the class. The CPR Training will be done the 24th & 25th. The back boarding will take place at the Sutherland Pool once it’s up and going.

Bonnie Edwards – Survey of Village Property was discussed by Backer. Kendall stated if the merger doesn’t go through, there’s no need to have it surveyed and the board needs to decide where the boundary line will be drawn. Meyer spent some time at the property with Kendall to go over the property and the possible boundary line. Discussion was held. The board directed Kendall into getting the speed bumps removed. L. Tacey spoke about the buildings for storage and the fire department has a new building that should have plenty of storage. R. Lathrop stated that this has nothing to do with the fire department. Meyer stated it was his thoughts and not the departments.

Use of the Village Lot for Estate Auction – 127 Maple Street was discussed by Backer. Kendall stated a homeowner reached out to him about using the lot next to her home for an Estate Auction. The board is in agreeance to allow the Estate Auction on this property.

2022 Municipal Accounting & Finance Conference was discussed by Wilson. The conference is June 14th thru the 17th and asked the board if this would be a good conference to go to and if so, she’d like to attend. Motion Haworth, second Meyer to allow Wilson to attend the 2022 Municipal Accounting & Finance Conference in Kearney June 14th thru 17th and have all the paperwork submitted and paid for. Voting: Yes: Jorgensen, Haworth, Backer, and Meyer. Via Zoom and Not Voting: Fleecs. Motion carried.

Nebraska Machinery/Bid on MTX60 Compactor was discussed by Kendall. He’d like to purchase a new compactor as the one we have is getting worn out. This was put on hold until after the Hay Ground Lease Auction is over.

The agenda was adjusted to Hay Ground Lease Auction at 7:00pm

Hay Ground Lease Auction was discussed by Backer. No one was in attendance for the auction and no written bids were submitted. Roundtree said we could republish and put this back on the agenda. Motion Haworth, second Jorgensen to have this advertised three times and put on the next meeting agenda. Voting: Yes: Jorgensen, Haworth, Backer, and Meyer. Via Zoom and Not Voting: Fleecs. Motion carried.

The agenda was adjusted to Gale Hopping SDL – Fire Department Fundraiser.

Gale Hopping SDL – Fire Department Fundraiser was discussed by G. Hopping. He’d like to get a one-day SDL for the jamboree on July 16th at the Rodeo Grounds. He was unable to get the paperwork for the SDL printed so he’ll present that at the next board meeting. He will add other items to the next agenda as well.

The agenda was adjusted to Nebraska Machinery/Bid on MTX60 Compactor.

Nebraska Machinery/Bid on MTX60 Compactor was discussed by Kendall. Meyer stated that as long as it’s getting used, he doesn’t see a problem having one. Kendall stated he did budget for it. Motion Meyer, second Jorgensen to accept the bid for the MTX 60 Compactor from Nebraska Machinery in the amount of $3200.00. Voting: Yes: Haworth, Backer, Meyer, and Jorgensen. Via Zoom and Not Voting: Fleecs. Motion carried.

The agenda was adjusted to Fire Hall/Department/Merger.

Fire Hall/Department/Merger was discussed by Backer. Meyer spoke on going over the first draft of the merger interlocal. R. Paulman spoke on the draft that Ryan McIntosh put together. He’s the counsel for the Rural Fire in general. Once this is signed, the interlocal will have to be submitted to the County Commissioners for the final decision. The Rurals Year End is June 30 and R. Paulman would like to have a working document that we all tentatively agree on. His priority is taking care of the people. Discussion was held. Meyers concern is that we have coverage for everyone involved, the volunteers are taken care of, and clerical stuff can get worked through. The board is in agreeance to put everything in one box and see what the cash flow looks like. The board has directed Roundtree and Meyer to work together on moving forward with cleaning up the interlocal agreement. Meyer will keep in touch with R. Paulman as well.

The agenda was adjusted to Water Tank Repairs.

Water Tank Repairs was discussed by Kendall. He spoke to a gentleman from Maguire Iron Inc. He came up with a price that we could budget half this year and the other half the following year to help with our budget. This would take place on the next budget. Backer stated this is something that would have to go out for bids. The board has asked Kendall to move forward on requesting bids for this project. Roundtree will draft a letter with what is needed for the bid specks.

The agenda was adjusted to Resolution 2022-05-01 Delinquent Accounts.

Resolution 2022-05-01 Delinquent Accounts was discussed by Roundtree. The late fee now is $10.00 and is too low. Motion Meyer, second Jorgensen to add $25.00 in the blank dollar amount spot to Resolution 2022-05-01. Voting: Yes: Haworth, Backer, Meyer, and Jorgensen. Via Zoom and Not Voting: Fleecs. Motion carried. Motion Haworth, second Meyer to adopt Resolution 2022-05-01 Delinquent Accounts. Voting: Yes: Backer, Meyer, Jorgensen, and Haworth. Via Zoom and Not Voting: Fleecs. Motion carried.

**OTHER:**

Claims for May 11, 2022 were presented in the amount of $82,560.54. Discussion was held. Motion Haworth, second Meyer to approve the claims as presented. Voting: Yes: Meyer, Jorgensen, Haworth, and Backer. Via Zoom and Not Voting: Fleecs. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

Superintendent Kendall: Sent out 18 nuisance letters for expired plates and have received 9 back, sent out a nuisance letter on a residence for too many cats, the light pole that was hit the gentleman that hit the pole didn’t have insurance at the time of the accident, Henderson and myself passed the Sewer Lagoon test, Stoddard Sprinkler is no longer in business and owes the village some work, the corn stalks problem at the lagoon is in the works, sprinklers are up and going and mowing has started.

Clerk/Treasurer Wilson: Nothing.

Trenda Seifer: Tomorrow evening there will be a presentation at our Veteran’s Memorial. Three people from Sutherland and one from Hershey. The presentation is for veteran’s who have been wounded while serving.

**Trustees Reports:**

Haworth: He spoke with Kendall about the ditch on NCR and keeping it flowing and the Arbor Day Celebration went well, and we had fun with all of it.

Meyer: Get the ball rolling on the Fire Department Merger.

Jorgensen: We didn’t have a Growth Committee meeting this week.

Fleecs: We need to get the Code Book updated.

Backer: Spent some time on the phone with Cody Fenwick and the South side of town nuisances.

**Executive Session:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

These minutes are set to be approved at the next regular meeting on May 25, 2022.

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Kimberly Backer, Chairperson

Board of Trustees, Village of Sutherland

[Seal] Melissa Wilson, Village Clerk/Treasurer

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