

Village of Sprague

November Minutes of Meeting

The monthly Sprague Town Board meeting was held on November 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM. A roll call was held with the following Board members being present: Luke Foote, Earl Nannen, Garrett Brandt, Terry Maul and Chris Gadeken. A quorum was present and Luke Foot, Chairman, called the board meeting to order in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Numerous residents were also present.

The October meeting minutes were read by Staci Hayden. L. Foote made a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by T. Maul. A vote was held. All attending Board members voted in favor of approving the minutes. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed.

The October Treasurer's Report was presented by Mike Hayden. E. Nannen made a motion to approve the report and to pay all bills; it was seconded by L. Foote. A vote was held with G. Brandt abstaining. All other attending Board members voted in favor of approving the Treasurer's Report. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed.

The Board reviewed the ongoing work with the drainage project. Several citizens expressed concerns over potential issues with the project. Issues concerning the depth and slope of embankments on Market Street, the drainage trench installed on Market Street, and steps/sidewalk concrete work that is already cracking. S. Hayden updated the gathering regarding the lack of support from the State Auditor. In light of this, C. Gadeken made a motion to file a complaint with the Dept. of Economic Development; it was seconded by G. Brandt. A roll call vote was held. All attending Board members voted in favor of filing a complaint. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed. The website will be used to solicit and gather feedback on the project.

M. Hayden gave an update on the new meter installation. Twelve meter installs remain. Some issues with resident compliance have been encountered. The Board determined that all meters should be installed by December 4th. If installation cannot be accomplished by that time-frame, then a monthly \$25.00 penalty fee will be assessed. E. Nannen made a motion to enforce the installation timeline and penalty fee; it was seconded by T. Maul. A vote was held. All attending Board members voted in favor of the deadline and penalty fee. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed.

A new resolution (2023-11), for the certification of Street Superintendent was proposed. E. Nannen made a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by T. Maul. A vote was held. All attending Board members voted in favor of approving the resolution. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed.

The following items were discussed and tabled until the December meeting – North Pump Inspection, Volunteer Nebraska, Animal fees, and Maintenance manager wage discussion.

M. Hayden informed the Board that he would like to resign from the Treasurer's position. The Clerk position is also being considered as part of this position if it helps with the hiring process. A job description for the position will be created and posted.

Seeing no more items for discussion, E. Nannen made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by G. Brandt. All attending board members voted in favor of adjourning. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Bills presented for payment: Staci Hayden – clerk \$461.75; Cory Maul – maintenance \$277.05; Amanda Heath - meters \$115.44; Mike Hayden – salary \$369.40; Mike Hayden – mileage and supplies \$664.49; Cory Maul – License renewal \$115.00; Uribe – trash \$70.00; Mike Hayden – mileage \$52.40; First State Insurance Agency – renewal \$8323.00; Kinetic/Windstream - internet \$86.45; Kinetic/Windstream – pump house \$17.70; Norris Public Power – utilities \$585.71; One Call Concepts – digger hotline \$.80; Cory Maul – education/mileage \$231.85; Dave Brandt – mowing \$180.00; Sargent Drilling – Pump maintenance \$800.00; Quadient – postage \$150.00; NE Public Health Environmental lab – water test \$335.00; The Voice News \$202.47; Shultz & Assoc. - legal \$970.00; Lincoln Journal Star – hearing notice \$24.70; All Roads Barricades Inc. - maintenance \$646.58; SENND – drainage project \$14,985.60; Bauer Infrastructure – drainage project \$86,444.81; U.S. Treasury – payroll taxes \$202.73.