

Village of Sprague

July Minutes of Meeting

The monthly Sprague Town Board meeting was held on July 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM. A roll call was held with the following Board members being present: Luke Foote, Earl Nannen, Terry Maul, Garrett Brandt and Chris Gadeken. A quorum was present and Luke Foot, Chairman, called the board meeting to order in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. The following visitors were also present – Bruce and Peg Mahler.

The June meeting minutes were read by Staci Hayden. G. Brandt made a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by C. Gadeken. 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 June 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 C. Gadeken. 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 maintenance bid from Interstate Power for all generators was reviewed. The Board will move forward with the contract once the Cummins contract runs out. S. Hayden and G. Brandt to coordinate timing.

The Board reviewed the status of the ARPA funds. The Board decided to use the funds towards the purchase of the propane tank for the lift station.

The Board reviewed the ongoing work with the drainage project. The Mahlers are concerned over how the drainage will be handled around their property. Olsson is aware of the concern and is working with Bauer Infrastructure LLC to create a change order to address the redesign of this area. The change order was received, however, the Board decided that additional information is needed to determine if they want to approve the order or not. G. Brandt will follow up with Bauer for more information.

The Board decided that the yearly budget hearing would be held on September 11, at 7 pm.

S. Hayden showed the Board the new ordinance for the annexation of the Gana property on the south end of town. S. Hayden also walked the Board through the next steps involved in annexation. The Board decided that August 14 at 7 pm would be the Special Hearing for Annexation.

The Board discussed the Lock property and any remediation taking place with the drainage project. All items have been moved out of the way, so the drainage project will not be impacted.

The Board would like a lease agreement drawn up for the land that is being farmed by R. Oelling. S. Hayden will work with the lawyer to draw up this agreement.

The Board is planning to review the salary of the maintenance/utility position at the August meeting. S. Hayden will gather data from surrounding communities in order to compare rates.

Seeing no more items for discussion, G. Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by E. Nannen. 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, Lynn Doolittle – salary \$369.40, Mike Hayden – salary \$369.40, Cory Maul – supplies \$11.20; Mike Hayden – mileage \$40.90; Olsson – Drainage project \$8563.20; Norris Public Power - electric est. \$500.00, One Call Concepts – digger hotline \$22.36, Quadient – postage \$60.00, Storey Kenworthy – checks \$358.21, Uribe – trash \$70.00, Municipal Supply – water meters \$12,163.90; Frontier Coop – buy propane tank \$2252.52; Farmers Coop – propane contract \$1141.00; Garrett Brandt 2nd Qtr Mtgs \$100.00; Luke Foote 2nd Qtr Mtgs \$150.00; Earl Nannen 2nd Qtr Mtgs \$100.00; Chris Gadeken 2nd Qtr Mtgs \$50.00; Terry Maul 2nd Qtr Mtgs \$150.00; NE Public Health Environmental lab – water test \$15.00, The Voice News \$72.77; Windstream - internet \$86.45; Dave Brandt mowing - \$180.00; NE Dept of Revenue – Sales tax \$339.95; NE Dept of Revenue – Keno tax est - \$829.00, U.S. Treasury – payroll taxes \$263.95.