

Village of Sprague

December Minutes of Meeting

The monthly Sprague Town Board meeting was held on December 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM. A roll call was held with the following Board members being present: Luke Foote, Earl Nannen, Garrett Brandt, and Terry Maul. A quorum was present and Luke Foot, Chairman, called the board meeting to order in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Several residents were also present.

The November meeting minutes were read by Staci Hayden. G. Brandt 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 November 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 G. Brandt. A vote was held. All 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. The issue at 3rd and Market Street has been fixed. Other items on the punch list will be worked on from March 1st - 31st. C. Gadeken is still working on filing a grievance with the DED.

M. Hayden gave an update on the new meter installation. Six meter installs remain. Three of those installs have issues with outside shut-offs, while the remaining three were issues with residents. C. Maul will be working with vendors to address the shut-off issues.

The installation of a flashing red light at the intersection of 2nd and Market Street was discussed. G. Brandt is working on getting a bid for installation and equipment.

The Board discussed having a sales tax for the Village. L. Foote made a motion to move forward on the process of getting a 1.5% sales tax proposition put on the ballot; it was seconded by T. Maul. A roll call vote was held. All attending Board members voted in favor of approving moving forward with the initiative. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed.

S. Hayden updated the Board on issuing and/or increasing the use of the occupation tax. This tax would only impact brick and mortar businesses located in the Village limits. Some legal questions were raised, so this will be discussed at the January meeting when more information is available.

S. Hayden updated the the Board on the RFQ process. The Board decided to send inquires to all local and/or Lincoln based firms.

C. Maul updated the Board regarding some recent utility issues/concerns. The sand in the North Pump house was overblown by the vendor, so no action is being taken at this time. The recent issues with the Lift Station has caused mechanical failures with the pumps. G. Brandt made a motion to purchase two new pumps and rebuild one of the existing pumps; it was seconded by E. Nannen. A vote was held. All attending Board members voted in favor of the lift station needs. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed.

M. Hayden informed the Board that Shonna Jordan applied for the Treasurer position. After talking with S. Jordan, M. Hayden informed the Board that she would still like to be considered for the position. M. Hayden was for hiring Ms. Jordan. T. Maul made a motion to nominate S. Jordan as

Treasurer; it was seconded by L. Foote. A vote was held. All attending Board members voted in favor of the nomination. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed. S. Jordan will be the new Treasurer and will work with M. Hayden on transition timing.

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; Mike Hayden – salary \$369.40; Mike Hayden – mileage \$39.30; Kinetic/Windstream - internet \$86.58; Kinetic/Windstream – pump house \$17.70; Norris Public Power – utilities \$771.59; One Call Concepts – digger hotline \$3.96; Cory Maul – education/mileage \$231.85; Dave Brandt – mowing \$180.00; Lovell Excavating – maintenance \$800.00; Quadient – postage \$126.57; NE Public Health Environmental lab – water test \$16.00; The Voice News \$53.58; Lynn Doolittle – keno report \$46.18; CPS – office supplies \$380.00; T&A Plumbing – meter install \$4440.00; NDEE Fiscal Services – Loan payment \$8185.40; Allen Septic – Lift station maintenance \$700.00; Electric Pump – Lift station maintenance \$4300.40; Olsson – Street Professional Services \$207.48; U.S. Treasury – payroll taxes \$210.38.