

## Village of Sprague

### August Minutes of Meeting

The monthly Sprague Town Board meeting was held on August 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM. A roll call was held with the following Board members being present: Luke Foote, Earl Nannen, 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 – Justin Young, Carolyn Judson and Kassy Hampton.

The July meeting minutes were read by Staci Hayden. G. Brandt made a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by E. Nannen. 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 July Treasurer's Report was presented by Mike Hayden. L. Foote made a motion to approve the report and to pay all bills; it was seconded by E. Nannen. 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 perceived issues with the project. The Board outlined the process for construction and noted areas that needed to be addressed. An area on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street was identified as needing an adjustment in length. G. Brandt will talk with Olsson to convey changes needed.

Kassy Hampton was present to inquire about the installation of deaf child signs near her home. G. Brandt made a motion to add deaf child signs on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, both directions, and Market Street, both directions, along with adding a 4 way stop at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Market; it was seconded by C. Gadeken. A vote was held. All attending Board members voted in favor of the installation of signs and 4-way stop. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed.

Justin Young presented the Board with a request to build and out-building on his property at 365 W Sprague Rd. The Board reviewed the building placement and all of the setback requirements. E. Nannen made a motion to approve the construction; it was seconded by G. Brandt. A vote was held. All attending Board members voted in favor of approving the construction. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed.

Ethan Heusinkvelt submitted a proposal for a new building at 17845 SW 27<sup>th</sup>. His out-building was destroyed by the recent tornado, so he would like to rebuild at a new location on his property. The building met all setback requirements. G. Brandt made a motion to approve the construction; it was seconded by C. Gadeken. A vote was held. All attending Board members voted in favor of approving the construction. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed.

Ordinance 2023 -03 had its final reading. E. Nannen made a motion to approve the ordinance; it was seconded by C. Gadeken. A vote was held. All attending Board members voted in favor of approving the ordinance. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed. The Board decided that it will take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to allow everyone time to get rid of roosters and excess chickens.

Resolution 2023-08 was read and voted on. G. Brandt made a motion to approve the annual certification of program compliance; it was seconded by E. Nannen. 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 proposed lease agreement with Oelling Farms LLC was reviewed. The Board wished to change the required lease payment to \$1/year. S. Hayden will work with the lawyer to revise the agreement for review at the September meeting.

The new ordinance (2023-08) for the annexation of the Gana property on the south end of town was read aloud. This is the first reading of the ordinance.

The annual insurance renewal was reviewed. Several questions regarding coverage of specific equipment was raised. S. Hayden will get clarification on coverage and the Board will review at the September meeting.

M. Hayden gave an update on the new meter installation. The plumber has encountered a few issues at some of the homes. The Board determined that letters should be sent to those residents that have issues with meeting Village standards. E. Nannen made a motion to send a 30 day notice letter to residences in violation; it was seconded by C. Gaden. A vote was held. All attending Board members voted in favor of approving the letter being sent. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed.

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, Lynn Doolittle – salary \$369.40, Mike Hayden – salary \$369.40, Cory Maul – mowing lagoons \$277.05; Cory Maul – supplies \$62.77; Mike Hayden – mileage \$52.40; Bauer Underground – damage repair \$2236.69; Kinetic/Windstream - internet \$86.45, One Call Concepts – digger hotline \$16.80, Quadiant – postage \$240.00, SENDD – dues \$316.00; NE Public Health Environmental lab – water test \$15.00, The Voice News \$71.03; Dave Brandt mowing - \$360.00; League of Nebraska Municipalities – annual dues \$500.00, T&A Plumbing – water meter install \$2640.00; Bauer Infrastructure – drainage project \$83,963.25; U.S. Treasury – payroll taxes \$309.83.