

## VILLAGE OF GOEHNER

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September 3, 2019

The Village of Goehner Board of Trustees met in open and regular session on September 3, 2019, at the Goehner Fire Hall, as posted in three places in the Village. Chairperson Knisley announced the location of the OPEN MEETINGS ACT POSTER. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Knisley at 7:30 p.m., at the Goehner Fire Hall. Upon roll call, the following board members were present: Wagner, Dodson, Meinberg, Ostrander and Knisley. In attendance: Megan Kahler, Pat Nicholas, Shelly Nitz, Craig Vyhnaek, Connie Dodson, George Knisley, Sam O'Neill.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Minutes of 8/6/2019; Minutes of special meeting 8/14/2019; Treasurer's Report; Bills payable to date; Trustee Ostrander moved to approve the consent agenda, with second by Wagner. No discussion. RCV: Aye-Trustee Wagner, Dodson, Meinberg, Ostrander and Knisley. Motion carried

**VYHNALEK INSURANCE:** Craig Vyhnaek with Vyhnaek Insurance was in attendance to discuss insurance policies for the Fire Department. There were no changes to the policy. Bill was turned in for \$16,164 for the policy. Motion was made by Ostrander to pay the bill for insurance, with a second by Wagner. No discussion. RCV: Aye-Trustee Wagner, Dodson, Meinberg, Ostrander and Knisley. Motion carried

**DAVID AND PAT NICHOLAUS:** Shelly Nitz and Pat Nicholas were in attendance to discuss the property west of Goehner. Discussion of why property is assessed at different rates, Shelly was going to talk with the County Assessor. Discussion of Village to purchase property west of the Village from Dave and Pat Nicholas for the Village to develop into additional lots for the Village.

**MEGAN KAHLER – SEWARD COUNTY HOUSING:** Housing study for the county is done every 5 to 6 years. Was at meeting as a representative to give information on what they do and ask from the Village if there was anything the Village would need from them to assist with development. Clerk asked for assistance with looking into Grants for water and sewer if the Village is to expand to the west.

**STREET HEARING:** The street hearing was opened at 7:50 and documents were available for review. No changes – Maintenance only.

**STREET HEARING:** Ostrander with second by Meinberg moved to close the street hearing at 8:11. No discussion. RCV: Aye-Trustee Wagner, Dodson, Meinberg, Ostrander and Knisley. Motion carried. Ostrander introduced Resolution 242 – One and Six Year Street plan with second by Meinberg. No discussion. RCV: Aye-Trustee Wagner, Dodson, Meinberg Ostrander and Knisley. Motion carried. Dodson introduced Resolution 243 – Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance with second by Wagner. No discussion. RCV: Aye-Trustee Wagner, Dodson, Meinberg, Ostrander and Knisley. Motion carried

**BUDGET HEARING:** Public notice was given by publication of the Budget Hearing and Budget Summary in the Seward County Independent on August 28, 2019. Chairperson Knisley opened the budget hearing at 8:15 p.m. There were no questions from the Trustees or the audiences. Trustee Dodson with second by Meinberg made a motion to close the budget hearing

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at 8:19. No discussion. RCV: Aye-Trustee Wagner, Dodson, Meinberg and Knisley. Absent: Ostrander. Motion carried. Chairperson Knisley declared the Budget Hearing closed at 8:19 p.m.

Trustee Meinberg introduced Ordinance #254 and moved to suspend the statutory rule of reading the Ordinance on three different days with second by Dodson. No discussion. RCV: Aye-Trustee Wagner, Dodson, Meinberg and Knisley. Absent: Ostrander. Motion carried.

Trustee Meinberg made a motion to approve Ordinance #254 reading it by title and passage with second by Wagner. No discussion. RCV: Aye-Trustee Wagner, Dodson, Meinberg and Knisley. Absent: Ostrander. Motion carried. Chairperson Knisley declared Ordinance #254 adopted.

Trustee Meinberg read Ordinance #254 for final passage and made a motion to approve Ordinance #254, with second by Wagner. No discussion. RCV: Aye-Trustee Wagner, Dodson, Meinberg and Knisley. Absent: Ostrander. Motion carried. Chairperson Knisley declared Appropriation Ordinance #254 approved and adopted for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the Village of Goehner.

**LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN:** Wagner introduced Resolution 244 – adopt Seward County Emergency Operation Plan with second by Meinberg. No discussion. RCV: Aye-Trustee Wagner, Dodson, Meinberg, Ostrander and Knisley. Motion carried.

**EBERSPACHER FARM/SVEHLA LAW OFFICES:** Ostrander made a motion to pursuing legal action with regard to the turkey production/cattle feeding operation located within the Village’s zoning jurisdiction to stop current modifications to the site, with a second by Dodson. Discussion: How many cattle will be housed out there, 2600 head of cattle that has to be housed within the buildings and not outside. Trustee asked how much lawyer fees would cost for the Village to pursue legal action. It would vary depending on how far it would have to go to court, no set amount could be established. Dodson would like for the Village to have a meeting to discuss things as a Village to see how the residents feel regarding this like we have in the past with the Chicken Farm west of town that was not in our jurisdiction. RCV: Aye-Trustee Wagner, Dodson and Ostrander. Nay- Meinberg and Knisley. Motion carried.

Wagner made motion to retain Svehla Law Offices to pursue litigation if the Village residents decide to go this direction, second by Ostrander. RCV: Aye-Trustee Wagner, Dodson and Ostrander. Nay- Meinberg and Knisley. Motion carried.

Letter presented by Megan Kahler on behalf of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership in favor of the cattle being moved to the turkey farm.

**LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN:** Wagner made a motion and read Resolution 244 to adopt Seward County Emergency Operation Plan, second by Meinberg. No discussion. RCV: Aye-Trustee Wagner, Dodson, Meinberg and Knisley. Absent: Ostrander. Motion carried

**HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX LEVY:** Knisley opened the hearing at 8:23 p.m., to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request for the current year. No comments were made. Trustee Wagner moved, with second by Meinberg to close the hearing at 8:28. No discussion. RCV: Aye-Trustee Wagner, Dodson, Meinberg and Knisley. Absent: Ostrander. Motion carried

Resolution #245, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the Village passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request at a different amount. The property tax request for the fiscal

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year beginning October 1, 2019, was set at \$35,992.06. Resolution #245 was read into the record, introduced and moved for approval by Wagner and second by Dodson. RCV: Aye-Trustee No discussion. RCV: Aye-Trustee Wagner, Dodson, Meinberg and Knisley. Absent: Ostrander. Motion carried. Chairperson Knisley declared Resolution #245 approved and passed.

**ZONING INSPECTOR:** Nothing

**TRAFFIC:** Nothing

**RECYCLING:** Nothing

**STREET/WATER/SEWER:** Stutzman will work on the sewer blockage North of town. Brent Pankoke will recrown the road to the burn pile the cost will be \$800.

**NUISANCE PROPERTY:** Letter will be sent to homeowners that need to mow their lawns. Sheriff will be called regarding nuisance properties.

**CLERK REPORT:** Clerk will not be available 9/28 – 10/3. Discussion of Barrett’s project for the welcome to Goehner sign. Trustee’s gave more suggestions of places to have the sign designed and made at.

**RESIGNATION OF JESSE MEINBERG:** Due to moving out of town Meinberg submitted his resignation as trustee on the board.

**TOWN HALL MEETING:** Meeting set for Village residents to discuss the cattle being moved to the turkey farm set for 9/24 with contingent date 9/25. @7:00

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. by Trustee Wagner seconded by Trustee Meinberg.

Janice Nitz  
Clerk/Treasurer