

Village of Goehner

August 6, 2024

The Village of Goehner Board of Trustees met in open session and regular session on August 6, 2024, 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: Agena, Besse, Ostrander and Knisley.

CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes of 7/2/2024; Treasurer's Report; Bills payable to date. Trustee Ostrander moved to approve the consent agenda, with a second by Trustee Besse. No discussion. RCV: Aye - Trustees Ostrander, Agena, Besse and Knisley. Motion Carried.

Zoning Inspector Report –

- Demolition permit was presented by Bill Alexander to tear down the old Co-op building on Alexander Street. Permit approved
- John Gaskins building permit for building shed/shop on property. Permit approved.

Nuisance properties –

- It was discussed to have the Building Inspector from City of Seward, Tim Dworak, to review the homes/buildings deemed nuisance properties. He will review the buildings for structural integrity. The Village will have as Dworak being oncall Building inspector for such buildings/properties in the furniture. Pay will \$45 per hour and mileage. Trustee Ostrander made a motion to accept Tim Dworak as Building Inspector, Trustee Agena seconded motion. No discussion. RCV: Aye - Trustees Ostrander, Agena, Besse and Knisley. Motion Carried.
- Property in the Village that received letter from Trustee's with weeds/overgrown tree's are working on the issue.

Traffic Report – County Sheriff report was emailed to Trustee's prior to meeting.

Solid Waste/Recycling – Nothing until September 26 when the next meeting is scheduled for.

Street, Water, Sewer:

- Past Due Water Bills: Hold off until talking with Craig Vyhnaek regarding E&O insurance before sending out past due water bills. Email details to Craig for E&O.
- Two property owners on north end of Frances Street have complained about low water pressure. Will have the curb stop dug up to assess if any blockages.
- The fire hydrant by the firehall will be checked due to not operating correctly after last fire call that required tanks to be filled. George will check with Sargent drilling about low water level in tank

Exceed Budget by 1%: Motion was made by Trustee Besse to exceed the budget by 1%, Trustee Agena seconded motion. No discussion. RCV: Aye - Trustees Ostrander, Agena, Besse and Knisley. Motion Carried.

2024-2025 Employee Wages:

- George Knisley, Maintenance – Motion was made by Trustee Besse to raise wages from \$17 to \$25 an hour with \$200 stipend for insurance, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. Wages for Maintenance had not been raised in 5 years. RCV: Aye - Trustees Ostrander, Agena, Besse and Knisley. Motion Carried.

- Season help - Motion was made by Trustee Ostrander to raise wages from \$13 to \$18 an hour, Seconded by Trustee Besse. Wages for Seasonal help had not been raised in 5 years. RCV: Aye - Trustees Ostrander, Agena, Besse and Knisley. Motion Carried.
- Trustee – Motion by Trustee Ostrander to raise wages from \$45 to \$50 per meeting, Seconded by Trustee Agena. Wages for Trustee’s have not been raised in 5 years. RCV: Aye - Trustees Ostrander, Agena, Besse and Knisley. Motion Carried.
- Chairperson – Motion by Trustee Besse to raise wages from \$60 to \$65 per meeting, Seconded by Trustee Ostrander. Wages have not been raised in 5 years. RCV: Aye - Trustees Ostrander, Agena, Besse and Knisley. Motion Carried.
- Clerk/treasurer – Wages will remain the same as was agreed on when hired in May. Wages \$22 per hour with \$200 stipend.

Rename Ballfield – A request was made by the Schulz family that the ballfield be named in honor of PeeWee Schulz. The name will be PeeWee Schulz field. Discussion was unanimous that the field be named after PeeWee a longtime resident of the Goehner Community.

Ordinance 266: Chicken permitted in the Village. Trustee Besse introduced Ordinance #266 and moved to suspend the statutory rule of reading the ordinance on three different days with a second by Trustee Agena. Trustee Agena made a motion to approve Ordinance #266 reading it by the title and passage with a second by Trustee Ostrander. No Discussion. RCV: Aye - Trustees Ostrander, Agena, Besse and Knisley. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 265: Firework regulations within the Village. Trustee Besse introduced Ordinance #265 and moved to suspend the statutory rule of reading the ordinance on three different days with a second by Trustee Ostrander. Trustee Ostrander made a motion to approve Ordinance #265 reading it by the title and passage with a second by Trustee Agena. No Discussion. RCV: Aye - Trustees Ostrander, Agena, Besse and Knisley. Motion Carried.

Clerk report – Due to Clerk/Treasurer being out of town for the October 1st meeting it was discussed to move October Meeting to the 8th.

Request to attend the Water Class in Seward on August 15th for the required hours to keep license.

Craig Vyhnalek insurance – Craig was in attendance to discuss the changes to the insurance policy. The Lawnmower and Grapple purchased in 2020 needed to be added to insurance policy.

Public Comment - None

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:17 by Trustee Ostrander, second by Trustee Besse.

Janice Nitz
Clerk/Treasurer