

## September 19, 2023

The regular board meeting of the Village of Goehner will commence immediately upon adjournment of the preceding budget hearing, which will begin at 7:40 p.m. on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and continue until all attendee testimony has concluded.

The Village of Goehner Board of Trustees met in open session on September 19, 2023, 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, Bialas, Ostrander and Knisley.

### **Final Tax Request Public Hearing**

Final Tax Request hearing opened at 7:31pm by Chairman Knisley. No one chose to speak. Motion to close Public Hearing at 7:35 by Ostrander, second by Agena. RCV: Ostrander, Agena, Bialas, Besse, Knisley. Motion Carried

### **Discussion/Actions: Resolution 277 – Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request**

Resolution 277 – Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request was read by Clerk Adams and presented to the board and audience. No comment was made. Motion to adopt resolution 277 by Ostrander, second by Agena. RCV: Ostrander, Agena, Besse, Bialas, Knisley. Motion Carried.

### **7:40 Budget Hearing (attached minutes)**

Regular meeting commenced at 7:46pm.

### **Discussion/Action: Ordinance #264**

Trustee Ostrander introduced Ordinance #264 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF GOEHNER; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Trustee Ostrander moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Trustee Agena seconded the motion to suspend the rules. No discussion. RCV: Aye-Trustee Ostrander, Bialas Agena, Besse, Knisley. Motion Carried

The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Trustees and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Trustee Ostrander made a motion to approve Ordinance #264, reading it by title and passage with second by Bialas. No discussion. RCV: Aye-Trustee Ostrander, Bialas, Agena, Besse, Knisley. Motion Carried.

Chairperson Knisley declared Ordinance #264 adopted.

Clerk Adams read Ordinance #264 for final passage and Trustee Ostrander made a motion to approve Ordinance #264, with second by Agena. No discussion. RCV: Aye-Trustee Ostrander, Agena, Besse, Bialas, Knisley. Motion Carried.

### **Discussion/Action: 1% Increase in Restricted Funds Authority**

Clerk Adams presented information about what it means to approve the 1% additional growth and how it doesn't affect the property tax levy, instead allowing the village to collect and spend money that comes from additional sources. A motion was made by Ostrander and seconded by Bialas to increase the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. RCV: Aye - Ostrander, Bialas, Agena, Besse, Knisley. Motion Carried.

### **Discussion/Action: 2022/2023 Audit Waiver Request**

Motion by Bialas, second by Ostrander to allow the Village of Goehner to request to waive the audit by the Nebraska Auditors Office for fiscal year 2020-2021 because expenditures were under the \$500,000 limit requiring said audit. RCV: Aye- Bialas, Ostrander, Besse, Agena, Knisley. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda: Minutes of 8/1/2023; Treasurer Report; Bills payable to date. Trustee Besse voiced concerns about utilizing mileage reimbursement for clerk. Feels like the board should discuss an increase in hourly rate to compensate for milage to and from Goehner (clerk lives in Lincoln). Discuss to continue at December meeting. Trustee Bialas moved to approve the Consent Agenda with second by Ostrander. RCV: AYE-Bialas, Ostrander, Agena, Kinsley, NAY- Bessie. Motion Carried.

Jim Jensen was in attendance to discuss a subdivision of property to remove bin site. He was directed to go to the village planning commission for recommendation for approval from the board. Clerk to get planning commission together prior to October 2023 Board meeting to make said recommendation.

Zoning Inspector – A building permit for Waegli for garage and house renovations presented to the Board and reviewed by Zoning inspector. Clerk Adams calculated the fee of \$25 + \$3 for every \$1000 of valuation. The board directed work to commence once the payment was received.

Nuisance properties – Collins’ have excessive vehicles on lot, need to clean up or license. Clerk to send a letter reminding them of the unlicensed vehicles on property. Trustee Bialas presented a list of nuisance properties in the village with multiple violations. Clerk to send letters of final notice as courtesy before action is taken.

Traffic report emailed to board on 9/18/23. Some residents have noticed more speeding and failure to stop violations.

Trustee Ostrander reported that the next Solid Waste Recycling meeting will be on 9/28/23.

Street, Water, Sewer – George reported that everything is running fine with no issues to report.

Clerk report – Budget to be filed by 9/30. Working on Audit waiver, year-end tax items with accountant, and sending out utility statements.

Motion to adjourn at 8:19pm by Ostrander, second by Besse.

### ***2023/2024 Budget Hearing Minutes***

*The Budget hearing of the Village of Goehner was held at 7:40pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 at the Goehner Fire Hall. Notice of the budget hearing was published in the Seward County Independent on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2023.*

#### *Board Members Present:*

*Angela Ostrander, Clint Bialas, Dave Besse, Shawna Agena, Jamie Knisley*

*The budget hearing was opened at 7:40pm by Chairperson Knisley and open meetings act was announced. Five copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public.*

*Clerk Adams outlined the proposed budget, including by not limited to a comparison with the prior year's budget and read ordinance 264.*

*The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed budget statement. No one from the audience chose to comment. All members of the public wishing to address the governing body were provided a reasonable amount of time to do so.*

*Motion by Ostrander and seconded by Agena to close the budget hearing. RCV: Aye – Ostrander, Agena, Bialas, Besse, Knisley. Motion Carried.*

*The budget hearing was closed at 7:45 pm.*

*There being no further business, a motion was made by Ostrander and seconded by Agena to adjourn the budget hearing. RCV: Ayes – Ostrander, Agena, Bialas, Besse, Knisley. Motion Carried.*

*Whitney Adams  
Village Clerk*