

**MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 1 & 6 YEAR STREET PLAN  
AND FOR THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING THAT FOLLOWED  
ON FEBRUARY 14, 2017 BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM AT THE ACC**

**A Public Hearing** for the Village 1 & 6 Year Street Plan was held at 6:30 PM and called to order by Chairwoman Richards who stated the time, place and posting of the Open Meeting Act. In attendance were Lloyd Smith and John Wietzke of Niobrara Valley Consultants, Chairwoman Richards and Trustees, Fish, Jones, Miller, and Williams. Also present were Ruggles, Striegel, and guest Phil Miller. The street plan was discussed with much of the work from last year carried over. Drainage ditches and Armor coating were discussed. Grading will be scheduled for several locations. The Street Plan Resolution will be voted upon under new business. Jones made a motion, seconded by Williams to close the street plan hearing, and move into the regular meeting. All voted in favor; motion passed.

**The regular meeting** was called to order at 6:50 PM by Chairwoman Richards who stated the time, place and posting of the Open Meeting Act. Those present were Fish, Jones, Miller, and Williams. Ruggles and Striegel were also present; guests were Phil Miller, Carol Johnson, and David Ziska of Olsson Associates.

**Agenda:** A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Williams to approve the agenda. All voted in favor; motion passed.

**Public Input:** David Ziska presented information on complying with NE-DEQ reporting requirements and he discussed the need to complete a facility plan of our sewer system that must be submitted to NE-DEQ by January 1, 2018. Dave was helpful in suggesting ways we might track lagoon evaporation rates, letter writing to DEQ confirming compliance with certain issues and offering suggestions on obtaining grant money for funding the facility plan. Richards will contact Judy Petersen of CNEDD to discuss obtaining grant funds for this project. Carol Johnson addressed the board with concerns about stray and wandering cats that are causing problems on her premises. Members of the board also related comments that other citizens had shared with them regarding cat problems and that many cats seem to be wandering around town. Again, we ask the public in Cody to keep their pets under control and on their own premises.

**Communications:** The board clarified that the increase in the Community Hall rental fee does not apply to the two outstanding reservations but will apply to all new reservations going forward from January 10, 2017.

**A motion was made** by Jones and seconded by Miller to approve the appropriate minutes, treasurer's report, and claims. After discussion, all voted in favor; motion passed. In addition, a motion was made by Jones and seconded by Williams, to pay an additional \$250.00 to Bob's Signs (when invoiced) from our general account and then to reimburse the Village general account the amount of \$1750.00 from our KENO funds. KENO funds will cover the entire Village portion of the new signs. After discussion, roll-call vote was Richards, yes; Fish, yes; Jones, yes; Williams, yes; Miller abstained. Motion passed. The total cost of our new highway signs is \$3,500.00; of which one half of that cost will be borne by the Village through Keno funds and the other half will be borne equally by our local businesses who wish to advertise on the sign.

**Old Business:** Ruggles reported that the remote emergency alert system is coming; he will check with R. Osburn for an approximate date. The maintenance job description is progressing. A draft copy of the snow removal policy was distributed and will be discussed again next month. Vacation for full time employee will be set at 15 days per year which includes 6 national holidays and 9 PTO (personal time off) days.

**New Business:** 1 & 6 Year Street Plan: Based on discussions from the Public 1 & 6 Year Street Plan Hearing Jones made a motion, seconded by Williams to approve the resolution to accept the plan as presented. All voted in favor; motion passed. Jones made a motion; seconded by Fish for Richards to purchase sports equipment using Keno funds. This equipment will be used for after school activities for youth and may include T-ball, trap supplies, soft-ball, volleyball, etc. After discussion, a roll call vote was Richards, yes; Fish, yes; Jones, yes; Williams, yes. Miller abstained. Motion carried.

**Clerk’s Report:** The clerk asked the board to consider a motion to request Security First Bank to change the automatic payments for Ruggles wages from one account into a new account. Jones made a motion, seconded by Williams to initiate this change. After discussion, all voted in favor; motion passed. The clerk then requested the board make a motion to designate signers on the Village of Cody public funds checking account as Striegel, Fish, and Richards and remove Williams as a signer from said account. Jones made the motion, seconded by Fish to make that change. After discussion, all voted in favor; motion passed.

**Maintenance Report:** Ruggles reported there had been a large water leak caused by a large broken valve on the east end of Walnut Street.

**Adjourn:** At 8:41 PM Jones made a motion; seconded by Williams to adjourn. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Submitted by Gailee Striegel, Clerk

**NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 14, 2017 AT THE COMMUNITY HALL AT 7:00 PM**

**DISBURSEMENTS – February 14, 2017**

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| Security First Bank – EFTPS – IRS Payroll Payments        | \$ 746.46       |
| NE – Dept. of Revenue – Sales Tax                         | \$ 249.57       |
| NE – Dept. of Revenue – Annual Income Tax Payment         | \$ 898.00       |
| Savings Account – (equipment fund)                        | \$ 250.00       |
| KBR – Electricity   | \$ 1,560.45     |
| Great Plains Communications (phone, fax, net)             | \$ 175.09       |
| Blake Ruggles – Salary (Gross \$3,200.00)                 | \$ 2,729.66     |
| Gailee Striegel – Salary (Gross \$ 705.00)                | \$ 651.07       |
| Holly Fay (hall management and maintenance)               | \$ 50.00        |
| Cody Oil – (fuel)   | \$ 303.82       |
| Heinert Ag Service (amount omitted from last statement)   | \$ 5.00         |
| NE – DHHS (water testing)                                 | \$ 115.00       |
| City of Valentine – Trash                                 | \$ 256.06       |
| Valentine Midland News (pubs / printing)                  | \$ 42.22        |
| Nelsen PHW – Generator & Trailer (partial payment)        | \$ 6,000.00     |
| Blake Ruggles – Reimburse (hall elec. box & HD ex. Cords) | \$ 175.94       |
| USA Blue Book – Metal Detector for Water/Sewer work       | \$ 775.00*      |
| Bob’s Signs (Welcome to Cody with advertisements Sign)    | \$ 1,500.00**   |
| CNA Surety (surety bond for clerk)                        | \$ 100.00       |
| NE – DEQ (wastewater operator certification exemption)    | \$ 100.00       |
| Ne Rural Water Association (annual dues)                  | \$ 100.00       |
| Ne Rural Water Association (annual donation)              | <u>\$ 50.00</u> |

**TOTAL DIBURSEMENTS \$ 16,833.34**

\*Cost of metal detector will be reimbursed from the equipment savings fund back to the general fund.

\*\*Cost of new signage will be shared between the Village and individual businesses who wish to advertise on the “Welcome to Cody” highway sign. The portion of the costs attributed to the Village shall be reimbursed from the KENO funds back into the general fund.