

Village of Funk  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2023 7:30 P.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Funk Village Board of Trustees was convened in open and public session at the Funk Community Building, Funk, NE at 7:30 p.m. April 10, 2023. Advance Notice of this meeting was given in advance thereof by posting of Notice in three public places within the Village. The post office, the village office, and the community building along with publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen. Advance Notice was simultaneously given to the Chairman and all members of the Board of Trustees. Keith Jauken called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. by calling for the roll with the following members responding: Keith Jauken, Michelle Boulware, Chris Veeder, Ed Forkner, Michael DeJonge. Absent: none. Michelle announced that in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted on the south wall of the meeting room.

Visitors: Taylor L'Heureux, Brad Groothius, Joyce Love, Lisa Ingram, Dana Saner

-Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting from March 6, 2023. Motion to approve made by Ed, Chris second. Ayes: Keith, Michelle, Chris, Ed, Michael. Nays: None. The motion carried.

-Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting from March 27, 2023. Motion to approve made by Ed, Keith second. Ayes: Keith, Michelle, Chris, Ed, Michael. Nays: None. The motion carried.

-Approval of the Claims for April 2023: Action Door 3,001.71, Dewald-Deaver Law Firm 2,875.51, Southern Power District 1,590, Glenwood 299.58, Holdrege Daily Citizen 97.14, One Call Concepts 2.40, Pro Building Supply 60.50, Keith Jauken 69.27, Michelle Boulware 718.43, Broadfoot Sand & Gravel 1,932, Cooperative Producers 106.26, Keith Samuelson Land Leveling 1,275, Svoboda's Ace Hardware 67.96. E&E Turf 2,988, Christopher Veeder 403.85, Nebraska Department of Revenue 363.47, Brad Groothius 530.66, Nebraska Public Health 15, Schaben Sanitation 1,540.59, Kyle Jauken 92.35, Black Hills Energy 325.40. Motion to approve and pay as presented made by Michelle, Keith second. Ayes: Keith, Michelle, Chris, Ed, Michael. Nays: None. The motion carried.

#### REGULAR AGENDA

1. Public comment was open to address the board.
2. Board reviewed and discussed past due utility accounts – the number of past due accounts and the balances due have been reduced considerably. Clerk/Treasurer will continue to keep in communication and collect from past due accounts.
3. Discuss/approve VFD ordering, water & sewer updates from Brad – He has a meeting scheduled with all involved parties on April 14, and will know more after that meeting. Brad ran the generator, and ran the well over. Generator safety shut off after 2 hrs. Wagners needs to see what the issue is and why it kicks off. Brad discussed changing the motor on well 2. For house that had broken pipes inside, the village will need to find the curb stop but Brad was able to shut off inside. Michelle made a motion to have Brad order 3 keys for curbstops and a socket at an estimated price of \$300, Keith second. Ayes: Keith, Michelle, Chris, Ed, Michael. Nays: None. The motion carried. Keith made a motion to order the new motor and have it installed by Sargent Drilling Co, Michelle second. Ayes: Keith, Michelle, Chris, Ed, Michael. Nays: None. The motion carried. Keith will call Wagners to have them check on the generator. All drives, new generator are here and ready to install. Brad said hydrant flushing needs to be done soon. He will work on that, and will have Michael help, along with Kyle if needed.
4. Interview candidates for clerk/treasurer position – Keith made a motion to enter executive session and invite Taylor L'Heureux at 7:51pm, Michelle second. Ayes: Keith, Michelle, Chris, Ed, Michael. Nays: None. Executive session ended at 9:43pm. Michael made a motion to offer the clerk/treasurer position to Lisa Ingram, pending a background check, Keith second. Ayes: Keith, Michelle, Chris, Michael. Nays: Ed. The motion carried.
5. Discuss/approve repairs and changed to village office – Michael brought examples of a new dropbox for the village office and a lockbox for key. Michelle made a motion to spend no more than \$180 to purchase the dropbox, lockbox, and signage for the dropbox, Keith second. Ayes: Keith, Michelle, Chris, Ed, Michael. Nays: None. The motion carried.
6. Discuss/approve 2023 Nebraska choice gas supplier – Michelle brought a list of companies and rate options. Ed made a motion to choose Public Alliance for Community Energy (ACE) for a 2 year term at .729/therm, Keith second. Ayes: Keith, Michelle, Chris, Ed, Michael. Nays: None. The motion carried.
7. Discuss/approve updates and improvements to alleys. Board discussed having Samuelson bring in crushed concrete to fix alleys. Keith made a motion to approve \$6,100 from the street fund to pay for crushed concrete to be brought in, Chris second. Ayes: Keith, Michelle, Chris, Ed, Michael. Nays: None. The motion carried.
8. Discuss/approve patching for streets – Keith got estimates from Figgins Construction on patching and repairing streets. Estimates were All of Logan St 9,529, patch Lincoln 1,268, patch Grant 1,225, patch Johnson 1,211, Easy 26,500. Keith made a motion to have repairs

- done to Logan, Lincoln, Grant, Johnson only, with no current repairs to Easy St, at an estimated total cost of 13,233 from the street fund, Michael second. Ayes: Keith, Michelle, Chris, Ed, Michael. Nays: None. The motion carried.
9. Discuss/approve helping to pave area around the fire hall – Rural board would like to ask the village to help with the cost of paving around the fire hall. Michael will talk to the fire board and see if he can bring estimates of cost to the next board meeting. Tabled for next month.
  10. Discuss/approve purchase of Bud’s memorial bench – board previously approved purchase of the bench, but needed to approve for the cost of shipping as well. Ed made a motion to approve \$640 for purchase of bench, Chris second. Ayes: Keith, Michelle, Chris, Ed, Michael. Nays: None. The motion carried.
  11. Discuss/approve decision of what to do with current CD at the bank – Board discussed CD and options. Keith made a motion to allow Michelle the authority to call local banks to find out competitive rates and decide if CD should be reinvested or stay at current bank, Ed second. Ayes: Keith, Michelle, Chris, Ed, Michael. Nays: None. The motion carried.
  12. Discuss/approve reimbursement of village resident for street expenses – tabled for next meeting.
  13. Discuss/approve ordinance changing the regular meeting date and time – Michelle made a motion to waive the 3 statutory readings, Keith second. Ayes: Keith, Michelle, Chris, Ed, Michael. Nays: None. The motion carried. Taylor read Ordinance 2023-2 by title. Michelle made a motion to approve, Michael second. Ayes: Keith, Michelle, Chris, Ed, Michael. Nays: None. The motion carried.
  14. Discuss/approve late fees for utility bills – tabled for next meeting

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Michelle made a motion to adjourn, Keith second. Ayes: Keith, Michelle, Chris, Ed, Michael. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Next Meeting May 8, 2023 at 7:00pm