

Village of McGrew, Nebraska
262 East 3rd Street, Rt 2 Box 844, McGrew, Nebraska
Regular Business Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2024

- I. Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting for the Village of McGrew was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Kevin Ross. Notice of this meeting and the agenda were posted prior to the meeting in three public places; Community Room, Fire Hall and the Pink Palace. The Open Meetings Act was placed on the table to the East of the room. Roll was taken by Village Clerk Courtney Cerny. Board of Trustee Members present: Kevin Ross, Vic Staab, Judi Doty, Tom Cooper, and Penny Cooper. Board of Trustee Member absent: None. Quorum was declared.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance:
- III. Approve Agenda/Emergency Items if Necessary: Staab made a motion to approve the agenda. Approving the agenda was seconded by T. Cooper. Yes: Ross, Staab, Doty, T. Cooper, and P. Cooper. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- IV. Approve Minutes of the Past Meeting: Doty made a motion to approve the minutes of the past meeting. It was seconded by P. Cooper. Yes: Ross, Staab, Doty, T. Cooper, and P. Cooper. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- V. Payment of Bills:

Payments between 12-11-23 to 01-10-24

Name and Description	Amount	Method
Bayard City School (tobacco license money from Pink Palace)	\$10.00	Check
CenturyLink (telephone)	\$123.29	Check
Courtney Cerny (Clerk/Treasurer - less taxes)	\$1,100.00	Check
Ellison, Kovarik & Turman Law Firm (attorney)	\$90.00	Check
Brian Estrada (deposit returned from bld rental 12-16-23)	\$15.00	Check
Rebecca Fiscus (deposit returned from bld rental 12-24-23)	\$15.00	Check
Hwy 92 Pit Stop, Melbeta (fuel on 12-18-2023 for tractor)	\$29.05	Debit Card
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K & P Welding (new blade on bucket on tractor)	\$396.30	Check
Kuskie Oil Company (propane)	\$406.33	Check
Menards (mat, cleaner, foam, paint, acetone)	\$129.25	Check
Nebraska Public Power District (electricity / Christmas lights)	\$632.18	Check
Platte Valley Companies (6 mo CD moved from FNBO)	\$9,708.78	Check
James Richards (deposit returned from bld rental 12-17-23)	\$15.00	Check
Cinda Ross (clean community room)	\$40.00	Check

Kevin Ross (maintenance)	\$144.50	Check
Scotts Bluff County (Region 22 Emergency Management)	\$57.63	Check
United States Postal Service (certified letters / past due AR)	\$128.40	Debit Card
Vistabeam (internet)	\$65.90	Check
Waste Connections (trash service)	\$805.80	Check
Western Nebraska Papers (publication of meeting minutes)	\$75.24	Check
Total	\$14,118.39	

Cerny mentioned that Village of McGrew received two more bills today. NPPD bill was received for \$31.48 for additional charges for Christmas lights. Dana F. Cole bill was received for \$10,290.00 which included accounting services rendered for preparation of audit waiver request form for the fiscal years ending 2021, 2022, and 2023. Also on this bill are accounting services rendered for preparation of the 2022-2023 budget and 2023-2024 budget. Staab made a motion to gather information from Dana F. Cole such as what specifically we are being billed for, why the bills are so far behind, and when will annual Keno be finished with a second by T. Cooper. Yes: Ross, Staab, Doty, T. Cooper, and P. Cooper. Nays: None. Motion carried. Staab made a motion to pay all bills including new NPPD bill but not the Dana F. Cole bill until more information is received with a second from P. Cooper. Yes: Ross, Staab, Doty, T. Cooper, and P. Cooper. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ross abstained from voting on payments to Cinda Ross and Kevin Ross.

VI. New Business:

- A. Brian Crist – Brian Crist mentioned that the issue he had passed.
- B. Election of Officers:
 - 1. Chairman: Doty made a motion to re-elect Ross as Chairman for 2024. It was seconded by T. Cooper. Yes: Ross, Staab, Doty, T. Cooper, and P. Cooper. Nays: None. Motion carried.
 - 2. Vice Chairman: Doty made a motion to re-elect Staab as Vice Chairman for 2024. It was seconded by T. Cooper. Yes: Ross, Staab, Doty, T. Cooper, and P. Cooper. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- C. Reappoint Attorney: Staab made a motion to reappoint Mark Kovarik as attorney for 2024. It was seconded by P. Cooper. Yes: Ross, Staab, Doty, T. Cooper, and P. Cooper. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- D. Approve Resolution for USDA Grant: Staab made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01. This resolution authorizes and directs the chief elected official and the administrator to sign all documents as may be required in processing or completing the USDA, rural development community facilities loan/grant. It was seconded by T. Cooper. Yes: Ross, Staab, Doty, T. Cooper, and P. Cooper. Nays: None. Motion carried.

VII. Unfinished Business:

- A. Hail Claim Repair Bids: Ross prepared hail claim repair requests to go to roofers from the Scottsbluff/ Gering area for bid. Cerny will mail them. Roofers are to return bids to

repair damage from the June 2023 hail storm by March 14, 2024 to be opened at the Village of McGrew board meeting.

- B. Potholes - Chrisman Estimate: Mark Chrisman Trucking Inc submitted an estimate for \$2500.00 each time streets are bladed and \$35.00 each to locate and expose manholes. It is estimated that the streets will be bladed once or twice a year. Staab made a motion to approve the estimate from Mark Chrisman Trucking Inc to blade the streets and locate/expose manholes. It was seconded by T. Cooper. Yes: Ross, Staab, Doty, T. Cooper, and P. Cooper. Nays: None. Motion carried.

VIII. Department/Committee Reports:

- A. Update on Grant Application for Lift Station: Ross is working with USDA and M C Schaff on this.
- B. Locate Requests/sewer/fiber optic: Village of McGrew received 16 locate requests due to conduit for fiber optic being placed under ground. Ross says it may cross the sewer lines in two or three places. Ross is working to find where exactly the sewer lines are.
- C. Past Due Accounts: Cerny mentioned that some residents received the certified letter and paid the past due bill. Cerny said others have not paid, and she hasn't received any certified letter information back from the post office yet. Staab made a motion to give them until January 16, 2024 to pay and then put special assessments on their property at the Scotts Bluff County Courthouse. It was seconded by P. Cooper. Yes: Ross, Staab, Doty, T. Cooper, and P. Cooper. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- D. Quarterly and Annual Reports: Cerny mentioned that she is working on quarterly and annual reports.
- E. Audit Waiver: Cerny stated that she received a voicemail from the state auditor's office asking for the audit waiver information. She contacted Dana F. Cole who sent it in on December 29, 2023.

IX. Public Comments:

- A. Brian Crist asked when McGrew was last surveyed. He was told October 2007.

- X. Adjournment: There being nothing further to discuss, Chairman Ross adjourned the meeting at 7:43.

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney Cerny
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Kevin Ross
Chairman