

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HALLAM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 6, 2023
Hallam Auditorium

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Gary Vocasek at 7:00 p.m. An explanation of the Open Meetings Laws location was given. He asked if cell phones are muted and if someone needs to take a call to please step outside.

PRESENT:	Gary Vocasek, Chairperson
TRUSTEES:	Bob Wink, Sheila Taylor, Brad Niemeyer, Jason Burianek
ATTORNEY:	Steve Reisdorff
CLERK:	Robin Likens
GUESTS:	Joetta Schwaninger, Ryan Skillet, Bruce Trautwein, Mitch Holt, Darin Schwaninger, Robin Burianek, Deputy Jordan Funk

ALL PROCEEDINGS HEREAFTER SHOWN WERE TAKEN WHILE THE CONVENEED MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE ATTENDANCE OF THE PUBLIC.

1. PETITIONS-COMMUNICATIONS-CITIZENS CONCERNS:

Vocasek thanked those that come to our meetings. Vocasek said it does help the board make some decisions. Appreciates people's presence and opinions at the board meetings.

2. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A. NBA. Contract Renewal.

The Agri-lime will move to the North gate, will find a spot not in the way of the well, mowing or the drainage ditch. Although the NBA would like to have a two (2) year contract, the Village Board feels more comfortable staying with a one-year contract. Explained don't really have any reason to not let them use it, just want to leave it open. Agreed upon. The village will try to get the water on earlier in the spring to get the lawn sprinklers up and running. R. Burianek needs to know the dates of games from the NBA so that she knows when the park is available. Also, if R. Burianek knows, she may be able to provide concessions. The park committee would try to cover, and money would go towards the park. NBA normally uses the park starting in March and finished by July 1st, if they have a late season end, it ends July 10th. They will get us a schedule. Likens will update the contract and get it ready for signatures to be done at the December 4th meeting.

B. Service Auditorium Bids.

1. Hawks Plumbing and Heating
2. Troy's Custom Cooling & Heating

Hawks had looked at the auditorium some time ago, so they had submitted a paper copy. Troy from Troy's Custom had just come in to look and discussed his bid with Likens and Likens made notes with Troy and Scott (Likens Husband) over seeing. Troy listed the services and the prices. Troy verbally told Likens \$820. Both bids were too close to distinguish between prices. The board wants to give Troy a try and support him, he is starting out and local, lives here in town.

Troy does have many years of experience; comes recommended, he is just starting his own business. The village will continue to support Hawks by using them for plumbing. Taylor made the motion, seconded by Burianek, to approve Troy's bid for HVAC service. Burianek – yes, Wink – yes, Taylor – yes, Niemeyer – yes, Vocasek – yes.

C. Allo. Fiber Optic

No one showed from Allo. The topic will be added to the agenda when Allo requests.

D. Robin Burianek.

A. Monolith

R. Burianek stated that she put in her budget a projector for the village office. Monolith donated the white board. R. Burianek apologized about the cleaning problems in the past. Monolith has hired a person to clean after any Monolith event held in the auditorium or meeting room. Monolith will not be giving open house tours because of construction, but Monolith is working on a virtual tour idea. Monolith is planning on reserving the Meeting Room for four (4) town halls.

B. HCC/Park Committee

a. Use of Auditorium/Meeting Room Dates for 2024

R. Burianek discussed some issues with the committees. Cole Larkins has resigned from the park committee. There is grant money and explained the need for an in-kind letter for R. Burianek to write for these grants under the park committee as well as under HCC (Hallam Community Connection). R. Burianek is having a hard time keeping both committees going. R. Burianek is going to dissolve HCC and become the park committee. December 9th is Santa with the churches. Going to do a cookie championship, photo booth, craft corner. The committee will be moving their meetings to the second (2nd) Tuesday of the month. Vocasek understands it gets tougher all the time to find volunteers. Vocasek applauds R. Burianek for all her hard work. Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Wink, for Likens to write an in-kind letter for Robin Burianek that she can write grants under the park committee. Burianek – abstain, Wink – yes, Taylor – yes, Niemeyer – yes, Vocasek – yes.

E. Garage Door Bid for Park Concession Stand

The storage doors were being fixed at the park and the idea was brought up about using a garage door versus the double doors that are used now. It would be a lot easier to get equipment in and out of the building. Possibly less damage from the weather elements and normal damage. The door would complement the building. Splash pad equipment could be stored in the small room. Taylor made the motion, seconded by Wink, to approve Andrew Chrastil's bid to install the garage type doors to the building at the park. Burianek – yes, Wink – yes, Taylor – yes, Niemeyer – yes, Vocasek – yes.

F. St. John's Lutheran Church. 150th Anniversary October 13, 2024. Looking for a place to have luncheon after services.

A question came up of why they were looking for a building to use versus their own. Believe it is because of the number of people, and the people want to be able to set up plenty early before the event. Discussion among the trustees about what to do. Do the trustees allow churches to use our building free of charge. Should the trustees do the same for Hallam churches. Also,

discussed the option of a discount. Do not want to make it complicated. Keep it as it is. Anyone who rents it must pay the full price and deposit. Easier to keep track of.

G. Jak Brakes. Robin Burianek, with community suggestion to create no jak brake ordinance within village limits and to install no jak brake signs.

R. Burianek and J. Schwaninger were present to discuss the noise that jak brakes make. J. Schwaninger reports that trucks break by her house, and those trucks make a lot of noise. R. Burianek and Schwaninger are hoping the village board will put in an ordinance and put-up signs for no jak braking. Reisdorff said they would have to go through the county. The village has no specific ordinance. R. Burianek talked about what she found out and Monolith implemented a rule around their property and wondering if the village would do the same. Monolith would pay for the signs. If the village does pass something, then it goes to the county. Trustees explained their concern about how signs could make the noise worse for those that live just outside the village limits, due to trucks putting on the brakes before the signs. The village is not against ordinance. Taylor made the motion, seconded by Niemeyer, for Reisdorff to draw up an ordinance against jak brakes. Burianek – yes, Wink – yes, Taylor – yes, Niemeyer – yes, Vocasek – yes.

H. Water Operator. Letter from Andy Kahle.

Vocasek explained to the public that the village water operator resigned. The village has tried to do what it can to get licensed. Three (3) people have applied but have been unable to get into a class. Vocasek has talked with Brian from Cortland, he is the town's maintenance person and is willing to help the village out when testing is needed. Brian will do the sampling that is coming up on the North Well. Likens will get the joint contract ready for Brian.

I. North Well Repairs. Sargent Drilling.

Vocasek explained the repairs that had been done at the North well. Another cleaning treatment was done today. Testing should be ready to go on Friday. When Sargent pulled the pipes out 4 were bad and needed a new motor.

3.RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

4.OFFICERS AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. POLICE REPORT- FUNK/KINGSWOOD:

Deputy Funk went over the report. She also commented on how much they like the new stop signs.

B. UTILITIES – NIEMEYER

Trustees have set traps to get the badgers that are at the lagoons. HOA was here, hopefully have fixed the communication between the wells, alarms, and phone calls. Vocasek reported that he had called Viking about the water tower and learned that Matt no longer works there. We are on the schedule to have someone come out and clean the water tower. Idea of looking into having the generators fuel tested and have it serviced. General Excavating has begun work on the valves.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY – TAYLOR

D. FINANCE/PERSONNEL – VOCASEK

1. Clerk’s Report

General Fund Balance \$451,849.65, Park account \$4,928.69, Cemetery account is \$30,756.54, Keno account \$55,459.12, Keno Reserve \$891.62. The claims totaled \$17,644.37.

E. STREETS – WINK

Street Sealing will start later this week.

F. PARK/AUDITORIUM – BURIANEK

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes: October 2, 2023

B. Treasurer’s Report

C. Regular and Special Claims-Bills

Motion by Niemeyer, seconded by Burianek to approve the consent agenda. Burianek – yes, Wink – yes, Taylor – yes, Niemeyer – yes, Vocasek – yes.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Niemeyer, seconded by Wink to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Burianek – yes, Wink – yes, Taylor – yes, Niemeyer – yes, Vocasek – yes.

Next Regular Meeting: December 4, 2023

ATTEST: _____

Chairperson

Village Clerk

I, the undersigned, Village Clerk for the Village of Hallam, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that the said minutes were in written form and available for the public inspection within 10 days and prior to the convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning the meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time, and place of said meeting and the subject to be discussed in said meeting.