

June 6, 2022  
Oxford, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held in Open and Public session at the Village Office on June 6, 2022.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication, a designated method for giving notice. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chairman and all members of the Board, and a copy of their acknowledgement of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice to the Chairman and Board of Trustees of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. and attendance was determined by Roll Call. Present were, Scott Hamilton, Chad Cunningham, Mike Minarik, Keithen Hamilton and Clint McQuiston. Absent: None. Others present were Angie Mitchell, Jenn Burns, Patty Kier, Todd Brown, Bill Grossnicklaus, Chuck Taylor and Gerry Taylor, Lacy Rice, Richard Calkins, Les Lacy, Shannon Lynch, Stacey Neubauer and Duane Hoffman, Public Work's Director and Becky Calderone, Clerk/Treasurer.

Board Chairman Clint McQuiston informed everyone present that there is one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted on the east wall of the meeting room.

**Minutes from May 16, 2022.**

Mike Minarik made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Scott Hamilton. Roll call. Voting in favor: Keithen Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Mike Minarik and Clint McQuiston. Abstain: Chad Cunningham Opposed; None. Motion carried

**Claims for the period May 17, 2022 through June 6, 2022, as follows:**

**Village of Oxford:** Credit Management Services Inc. \$92.97; Eakes Office Solutions \$454.42; CASH \$200.00; AFLAC \$62.70; CenturyLink \$83.98; Principal Life Insurance Company \$139.80; Verizon Wireless \$24.05; Black Hills Energy \$374.40; CASH \$17.00; Credit Management Services Inc. \$94.27; ATC Communications \$9.90; Pinpoint Communications, Inc. \$174.01; Verizon Wireless \$7.04; Ag Valley Coop \$1,978.85; American Playground Company \$7,542.00; CAMAS Publishing \$124.03; Chesterman Co. Bottling Co. \$132.00; Cobra Pool & Supply \$343.68; Jerald Ray Dietz \$1,800.00; Dobberstein Roofing Co Inc \$735.00; FYR-TEK, Inc. \$5,728.39; Furnas County Clerk \$10.00; Furnas County Treasurer \$3,978.38; Great White Shredding \$5.30; Heath Hammond \$49.80; Harlan County Health System \$1,000.00; Leonard C. Hoelting \$350.00; Husker Hardware LLC \$322.51; Kevin L. Lambert \$100.00; Municipal Supply Inc of Nebraska \$139.00; Sabrina A. Nielsen \$675.00; Oxford Supermarket \$39.84; Darrel Paulson \$195.00; Lacy Rice \$37.31; S & W Auto Parts Company \$244.72; SYNCB/AMAZON \$941.17; Svoboda's Ace Hardware \$4.99; Gerry Taylor \$45.00; TwoPturf, LLC \$4,278.79; Van Diest Supply Co. \$1,160.00; Wages \$6,891.60; Total \$40,586.90.

**Village of Oxford – Utilities** AFLAC \$487.86; Ag Valley Coop \$3,132.75; ATC Communications \$72.88; Black Hills Energy \$257.05; BOKE, NA \$2,780.00; Border States Industries, Inc. \$4,227.91; CAMAS Publishing \$80.00; CenturyLink \$83.98; CHS Inc. \$2,837.18; Colonial Life \$297.99; Department of Energy \$3,768.19; Dutton-Lainson Company \$6,873.00; Federal Tax Deposit \$7,611.05; Great White Shredding \$21.20; Husker Hardware LLC \$102.57; Ideal Laundry and Cleaners, Inc. \$92.34; NDEE - FISCAL SERVICES \$10,589.61; Nebraska Child Support \$497.54; Nebraska Public Health Enviro \$134.00; Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc \$67.69; One Call Concepts Inc \$5.56; Oxford Postmaster \$178.56; Oxford Supermarket \$50.90; Pinpoint Communications, Inc. \$199.29; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC \$874.02; Principal Financial Group \$3,838.30; Principal Life Insurance Company \$1,155.05; Railroad Management Company III, LLC \$313.34; Rob Bennett \$240.00; S & W Auto Parts Company \$121.20; Sahling Kenworth \$148,928.00; Southwestern Equipment Company \$285.41; State

Tax W/H \$1,159.43; Svoboda's Ace Hardware \$20.94; Terence Burns \$100.00; Wages \$16,425.29; Total \$217,908.10.

Mike Minarik made a motion to approve the claims seconded by Scott Hamilton. Roll call. Voting in favor: Chad Cunningham, Scott Hamilton, Keithen Hamilton, Mike Minarik and Clint McQuiston. Opposed; None. Motion carried.

**Trustee Absence:** Mike Minarik made a motion to approve the absence of Chad Cunningham on May 16, 2022, seconded by Keithen Hamilton. Roll call. Voting in favor: Scott Hamilton, Mike Minarik, Keithen Hamilton and Clint McQuiston. Abstained; Chad Cunningham. Opposed; None. Motion carried.

**State Swim Meet:** Jenn Burns along with Jeff Utterback via telephone discussed the upcoming state swim meet to be held at the Oxford Swimming Pool July 16. They anticipate 1500 people. Parking, port a potties, food vendors and blocking off certain streets were discussed.

**Oxford Pool:** Manager Lacy Rice was looking into costs of a heater and will look into some grant funds that may possibly help with costs. Pool covers were also discussed. Lacy will look into costs on covers.

**Merger with Rural Fire:** Attorney Richard Calkins was present to discuss the process of the merger between the Oxford Volunteer Fire and Rescue with The Oxford Rural Fire District. Keithen Hamilton made a motion to move forward with the merger, seconded by Chad Cunningham. Roll call. Voting in favor: Mike Minarik, Scott Hamilton, Keithen Hamilton, Chad Cunningham and Clint McQuiston. Opposed; none. Motion carried. Attorney Richard Calkins will begin work on the merger. Both entities will need to work out an agreement with the aid of legal counsel. Public hearings will be scheduled at a later date to allow for public input.

Mike Minarik was not able to attend the remainder of the meeting and excused himself at 7:45 pm.

**Heartland Family Medicine at the Oxford Clinic:** Les Lacy, Shannon Lynch and Staci Neubauer from Harlan County Health attended to discuss the emergent need regarding the continuation of Services. Water damage from the leaks in the roof and other needed repairs resulted in the clinic being temporarily closed. The Village informed that the roof was repaired last week. Other needed repairs will be looked into. Discussion was held on the future of the clinic with Harlan County Health. Further discussions will be held to determine which direction to take. Currently the clinic was open Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 12pm, for a total of 6 hours a week to the public. The question was asked about extending hours when it re-opens, however that would not be the case, at least for the time being. An average of \$25,000 per year has been being transferred from the general fund into the clinic fund for utilities, upkeep, and provider payment.

**Life Insurance Policy with EMC National Life for the benefit of the Oxford Volunteer Fire and Rescue:** Scott Hamilton made a motion to approve the updated roster and renew the life insurance policy, seconded by Keithen Hamilton. Roll call. Voting in favor: Chad Cunningham, Scott Hamilton, Keithen Hamilton and Clint McQuiston. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**NWVC, current rent rates and future plans:** Rent for business use has not changed since at least 2007. Current rent rate is \$250.00 per month. The building is not nor has ever been able to sustain itself without money from surplus electric fees or tax revenues from the general fund. The time line for the life of the building will need to be determined. The Village will also need to take into consideration what the future rent rate would have to increase to if a new building were to be built. Future discussions will take place to determine any feasibility for a new building and location.

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**Application submitted by Longbranch Sports Bar to exceed noise restriction:** Scott Hamilton made a motion to approve the application for June 17 and 18 from 8pm to 2am, to exceed the noise restrictions from karaoke on Friday and DJ services on Saturday, seconded by Chad Cunningham. Roll call. Voting in favor: Chad Cunningham, Keithen Hamilton, Scott Hamilton and Clint McQuiston. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

#### **ORDINANCE 464**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND FIX THE COMPENSATION FOR THE SWIMMING POOL EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OXFORD, NEBRASKA, FROM AND AFTER MAY 24, 2022, AND CONTINUING UNTIL OTHERWISE CHANGED BY ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; TO ORDER THE PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE 464 IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF OXFORD, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. Pursuant to the authority of Section 1-105 of the Municipal Code of Oxford, Nebraska, the Chairperson and Trustees of Oxford, Nebraska, do hereby establish and fix the following compensation for the named employees of the Swimming Pool Department of Village of Oxford, Nebraska.

Swimming Pool Aid	\$8.50 per hour
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Section 2. The compensation for the above named employees in the amounts herein above set forth shall be, and are effective from and after May 24 2022.

Section 3. The compensation for the above named employees in the amounts herein above set forth shall be in effect for the current employees and new employees as of May 24, 2022.

Section 4. Any and all other ordinances or sections thereof passed and approved prior to passage, approval and publication of this ordinance and in conflict with its provisions, are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF JUNE 2022.

Trustee Keithen Hamilton made a motion to remove the statutory rule requiring readings on three different days be suspended, seconded by Chad Cunningham. Roll call. Voting in favor: Scott Hamilton, Keithen Hamilton, Chad Cunningham and Clint McQuiston. Opposed: None. Motion carried. Trustee Keithen Hamilton made a motion to pass and adopt Ordinance 464, seconded by Chad Cunningham. Roll call. Voting in favor: Keithen Hamilton, Chad Cunningham, Scott Hamilton and Clint McQuiston. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

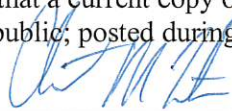
**Clerk's Report:** Becky Calderone gave her report, and a copy is available to the public and on file at the Office of the Village Clerk.

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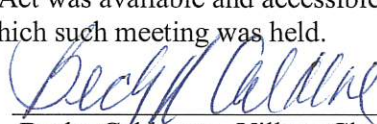
**Public Work's Director Report**: Duane Hoffman gave his report, and a copy is available to the public and on file at the Office of the Village Clerk.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:18 p.m.

I, the undersigned, Village Clerk, of the Village of Oxford, Nebraska hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Vice-Chairman and the Board of Trustees on June 6, 2022 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily 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 such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public; posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.



Clint McQuiston, Chairman of the Board



Becky Calderone, Village Clerk/Treasurer