

**Village of Maskell
Monthly Village Board Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

1. Roll Call: Present: Jeanne Blatchford, Tom Mathis, Darrell Wieseler, Seth Wegner
Absent: Marti Carlsen
2. Open Meetings Statement Read by Chair Seth Wegner and Confirmation of Notice Signed
3. Adoption of Amended Agenda: Motion: Wieseler Second: Blatchford
Passed: yes
Amendments to Agenda: Add Fixing City Hall (Blatchford)
4. Approval of July 13, 2021 minutes. Motion: Blatchford 2nd: Wieseler
Passed: Yes

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Street Plan:** Gravel ordered/purchased?

Pursuant to the village 2020-2021 budget, the Village MUST spend \$79,000 by OR BEFORE September 30, 2021, on Public Works – Streets, or lose State funding in 2021-2022.

Wieseler reported that one load of gravel has been delivered and others are on the way. Cost: \$ 1800-\$2500.

Tom Mathis has contacted Road Guys out of Yankton re: chipseal and is asking for an estimate via email.

Wegner reported that Newcastle is doing road work and maybe we can do hiring together to cut costs.

- b. **Resolution for sale of lot.**

Clerk gave Wieseler a list of appraisers who are certified in Dixon County.

- c. **Purchase of Street equipment.**

Wieseler informed the Board that Kniefl is having an auction August 19th of equipment, including a Case-Western tractor and a mount-behind blade (like the type on the county maintainers). He requested authorization to bid on both items at the auction. He believes the items could be purchased for \$ 35,000 to \$40,000. Clerk requested that the motion be held until other items are discussed.

Return to this item later in meeting: Discussion about total amount of money currently in General and Water accounts. Motion by Seth Wegner to move

93,716.93 from General Account to Reserve account (including the ARPA funds) LESS the \$ 40,000 which may be spent on a tractor and snowblade AND \$21,000 from the water account to Reserve account. Second by Mathis. Motion Carried.

Motion by Seth Wegner to authorize Darrell Wieseler to attend auction on August 18, 2021 and bid up to a maximum of \$ 40,000 total on the tractor and blade on behalf of the Village. Second by Mathis. Discussion: even if purchased, there will be other costs: storage at Andersen's at \$ 100/month; repair, maintenance, gas; operator work comp and liability insurance. In the past such purchases led to the property being sold for less than the value because it was not used.

Motion carried, but Blatchford abstained. Wieseler given check # 2693 from the General account.

- d. BUDGET HEARING: 6 pm on September 14th. Clerk/Treasurer explained that she had taken most of the financial paperwork requested to the accountant, Matt Saylor. While there, they had a discussion about the money in this year's budget to be spent. Clerk had confirmed that the Village could move money from the General and Water accounts to the Reserve account and earmark it for certain projects. The accountant will prepare the budget and send the publication notification to the Newcastle paper. He should be able to email the proposed budget to us between August 23rd and August 31st to review.
- e. Need for new agent to service personnel bond. DONE and bill for 3 years in list of bills to pay.

6. NEW Business:

a. **Water Operation Jim Olander says WE NEED A SECURE FENCE AROUND THE CURRENT WELL.**

Maskell has in the past and could now apply for a Nebraska Public Water System security grant.

Olander went to the well and measured the circumference and that information and the need for a sixteen foot wide gate in order to move Equipment in when needed was sent to American Fence. They have Given us an estimate of \$ 11,334.00 There is a 10% match of \$10,000; so match = \$1000 and above match= \$1334, total out of pocket = \$2334.00. Motion by Wegner, second by Mathis to apply for grant and earmark \$2334 in Reserve account. Motion carried.

b. **Annual - Municipal Certification of Program Compliance to**

Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards

– Resolution and Certification: Completed. Clerk will send to Street Superintendent for his signature.

- c. **ARPA** – funds to date and eligible uses:

\$ 6283.07

Eligible Uses: This is the only subparagraph Maskell can use.

(4) **To make necessary investment in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.**

Motion to move ARPA money to Reserve account for now and earmark it as ARPA funds. Motion by Wieseler, second by Wegner. Motion carried.

- d. Currently, there are 31 trash bins being serviced by Gill Hauling, however, Darrell says Darcy and Russell Olsen are living in Maskell currently and we need to start charging them for trash again and they need a trash can. Also, Clerk needs to inform hauling company that Darrell’s trashcan has a broken wheel – needs replacement.
- e. New Nebraska law – starting with the new fiscal year (October 1) we will no longer be able to charge sales tax on residential water service. CLERK should send NOTICE of this to all water customers in September 1st water bill.
- f. Tree trimming -Third Street and maple on second street (Wieseler). Motion by Seth Wegner, second by Tom Mathis, to hire “Griz” to trim trees for \$350. It was mentioned that there is a dead tree in the Village Park and one behind the Shelter. Wieseler will ask Griz for a quote to take down these trees.
- g. NE Dept of Environment and Energy Waste, Litter and Scrap Tire Grant applications. Due August 25th. Board approved applying for money for our clean up days.

- 7. **Invoices to be paid:** Motion: Seth Wegner Second: Wieseler Vote: Motion carried.

Jim Olander	Water Operator	\$ 167.90
Gill Hauling	Village Garbage Collection	\$ 288.00
NNTC	Well phone	\$ 9.00
NE NE Public Power	Village Electrical	\$ 471.38
NE PH Lab	Testing	\$ 15.00
Caitlin Collier	Village Clerk	\$ 250.00
One Call Concepts	Utility marking	\$ 6.54
Insurance Assoc.	Bond ins. for clerk position (3 yr)	\$ 178.50

Quiet Cut Lawn	Village mowing	\$ 500.00
Chair or Vice Chair	Monthly	\$ 125.00
Norton	Antivirus software	\$ 8.35

RESIDENTS TO BE HEARD:

8. Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Seth Wegner 2nd: Darrell Wieseler Carried: YES

8. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

BUDGET HEARING: SEPTEMBER 14,2021 at 6:00 pm