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**Board of Trustees Meeting
August 12, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

A Regular Meeting of the Greenwood Board of Trustees will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at the E.L. McDonald Community Center located at 619 Main Street in Greenwood, Nebraska. Said meeting is open and the public is encouraged to attend. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjourn to Executive Session per State Statute 84-1410. The open meetings act is posted in the meeting room for the public to view

Call to order

Gerlach, Wilken, Mack, Starr, and Piehl are present.

Consent Agenda

Minutes

Claims

ADP	Service	\$55.15
ADP Garnish	Garnishment	\$266.77
ADP Tax	Taxes	\$1510.66
Ashland Disposal Service	Service	\$80.00
Brandon Logue	Service	\$120.00
C & L Hardware	Supplies	\$39.22
Constellation	Service	\$3.57
Danko	Supplies	\$380.66
Department of Revenue	Utility Sales Tax	\$4491.06
EMS Connect	Service	\$42.00
Frontier Coop	Supplies	\$455.99
Invoice Cloud	Service	\$187.65
League of Municipalities	Dues/Fees	\$1044.00
McKenna Sobota	Supplies	\$25.51
Midwest Breathing Air LLC	Service	\$833.64
Municipal Supply Inc. of Omaha	Supplies	\$267.36
One Call Concepts	Service	\$6.92
OPPD	Service	\$34650.85
Paymenttech	Service	\$33.31
S & S Tree Service	Service	\$650.00
Solomon Corporation	Service	\$1142.00
Spickelmier & Son Inc.	Service	\$3650.00
Stryker	Supplies	\$36.12
Wages	Employee Wages	\$5543.78
Wahoo-Waverly-Ashland Newspaper	Service	\$247.67
Wirebuilt Company	Service	\$79.00

Approval of time cards and payroll detail report

Financials

- Profit and Loss
- Balance Sheet
- A/P Aging Summary
- EFT Transactions

Piehl mentioned a discrepancy with the Inland invoice. She would like to hold off paying this until the matter can be looked into further.

Wilken made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the minutes, claims with the exception of the Inland invoice, approval of time cards, payroll detail report, financials, profit and loss, balance sheet, A/P aging summary, and eft transactions. Gerlach seconded the motion.

Aye-Wilken, Mack, Starr, Piehl, and Gerlach

Nay-None

Motion carried

Sheriff Report

Maintenance Report

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Gerlach asked if the PeopleService has been answering McClatchey's phone calls. McClatchey responded with no. Wilken requested for McClatchey to give the board a detailed report on the water leak on Broad and Main Streets. McClatchey explained that the original water leak was between the meter pit and the building. Dennis contacted Spicklemier for repair and they determined that they would bore in a new one-inch service line to avoid tearing up the asphalt. When Spicklemier bored in, they hit the original service line. During this time, they are trying to get Lance shut off water valves. The valves ended up being shut off by McClatchey and Grell. McClatchey stated the issue started on a Monday. By Friday, there was a puddle. He explained that the leak followed the original bore out to the street and started bubbling up by the street. Spicklemier was contacted to do an emergency dig. They started at one side of the property and dug for several hours. The line was found and capped successfully and terminated. They used the camera to follow the line out. They know that the line is tapped in the middle of the street. He didn't feel like this would be a problem again. He said the majority of the issue is taken care of except for what would be on the village to fix. Starr asked why the leak over there was not caught prior to this? It should show up on the water meter reads. Cadwell explained that the meter located at that property had recently been changed. After being changed out, it was still not reading. The maintenance men installed a new antenna on the meter. Then the meter was able to read. McClatchey stated he asked Messer if there was water in the bottom of the pit when the antenna was installed and there was not. So somewhere in between the antenna being installed and now the water leak occurred. He stated that he did not think that the water leak started off big, because it was only a 3/4 inch service line. PeopleService brought in someone from Nebraska Rural Water and he was trying to convince me that leak was underneath the building and he wanted to cut up the asphalt. He was trying to cut up the floor to the building. McClatchey explained that the man was wrong and recommended not doing that. He kept telling McClatchey that the water was shut off. McClatchey kept telling him that the water was not shut off correctly. It was still on, water is like air the only reason you have it is because you have pressure. Once you take the pressure away it is gone. The man from rural water admitted that he was wrong after looking at it. Then they were back to looking for the leak. That was on Monday. On Tuesday, McClatchey recalled Messer in regard to the issue. Wilken requested that McClatchey back up, because on Friday for an emergency dig. McClatchey explained yes, he is missing parts to this. Yes, Spicklemier called in an emergency located and PeopleService failed to locate any of it. They knew that the located was there and just didn't do it. So jumping forward to Monday, when they installed the new water line in, they still didn't locate any of it. So on, Tuesday he calls Messer to figure out what the plan is for the issue. Messer asked McClatchey what he meant and then stated he was told to put the project on the back burner. McClatchey stated he asked Messer if Grashorn told him that and he replied yes because that is not our concern that is on the property owner. McClatchey asked him so you mean to tell me that the water tower and water main integrity do not have anything to do with you. Messer explained that he was just told to put the situation on the back burner. McClatchey then explained that he told Messer that he would get ahold of Wilkin and Wilken could get ahold of the president of the company in regard to this issue. It wasn't two hours and Messer arrived to the property and was pulling the water meter out. In the process of all this, he had turned the curb stop back on. So the water leak continued. Messer then went and shut it back off. By then, we had enough water so it was hard to tell what was ground saturated and what was leaking. On Tuesday or Wednesday, whenever the new line was bored in, Spicklemier was in the hole and Messer was standing there. He asked Messer if he would like to jump down in the hole and tap the main. Messer replied that he was too busy right now and that Spicklemier could do it. PeopleService did not tap any of it, Spicklemier did all of it. Messer just kind of took off. McClatchey said that it is coming to light that when the work starts, it is pretty evident that they disappear. Then when we were capping the line on Main Street, Messer had to leave for three hours to go to a budget meeting. Piehl stated that all of this is pretty amazing to her because in this contract it states 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. McClatchey stated that there are a lot of things that they are not doing. McClatchey stated that he is antsy to discuss this contract with PeopleService. His opinion is do not let them out of this contract until they fix what is already broke. There is a fire hydrant by Bakers that has been broke for 8 months. He requested a plan or estimate to fix the north sewer lagoon. He has not received anything from PeopleService. McClatchey stated that they just don't care. Starr asked when the last time the north side of the sewer lagoon actually ran. He isn't quite for sure. McClatchey said that that it is a frustrating concept to work with people that we hire to work with us that refuse to do anything. Piehl stated that we pay PeopleService a lot of money. McClatchey stated that we pay a good amount of money and I am not sure what service we get in return. McClatchey stated that there have been a number of things that popped up. For example, the sewer treatment plant. I don't know much about the sewer treatment plant, but I know enough to know that it is wrong. I haven't seen it right yet. I have taken picture after picture to document the condition down there. About 2 months ago, Messer stated to the village employees that he thought someone was trying to sabotage his work down at the Eagle plant. Well, know Messer feels someone is doing something to our plant. McClatchey

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explained that it is not him or Stewart. It does not serve McClatchey any purpose to prove you wrong when Messer is doing it to himself. McClatchey stated that he has a hunch that one individual is where the problem lies. It is the same person that shows up to our meeting making excuse after excuse. Piehl added or says the same thing over and over. McClatchey stated it is like talking in circles because we are not getting anywhere. It is also the same guy who told me that the village was getting their money's worth at \$6000.00 a month. Wilken asked McClatchey to explain the situation regarding the fire hydrant. McClatchey said that originally when he spoke with Messer, he thought it was a safety concern and asked McClatchey when he wanted to dig that up. McClatchey told Messer he would not be assisting him with the job. In the past, PeopleService employees and village employees worked together. That has not been the case recently. McClatchey explained that he told Messer that it has be brought to my attention per the contract that PeopleService is responsible for digging it up with village equipment. Messer asked how they were supposed to dig it up and McClatchey responded he didn't know but the village is going to hold you to the contract. Later that day, or the next day he received a locate from Anderson Plumbing out of Waterloo, Nebraska. The address on the locate was 831 Baker Street. It is the fire hydrant. What PeopleService was trying to do was basically contract the work out and charge us for it. We intervened and said per your contract and per what you are already supposed to be doing, we will not pay for that. PeopleService will need to pay for it. He said that he received another locate for today, now it is back to PeopleService with Messer's name on it. They did not dig anything today. I do not know where we are with them doing that. I have expressed clearly to Messer this is nothing personal. It has nothing to do with me disliking you. We are paying a large some of money for what? There has been invoices for jetting that we are not able to get from you. There are not any logs of PeopleService exercising any valves. It is a snowball effect that started over requesting Messer to assist in pouring some concrete. This is how this whole deal started. We were going to pour these patches and asked him for help. Messer's comment was that was not his job. McClatchey responded that us digging the hole and then you leaving is our job then? It has not spiraled out of control because I don't know if it was ever in control if that was a fair statement. We had a good arrangement with Vandeman. Now, we are back to give us the money every month, but we will not give you any service. He thinks that they might see some of the writing on the wall in the direction that the village is headed. He thinks they are just choosing not to do the work. If it just goes away, they don't have to deal with it. Piehl stated but right now they are legally bind to follow the contract. McClatchey stated that he would even argue that now that we have brought it to their attention, I think they are obligated to do it either way. They know there are issues there. There are two water shut off valves that are lost in translation. There is a manhole cover that they need to find. Piehl asked tell me if I am wrong, but if Anderson Plumbing would come in and replace the fire hydrant, since it wasn't okayed by us, we would not pay it anyway. Cadwell feels that they will just charge it to our maintenance contract that they have already exceeded. McClatchey agreed with Cadwell, that is what we are seeing that they have done in the past. In his opinion there are some charges that have be accessed to the maintenance contract that they can't explain. The only invoice that is the entire packet that is recorded down to the cent, is an invoice that they had purchased two diet cokes. There were four brooms and six dust pans that were purchased. We don't have those at our sewer plant. Piehl feels that those purchase should not fall on the village to pay. There are two bigger ticket items in there that are in question. There is one that is five months later, before we get invoiced for it. It is delivered to a home address in Ashland. There are also some invoices from Trekk in there that are questionable too. PeopleService would only like to use Trekk for jetting and sewer main clogs. Spickelmier will do the job for \$200.00 per hour and doesn't charge an engineering fee. Wilken explained that the president from PeopleService, Chad Meyer will be at our meeting. Mack stated he felt like Meyer does not realize what is going on.

Clerk Report

Cadwell said that she spent the majority of the last two weeks trying to figure out which invoices have been charged to our maintenance contract. She also contacted McNally law to get our editable book of Greenwood Municipal Code. After having a conversation with the attorney are book in out of date. She is working on revising the book.

Fire/Rescue Report

Wilken explained that a couple of fire and rescue members were required to quarantine until tested due to Covid-19 exposure at a call. They tested negative.

Communication of Citizens

Ahlman explained he is working on cleaning up a lot on Ash Street. He is still working on the Main Street property.

New Business

Discussion approve disapprove blocking off street for Davis graduation party

Gerlach made a motion to approve the blocking off of North Street for the Davis graduation party on August 22 from 4pm to 10pm. Mack seconded the motion.

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Aye-Starr, Piehl, Gerlach, Wilken, Mack Nay-None Motion carried
Discussion approve disapprove Marcus Hochstein regarding water/waste water services
McClatchey reported that Hochstein would be unable to make it tonight. He will be added to the next agenda.
Discussion approve disapprove contract to allow Spickelmier & Sons HDD to use village equipment in case of emergency

Wilken made a motion to approve the contract to allow Spickelmier & Sons HDD to use village equipment in case of emergency. Mack seconded the motion.

Aye-Gerlach, Mack, Starr, Piehl, Wilken Nay-None Motion carried
Discussion approve disapprove release of lien on lots 594 & 595

We did receive a payment of \$7000.00 that is with the attorney. The \$7000.00 is what we agreed upon.

Piehl made a motion to release the lien on lots 594 & 595. Starr seconded the motion.

Aye-Wilken, Gerlach, Starr, Mack, Piehl Nay-None Motion carried

Discussion approve disapprove Greenwood NE Breathing Air Compressor Service Agreement

Wilken made a motion to approve NE Breathing Air Service Agreement for 1 year. Piehl seconded the motion.

Aye-Mack, Starr, Piehl, Gerlach, Wilken Nay-None Motion carried

Discussion approve disapprove changes to fee schedule

Wilken recommended everyone take a look at the fees schedule provided and next meeting we will discuss changes. Cadwell pointed out that in the Municipal Code book the lot split application fee is \$100.00. On our fee schedule, it is listed as \$50.00. That will need to be changed to at least \$100.00.

Wilken made a motion to table the fee schedule for the next meeting. Gerlach seconded the motion.

Aye-Starr, Piehl, Gerlach, Wilken, Mack Nay-None Motion carried

Discussion regarding nuisance abatement plan

Wilken stated that after August 31, 2020 we can start unlicensed vehicles. He requested that Cadwell contact the village attorney and get her recommendations on who to use. This matter will be further discussed at the first meeting in September.

Board Questions or Comments

Wilken said that Greenwood Clean Up Day was successful. He reported that they removed 5 roll offs of trash and 2 roll offs of scrap metal. There were 22 loads of trees dumped. They thought in between 60-80 tires.

Adjournment

Wilken made a motion to adjourn at 7:51pm. Piehl seconded the motion.

Aye-Piehl, Gerlach, Wilken, Mack, Starr Nay-None Motion carried