

**Special Meeting  
Board of Trustees  
August 14, 2018**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Greenwood Board of Trustees will be held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at the E.L. McDonald Community Center, 619 Main Street, 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.

**Roll Call**

Piehl, Wilken, Starr are present. Gerlach and Meyer are absent.

**Communication of Citizens**

Consider requests from individuals present. Each speaker will be allowed two minutes and no action will be taken on these topics until the next Board Meeting. The Village Board will review the matters and take action as they deem appropriate. Notice: There is to be no comments or disruption to the meeting in progress. You will be asked to leave if the above is not adhered to. We ask for your cooperation and courtesy. Thank You.

**Current Business**

**Approve/disapprove contract for tar machine**

Wilken and Fergus said that they went to look at the machine and it is very clean. Rose Equipment said they will service the whole machine before selling it to the town. Rose Equipment has also offered to throw in a day of training. Starr questioned some rust on the machine. Wilken said that when he looked at the tar machine it didn't have rust. He believed what Starr was looking at was tar. Starr questioned how long it will the tar machine would last. Wilkens said the machine only has fourteen hundred hours on it. Wilkens said the typical machine you can usually get eight to ten thousand hours out of. This machine has been a rental which explains the low number of hours. He thought that the town would only put around eighty hours a year on the machine. Wilken suggested that they could rent it out to surrounding communities. Piehl said buying seemed more cost effective than paying someone else to do the work. Starr said they received quotes for eight to nine thousand to do the whole town. Starr and Wilken discussed buying tar which is a purchase that the town would occur whether they purchased the machine or paid to have the work done. Piehl made a motion to approve contract for tar machine from Rose Equipment for \$20750, not to take possession before October 1, 2018.

Starr seconded the motion.

Aye- Starr, Piehl, Wilken

**Discussion regarding 2018-2019 budget**

Wilken said that Galloway questioned if the town had any projects that they would like to include in the budget for next year. Wilken suggested the Ash Street asphalt overlay project. Starr suggested they have Julie Ogden from JEO come out. Wilken suggested maybe installing a block or 2 of underground electrical installation. He said that he would like to get some estimates of what it would cost. Piehl said every year we should be able to do a little bit. Starr suggested doing a couple blocks a year maybe even a little more than that. Wilken said the new stuff is being done but not the old. Wilken suggested taking advice from Strode on where the worst areas and start there.

Wilken asked if there was any update on the broken lawnmower. Starr said he did call in regard to renting a lawnmower, but has not been successful in reaching the person who handles the rentals. Fergus was going to call today. Wilken said that Fergus said it was going to cost at least \$1000 to fix the mower and could reach up to \$2000. Starr questioned how long it would last after it was fixed. Wilken wondered how much the trade in value would be. He asked the board should we spend \$2000 to fix it when the trade in value is only \$1500. Starr said he wondered the same thing, when the mower is probably not worth more than \$2500 at the most. Starr said that it might be better to purchase a new mower. Wilken said that he thought that the Dixie Chopper would make it until the end of the year. Starr said maybe they would not even need to rent a mower then. Starr said they would be looking of a price around \$5000 to \$10000 for a new commercial mower. Wilken thought the price range would be more around \$7000 to \$10000. He also went on to say that October and November are not the ideal times to buy a mower, but they have better sales around that time. Wilken thought the longer we wait the better. He suggested putting this on next years budget. Starr suggested setting up a plan to trade the mowers in

every four to five years. He thought this would help with wear and tear on the mowers. Piehl asked where the bids we received previously came from. Wilkens thought Ty's Outdoor, Great Plains (John Deere), and Exmark had given bids.

Starr said that Fergus mentioned a few things for the park like trash bins. Wilken mentioned the well. He said we already put \$6000 a month away for the water bond, why put up an additional \$1000 to prepare for the cost of a new well. Piehl said that Vandeman thought a new well would cost the town around \$200000. Piehl said that Vandeman said that it is hard to say when the old well would be unusable. It could happen in one year or in ten year. Piehl said that the nitrates have risen a little since she had spoken with Vandeman. Cadwell said if we are planning to install a well in the next five years we would need to put up around \$3335 a month. Wilken suggested running the numbers to plan for a well in seven years. That amount came out to \$2380. Wilken said that if a need to install a well arose before this time there are other financing options like bonds and loans. Piehl said we are able to use TIF funding. Wilken suggesting putting \$2000 away a month to plan for this expenditure. Cadwell said that once a budget is in place and we work towards sticking to the budget it should be easy to put the money away each month. Wilken said that Starr had mentioned speaking with People's service regarding our sewer system. Piehl said she couldn't recall whether she spoke with Vandeman or Fergus but the need to dig out near the Allman residence was mentioned. Starr said we need Vanderman's input on whether we need to plan for replacing water and sewer lines. Wilkens agreed with Starr saying if we are unaware of it we can't budget for it. Piehl thinks that putting another \$2000 away would be beneficial. Wilken said in the next couple of meetings they will make this official after they figure out exact revenue versus expenditures.

Equipment seems to be fine with the exception of the mower. Wilken said the backhoe, plow truck and pickup are in good condition. Starr said the Bobcat is new every year. Wilken suggested thinking about budgeting for a grapple. Wilken suggested that this tool can be used for a lot of different things. He also mentioned an air compressor is around \$3000 for used. Starr mentioned renting one for this year and budgeting for next year. The buildings seem to be in good condition except for the necessary upkeep. Wilkens asked the board if Vandeman has mentioned anything regarding the sewer system. Piehl said we need to take a look at the fire hall restrooms to see what the town needs to do to be in compliance. Starr thought that this would be a fairly inexpensive to install hand rails and toilets that were the height that is required. Starr suggested some park improvements. The board discussed adding he gazebo to the budget. Piehl said the baseball field needs to be redone. Starr mentioned that he spoke to Gerlach regarding the lights for the field that he was able to get for free. The lights would need to be shipped from New York and the cost to get them here would be around \$400.00. Piehl suggested getting consulting Strode on how much the cost to install the free lighting would be.

Starr questioned if any the fire department or library had turned in budgets this year. Cadwell said the library had turned theirs in. Wilkens thought that normally the fire departments budget is around \$30000. Piehl said that the fire department has not done a budget since she has been on the board. Starr said that Sobota said he was working on the budget for this year. Wilkens said that the rescue department needs to trade in the squad before it is not worth anything. Starr said he met with the rescue department last year regarding the same issue. Wilken said that a new one is around \$200000. Starr suggested some fundraisers. Piehl said normal that do a pancake feed. Piehl mentioned that Ashland raised money for theirs. Starr said we need to start planning for this expenditure, maybe not this year but in a couple years down the line. Piehl said that we could possibly get some grant money for this too.

The board discussed when the budget needed to be turned in. Cadwell thought that Galloway was waiting on trial balances from HBE. Cadwell went on to read an email from Jerina from HBE stating he is hesitant to give Galloway the trial balances because there is going to be some large adjustments that need to be made.

### **Adjournment**

Wilkens made a motion to adjourn at 7:39pm.

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City Clerk