

Village of Sprague

February Minutes of Meeting

The monthly Sprague Town Board meeting was held on February 12, 2024 at 7:30 PM. A roll call was held with the following Board members being present: Luke Foote, Earl Nannen, Chris Gadeken and Terry Maul. A quorum was present and Luke Foote, Chairman, called the board meeting to order in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. A representative from the Lincoln/Lancaster Health Department was also present.

The January meeting minutes were read by Staci Hayden. C. Gadeken made a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by T. Maul. A vote was held. All attending Board members voted in favor of approving the minutes. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed.

The January Treasurer's Report was presented by Shonna Jordan. E. Nannen made a motion to approve the report and to pay all bills; it was seconded by C. Gadeken. A vote was held. All attending Board members voted in favor of approving the Treasurer's Report. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed.

Brock Hanisch from the Health Department stopped by to update the Board regarding renewing the Interlocal agreement between the two entities. The Board will be addressing the agreement in the March meeting.

The Board reviewed the Sales pamphlet the S. Hayden pulled together. The Board decided to send the pamphlet to residents and businesses this week.

Due to a lack of resident buy-in, the Board reviewed and modified the newly passed Chicken Ordinance 2023-3. Licensing/permitting requirements and in-yard inspections have been eliminated or modified, respectively. The modified ordinance will be reviewed at the March meeting.

The Board received an update on the water meter installation from Cory Maul. Only a couple of meters remain and warmer temperatures will be needed so shut-off work can be completed.

The Board reviewed rates for renting of the Town Hall. Based on the rates of other facilities and the costs incurred in renting the facility, the Board decided to change the rental and deposit fees. E. Nannen made a motion to charge \$175.00 per rental with a refundable damage deposit of \$200; it was seconded by C. Gadeken. All attending board members voted in favor of the rate change. The motion passed. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed. The new rate will take effect for all bookings after March 1st. Terry Maul will now be in charge of the rental of the facility.

The Board reviewed changing the Street Superintendent for the year 2024. T. Maul made a motion to hire JEO; it was seconded by E. Nannen. All attending board members voted in favor of hiring JEO. The motion passed. The street superintendent will be determined by the next board meeting in February.

One mowing bid was received. L. Foote made a motion to approve the bid; it was seconded by C. Gadeken. A vote was held. All attending Board members voted in favor of approving the bid. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed.

The Town Hall will be a polling place for all 2024 elections/primaries. T. Maul is on point to be the contact person for the Village and Hall.

Seeing no more items for discussion, C. Gadeken made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by E. Nannen. All attending board members voted in favor of adjourning. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Bills presented for payment: Staci Hayden – clerk \$461.75; Cory Maul – maintenance \$531.01; Skyla Heath - meters \$115.44; Shonna Jordan – treasurer \$369.40; Dave Brandt – snow removal \$1800.00; Kinetic/Windstream - internet \$86.58; Kinetic/Windstream – pump house \$17.70; Norris Public Power – utilities \$1076.01; O’Neill Heinrich – lawyer \$50.00; Schulz & Assoc. - legal \$665.00 Uribe – trash \$70.00; Quadient – postage \$200.00; NE Public Health Environ. - water tests \$15.00; The Voice News \$47.41; One Call Concepts – digger hotline \$2.40; Mike Hayden – filing fees \$94.00; Olsson – drainage project \$9922.40; Shonna Jordan – domain renewal \$38.79; Michael Hayden – treasurer \$525.24; U.S. Treasury – payroll taxes \$331.82.