

Village of Sprague

July Minutes of Meeting

The monthly Sprague Town Board meeting was held on July 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM. A roll call was held with the following Board members being present: Earl Nannen, Terry Maul and Chris Gadeken. A quorum was present but no Chairman or Vice Chairman were in attendance. The present members decided to move forward with the meeting and appointed Staci Hayden as acting Chairman for the meeting. The appointment was a unanimous vote by the Board members. Staci Hayden, Acting Chairman, called the board meeting to order in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Numerous visitors were also present.

The June meeting minutes were read by Staci Hayden. T. Maul made a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by E Nannen. 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 June 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.

The Board reviewed the timing for the public hearing that is needed for the zoning change and lot subdivision at 2300 Stagecoach Rd. The Board decided that July 22 at 7 pm at the Sprague Town Hall will be the meeting date. The public is welcome to attend and give their opinions.

The Board discussed the ongoing Drainage project. With the money that is remaining, the Board outlined that work is needed on the culvert between the Town Hall and the Hillis property and safety grates need to be added to the drain on Market Street. All work will be done through a change order with Bauer Infrastructure.

The Board reviewed the initial estimate for a new pump house and well that was pulled together by JEO. Since the bid significantly exceeds the grant amount, the Village is looking at other grant options to help cover the entire cost.

Fees that the Village charges for different services were reviewed once again. Commercial water rates will be looked at at the August meeting.

Resolution 2024-7 (Sales Tax) was adopted by the Board. C. Gadeken made a motion to approve the resolution; it was seconded by T. Maul. A vote was held. All attending Board members voted in favor of approving the resolution. There were no votes in opposition. The motion passed. The resolution will be sent to the Election Commission in order for it to be placed on the November ballot.

The law firm that the Village uses is closing by the end of the month. The lawyer that currently works on the Village's needs will be transferring to a new firm. The Village will transfer to this new firm along with the lawyer. Cost structure of the new firm will be reviewed at a later date.

Chris Gadeken submitted his resignation to the Board. The Board accepted the resignation and solicited names to be considered to fill the vacancy. An ad for the vacancy will be posted on the Village's website.

Seeing no more items for discussion, C. Gadeken made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by T. Maul. 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 – mowing \$665.00; Dave Brandt - mowing \$190.00; Kinetic/Windstream - internet \$86.58; Kinetic/Windstream – pump house \$17.70; Norris Public Power – utilities \$543.25; Hydro Optimization & Automation - repairs \$278.00; SENDD – membership \$316.00; Uribe – refuse \$70.00; Michael Hayden - Treasurer \$126.98; Lovell Excavating \$3200.00; One Call Concepts – digger hotline \$2.40; NE Dept of Revenue – sales tax \$355.74; US Treasury – Payroll Tax Deposit \$265.84; Quadient- postage equipment rental \$145.56; NE Public Health Environmental Labs – water test \$31.00; NE Dept of Revenue – sales tax \$350.00; NE Dept of Revenue – keno tax \$150.00; Terry Maul – qtrly meetings - \$50.00; Chris Gadeken – qtrly meetings - \$50.00; Garrett Brandt – qtrly meetings - \$100.00; Luke Foote – qtrly meetings - \$150.00; Earl Nannen– qtrly meetings - \$150.00 .