

September 4, 2024

The Trustees of the Village of Malcolm met on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in open session at the Village Hall located at 137 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Malcolm, NE for such business as shall come before said Trustees. Notice of the meeting was in the August 2024 "Clipper" and posted at the Village Hall and on the Malcolm Website on Monday, September 2, 2024.

**ROLL CALL**

Little, Tarr, Faubion

Absent: Lemkau, Benes

OPEN MEETINGS LAW is posted and located on the west wall of the Village Hall.

VISITORS PRESENT: Bruce & Marsha Widick, Ashley Oborny, Cory Heidtbrink, Steve Schmulken, Doug Alms, Jaydin Little, Logan Petersen, Judi & Rick Jirvorsky, Wayne Regnier, Devin and Mark Schroeder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Little made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 15, 2024, meeting, seconded by Tarr. The Chairperson called for the vote recorded as follows: AYE: Little, Tarr, Faubion; NAY: None; Motion carried 3-0. Members absent: Lemkau, Benes.

Jason Lemkau arrived at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Little made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 21, 2024, meeting, seconded by Tarr. The Chairperson called for the vote recorded as follows: AYE: Little, Tarr, Lemkau; NAY: None; Motion carried 3-0. Members abstained: Faubion. Members absent, Benes.

Nick Benes arrived at 7:07 p.m.

TREASURER REPORT – Little made a motion to accept the treasurer's report for the month of August 2024, with disbursements of \$112,840.89 and deposits of \$143,189.91 Motion seconded by Tarr. The Chairperson called for a vote recorded as follows: AYE: Little, Tarr, Lemkau, Benes, Faubion; NAY: None; Motion carried 5-0; Members absent: None.

Doug Alms was present to discuss with the Board the progress of the Dust control on all the gravel roads within the corporate limits of the Village. The board informed him they are still working on different ways to control the dust. Mr. Alms also informed the Board that the flag at the big park is still getting caught on the tree branches. Malcolm maintenance will take care of the tree. Mr. Alms was also informed that the "Welcome to Malcolm" sign will be tabled until a more realizable price sign can be designed.

Mr. Alms thanked the Board for all the work they do to keep Malcolm running.

Rick Jirvosky was present to find out more about the possibility of chip sealing gravel roads in Malcolm. The board is still gathering information on this potential project.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: A report was submitted and received by the Board.

We have received the proposal from HOA for updating the control panel for the water wells and water tower; still waiting for the proposal from Atlas Controls.

Sewer Main on 16 Beckman Circle will be repaired on Monday, September 9 by Codr Plumbing.

Hawkins Chemical will be refurbishing the 4 existing chemical tanks, and adding an ultrasonic sensor that is web based for level monitoring the chemicals, with the price not to exceed \$750.00.

Deven Schroeder and Mark Schroeder with Homestead Convenience & Pizza out of Cortland, NE were present to discuss the possibility of putting a gas station and convenience store in the Malcolm area. They have not secured land yet, so will come back to the Board if and/or when they can find land to build on. They are concerned with the effect it will have on the Malcolm General Store.

Jon Mohr was present to discuss the buildable area of a unique lot located on Harriet Circle that is currently owned by Bruce and Marsha Widick. This lot is in the process of being sold as a buildable lot. The board will take Mr. Mohr's concerns under advisement.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: A report was submitted and received by the Board.

VILLAGE CLERK REPORT: A report was submitted and received by the Board.

Mr. Ling brought his water bill for August into the office the first week of September to let us know that he had just received it in the mail and showed us how many times it had been run through the Post Office. Mr. Ling asked that the late fee be waived since he had never had a late fee before. After further discussion, Lemkau made a motion to waive the \$25.00 late fee, Little seconded the motion. The Chairperson called for the vote, recorded as follows; AYE: Little, Tarr, Lemkau, Benes, Faubion; NAY: None. Motion carried 5-0; Members absent: None.

Tabled items: GIS Mapping; still waiting to see if we were awarded the Security Grant from NDEE; NE Rural Water Rate Study will be tabled at this time.

BACKGROUND: Water Meter Grant – progress: The final paperwork through Grants.gov and application for release of funds through EPA will be submitted this week, just received the paperwork from EPA.

BACKGROUND: MYSA/MPS/Village Agreement for Ball Field: After review of the changes that were made from the last draft, Little made a motion to approve the agreement and requested it be sent to School and MYSA for their final approval. Faubion seconded the motion. The Chairperson called for the vote recorded as follows; AYE: Little, Tarr, Lemkau, Benes, Faubion. NAY: None: Motion carried 5-0; Members absent: None.

BACKGROUND: Bids for chip sealing gravel roads: Board discussed the quote from TopKote to come to the Village and chip seal the gravel roads in Malcolm. Board would like to see a couple more bids and would like the Village Attorney to visit with a bond agent to see about assessing some of the expense back to the homeowners that have property that abut the gravel roads. This item will be tabled until more information is obtained.

BACKGROUND: Budget Hearing Public Hearing – September 18: Due to the timing of receiving the Village's Evaluation, Little made a motion to hold a special meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for the Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 Budget. Tarr seconded the motion. The Chairperson called for the vote recorded as follows: AYE: Little, Tarr, Lemkau, Benes, Faubion; NAY: None: Motion carried 5-0, Members absent: None.

BACKGROUND: LARM Renewal \$26,246.00: After further discussion and review of the LARM Renewal for 2024-2025, Little made a motion to approve the renewal of the LARM Insurance for the Village, Lemkau seconded the motion. The Chairperson called for the vote recorded as follows: AYE: Little, Tarr, Lemkau, Benes, Faubion; NAY: None; Motion carried 5-0; Members absent: None.

BACKGROUND: Village Inspectors – Insurance: Due to the increased rate of insurance for the Village building inspector, the inspector asked the Board as to what the Board can do to help cover the cost of his insurance. The board will table this item so that more information can be gathered for all three inspectors.

BACKGROUND: J.L. Services quote – A/C & Heater at shop: JL Services submitted a quote to replace the broken air conditioner in the maintenance shop office. The Board asked that we get a couple of other quotes and bring back to the October meeting.

BACKGROUND: Sargent Drilling – Well & Pump Test: The annual tests completed on the three wells were reviewed by the Board.

BACKGROUND: Building Permit – 450 S. Lincoln Street – Matt & Jen Bratrovsky - Four Season Room – Deck: After further review of the permit and plans, Lemkau made a motion to approve the building permit for the Four-Season Room, deck, and patio door contingent on getting Bill Fuelling to complete all the inspections required for the project. Benes seconded the motion. The Chairperson called for the vote recorded as follows: AYE: Little, Tarr, Lemkau, Benes, Faubion. NAY: None. Motion carried 5-0; Members absent: None.

BACKGROUND: Building Permit – 125 W. Second Street – Shed – Lauer/Knaub: Due to the size of the shed, no building permit is required for this project. Little made a motion to refund the building permit fee to Ms. Knaub. Faubion seconded the motion. The Chairperson called for the vote recorded as follows; AYE: Little, Tarr, Lemkau, Benes, Faubion: NAY: None. Motion carried 5-0; Members absent: None.

Recommendation 434 – Building Permit for Nic & Kayla Colgrove – 540 Malcolm Road – new home: After further review of the Planning Commission recommendation, permit and plans, Little

moved to approve the building permit for a new home at 540 Malcolm Road. Benes seconded the motion. The Chairperson called for the vote recorded as follows: AYE: Little, Tarr, Lemkau, Benes, Faubion; NAY: None. Motion carried 5-0; Members absent: None.

With no further business to discuss, Little moved to adjourn at 9:56 p.m. Benes seconded the motion. The Chairperson called for the vote recorded as follows: AYE: Little, Tarr, Lemkau, Benes, Faubion; NAY: None; Motion carried 5-0; Members absent: None.

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Nadine Link, Village Clerk