

## **Manley Town Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 7, 2006**

**Meeting was called to order** by Chairman, Mike Jensen, at the Manley Fire barn, at 7:35 PM.. Roll call was taken and members present included Julie Dillon, Shawn McCaulley and Brenda Meyer. The agenda was reviewed and approved.

**Public Forum:** Tracy Zeorian addressed the board about concerns on the Board expenses that have been being incurred. She, having been a Board member (acting as treasurer and clerk, for 16-years), purposely had stayed away for 2-years to allow the new board to function without bias. During her membership, she incurred approximately 2-3 hours per month and was paid \$20-\$30 a month for her time. She felt that part of a board member's role was civic duty and criticized current members as using their role as a part time job. Past board members had done things out of the goodness of their hearts. She expressed her extreme disappointment and also volunteered to help if possible. Mike Jensen explained that there had been unavoidable legal expenses incurred. He also stated that "Ideally he'd like to have an all voluntary board and he's encouraged board members to keep track of time but not to be excessive."

Tracy Zeorian asked if the flags purchased for Jim Root's memorial would be placed in time for Veteran's Day. Jim Woolhiser confirmed that new clips had been purchased and the flags hadn't been placed due to time constraints.

Edward Jones addressed the Board asking for Chairman, Mike Jensen's resignation. He mentioned numerous points of concern tied to poor decision making and judgment that he felt warranted this conclusion. Mr. Jones also indicated an official recall would be initiated by concerned citizens if Mr. Jensen did not succumb. Mike Dillon interjected that many community members don't play an active role but want complain after decisions have been made. Brenda Meyer indicated that she would like to see the Board do a better job getting clearly defined agenda items placed as well as sharing key items word of mouth, if necessary, so that we are all making decisions without giving the impression that key issues are pushed through by the Board.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the 10/3/06 meeting were reviewed and a motion carried to approve them 4-0.

**Ordinance amendme nt concerning charges for permits and licenses** (this includes building permits, liquor licenses and tobacco licenses). A new ordinance to validate permits and licenses, with a \$10.00 validation fee, was reviewed and tabled pending clarification on use of funds and penalties, if any, to be assessed if recipient is non-compliant.

**Building permit renewal for Randy Brinkman:** Randy readdressed the Board following approval by the Cass County Zoning Commission to renew his permit to construct a garage/breeze way at his home on 118 Broadway Street. The Board reviewed revisions to the initial permit which included additional 2<sup>nd</sup> fl. space and associated expenses. A motion to grant permit under existing conditions was approved and carried 4-0. Mr. Brinkman will provide a signed copy of the permit to the Board secretary. Cheryl Jones asked why a special meeting was not granted to expedite construction following inspection of the Brinkman's addition on 10/4/06. Mike Jensen advised that the inspection was necessary prior to approval and Board members

including himself, Dillon and McCaulley made the decision to carry final review/approval to the November meeting. Mike apologized to Mr. Brinkman for the delay caused by this necessary process.

**Concerns about unsightly property near business** - Gary Jackson was not present to discuss this item and it will be removed from the agenda.

**Clerk's position vacancy** - In addition to treasurer role, Julie Dillon is currently performing this function due to Nicole Bolden's resignation. Due to the resignation, the Board is permitted to appoint someone in this capacity. The Clerk position will be posted for interested applicants and an appointment will be made at the next meeting. Tracy Brinkman asked the Board to apologize to applicants who'd previously applied but didn't receive interviews for this position. Brenda Meyer reminded attendees that interviewing applicants is not a requirement.

**Contract with Rural Water District #3 Changing Responsibility of Town Meter Housing to the Village.** The pit was inspected and appeared to be in good working condition. It will continue to be serviced by Delton Bolles and the town will be responsible for the care of the meter reader and housing. The cost to insure the pit will be checked into. A contract to transfer responsible parties to care of the town's meter reader and its housing from the Rural Water District #3 to the town was reviewed and a motion to approve the contract carried 4-0.

**Purchase of Air Compressor for the Village and Fire Department use.** The Board reviewed a request to split the expense of a \$300 air compressor between the Village and the Manley Volunteer Fire Department. A motion carried 4-0 to approve the \$150 expense.

**Correspondence Received Since September Meeting:** The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality submitted a request for 2007 waste reduction and recycling incentive grants with a 2/1/07 deadline. This issue will be reviewed/discussed at the next meeting.

**Wood/Brush Pile Cleanup:** A no-dumping sign will be placed to the east of the town hall building to eliminate further dumping on the brush pile. The initial brush resulted from a storm and was not intended to become a community dump site. Clean-up should take place immediately and a sign will also be posted for anyone wanting free firewood.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable:** October, 2006 expenses totaling \$6,870.16 were reviewed and motion carried 3-1 to approve. Tracy Zeorian, former treasurer, objected to the exuberant hours being submitted by board members. She also advised that all checks should be signed by at least 2-board members. Mike Jensen made a motion to amend and return to a 2-signature check signing policy. The motion carried in favor of the amendment 4-0.

**Water Report from Village Water Clerk:** A motion to approve the water report was carried 4-0. Judy Root's meter has been repaired and all existing meters are currently being read for accuracy.

Clarification of new Board Position - Cheryl Jones asked for clarification on when new members took office. Change over occurs in December with official in January.

**Executive Session:** The meeting was called into Executive Session at 9:45 PM to discuss the efficiency of Board operations and personnel.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 PM.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is set for Tuesday, December 5 and will begin at 7:30 PM.

Accounts Payable for the Village of Manley / November 7, 2006

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Due</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
Alltel	90.00	Phone
Aquila	32.00	Utility
Bolles, Delton	142.00	Lagoon (100.00); water (40.00) postage (2.00)
EMC Insurance	3877.00	Insurance
Gansmer, Duane	190.00	Install water meters
Great Plains One Call	9.92	Locate Request
Meeske Ace Hardware	355.76	Maint Supplies
Meyer, Terry	335.00	Install water meters
OPPD	293.32	Street Lights
	60.00	Electric
Papillion Sanitation	42.00	Trash service
Plattsmouth Journal	92.16	Legals
Pollak & Hicks	250.00	Atty Fees
RR Water Distr 3	840.00	Monthly water
State of NE HHS	16.00	Water tests

Board Members Time:

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Due</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
Dillon	85.00	Water Clerk
	80.00	Bookkeeper
	20.00	Acting Clerk
Jensen	20.00	Tree removal
	20.00	Street
McCaulley	20.00	Yard work
Meyer	0	Secretary

**TOTAL PAYABLES: \$6,870.16**