

New Salem Park Board Proceedings

NEW SALEM PARK BOARD MEETING JANUARY 13, 2025

Call to Order – meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call
Present: Rob Boehm, Andrea Mathern, Lori Goetzfridt, Blaise Olson, Steve Kleinjan, Cadee Goetzfridt

Guest: Chad Goetzfridt, Kristie Klusmann

Approval of Minutes – Minutes from previous meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Steve, seconded by Cadee - approved

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report of income and expenditures for the month of December were presented. Andrea made a motion to approve. Second by Cadee – approved

Golf Course
–Year-end totals were turned in, and two bills were presented by Steve.

North Park
–The MDU bill seems higher than it should for the LED streetlights, so Rob shut the breaker off in hopes that bill will go down and if not, there is something else that is pulling power from the transformers.

Baseball
–Concessions were not shut down for the winter, and the water line broke by the meter. The bathrooms were still being heated, so none of those lines broke. Rob will get in touch with A2Z Plumbing to get the problem addressed.

–Baseball questionnaire was sent out to both New Salem and Glen Ullin kids to determine if there could potentially be enough people for a Legion and/or Babe Ruth team as a cop, with the local Legion Post to pay for the registration if there is enough to make a team. Babe Ruth is ages 13-15; Legion 16+.

–Steve will talk to Brent Rud regarding the field renovation and have an update at the next meeting.

Swimming Pool
–Western Plains Public Health sent a letter last month stating that we need to submit water samples on a monthly basis to them. Samples were given to MVTL, but they didn't submit them on our behalf, so

Rob found the previous reports and provided them to Western Plains.

–An advertisement will be posted for lifeguards for this upcoming season at the high school, in the paper and on Facebook.

Groundskeeper
–An advertisement will be posted for workers this summer at the high school, in the paper and on Facebook.

Mann Park
–Chad reported on the amount of people using the rink – he reviews the camera feed daily.

–Mats will be put down in the warming house side, but for now they are on the ground outside, so people are not dragging dirt onto the ice.

–Water is installed and ice is being Zambonied but the hot water is not hooked up and having issues getting the contractor to get it installed for the past 2 months. Rob will reach out to A2Z Plumbing to get him to the warming house.

Walking Path
–Andrea had an individual come out and look around the cow and where the path could be placed either in front of the cow or behind it and using gravel instead of asphalt, depending on lighting, since there are more opportunities for grants for the path.

Old Business
–Lori will check on the tables that should have been ordered since they haven't shipped yet.

–Blaise talked to Amber Messer from Steele about their new pool building plans and will receive a copy of that layout which is 24x60x10 with ours being 53x16. Blaise hasn't gotten any numbers to know the cost of the building yet. He wants to talk to Associated Pool Builders about plumbing and building and how it would all tie into our old setup.

New Business
–Kristie was in attendance to comment on the NDCF grant that we were awarded and how we could best utilize those dollars:

oWhether both projects that we brought to the community could go forward; the pool and

community center.

oTo apply for more grants, especially matching grants, so that our money could be stretched further to do more.

oConsider another project like showers at North Park. There is a grant opportunity through the Bismarck/Mandan Economic Development which has funds available for Morton County communities (not Mandan) by going before the commission to explain the project. They have \$25,000 to give.

oEarmark some of our grant money to be given to the high school gym project since they can only spend up to \$800,000 without having to go to the people for a vote. Try to keep both projects going and not just one or the other.

–Some examples of other schools in the state who went through renovation projects: Thompson's enrollment count went from 389 to 704, so they were forced to add more space. For \$200,000 they were able to add four new classrooms. New Rockford started their renovation project in 2019 with their park district and did private funding; their build is still not complete.

–Kristie stated that Marty Doll offered to find people to help with the grant applications. Kristie is willing to reach out to other grant recipients for guidance on how they were awarded their money.

–Rob spoke to the dollars of both projects and how each would cost about \$2.2m. Updating the pool house would require it to be ADA compliant, but then we would also work towards an entire pool replacement as more funding becomes available, but we will also take into consideration the points that Kristie brought to the table.

Next regular scheduled meeting to be held on February 10th (2nd Tues of every month) at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Boehm adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Lori Goetzfridt

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New Salem City Council

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New Salem's water-metering system, pending approval from the United States Department of Agriculture, may soon receive an upgrade.

As part of its approval of city purchase requests to use leftover USDA grant funds, the New Salem City Council moved forward on the purchasing of a new meter-reading system during last Monday's monthly meeting.

The city will need to first gain approval from the USDA on items they are purchasing with leftover funds before changes to the meter-system take place.

Last month, city auditor Melissa Davis shared to the council that New Salem's current meter-reading handheld device is no longer receiving updates, requiring a need to be replaced.

Davis stated the council would need to either purchase an updatable tablet along with a yearly subscription to support meter-reading services or search for a new company and meters, requiring a change in all 450 meters and smart points in town at an estimated upward cost of \$500,000.

Much of New Salem's current meter-reading system has smart points noted by Davis as being outdated. She recommended the council consider purchasing and

installing a fixed-based meter reading system, otherwise known as Advanced Metering Infrastructure, with the remaining USDA grant funds. This would allow for the elimination of manual reading and provide rapid data intervals for improved billing accuracy, leak detection, and customer service.

The council agreed in February to stay with the current company, Core and Main, update the current system with a tablet and required subscription, and pursue the purchase of a fixed-based system along with additional meters and smart points.

During the council's review of purchase requests at last Monday's meeting, Davis reiterated that a change to the city's meter reading system towards a fix-based system would allow for more rapid meter readings without the hassle of traveling house to house.

She also stated to the council that the smart point system could be upgraded to save money before following through with a complete overhaul.

Delton Kautzman, the council's designated member of the water and sewage committee, noted that the city has plenty of money in both the Prairie Dog fund and sales tax fund that can be used to supplement purchases.

After a brief dis-

cussion, Kautzman introduced a motion to purchase all city requests, including a tablet, subscription and fixed based meter-reading system, for a total cost of \$190,263.54. The motion stipulated the use of the approximate remaining \$140,000 in USDA grant funds and to use sales tax funds to cover the remaining balance. Following a second by Corey Lausch, the council unanimously approved the motion.

Other topics discussed at the most recent city council meeting included a notice that the city-wide clean-up week will take place on Monday, June 1 through Saturday, June 6, with all fees remaining half-price. Times for clean-up week will be as follows: Monday-Thursday from 4-8 p.m., Friday from 9-noon and 4-8 p.m., and Saturday from 10-4 p.m.

The council also heard from two of New Salem's volunteer ambulance members Amy Kruger and Josh Valleroy, who shared that emergency sirens in-town are unable to be activated due to a switch in radio equipment. The old radios used to manually activate the sirens in the fire hall were reportedly replaced. Valleroy and Kruger stated they found no manual buttons on the sirens that could activate it. Kautzman informed the council that he would gather information and provide it to Davis for estimates on a new siren and the necessary radio controllers.

Ordinance No. 2026-01, which amends and re-enacts section 9-12-02 of chapter nine of the revised ordinances of the City of New Salem regarding penalty for commercial vehicles on non-designated truck routes was also passed after its second reading by the council. See Ordinance N0.2026-01 on page 5.

OLIVER COUNTY LAND AUCTION THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026 • 5 PM CT

OFFERING:
160 ACRES

Land Location: From Hannover, ND - 6 mi W on County 34 then 1/2 mi S

Auction Location: Cobblestone Hotel in Beulah, ND

Sellers: Leonard and JoAnn Schramm Becker Family

Tillable Acres: 116.74 or 73%.

Pastureland and Other Acres: 43.26 or 27%. Soil P.I.N.: 77.85

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:

- This productive quarter consists of approximately 73% tillable acres, currently utilized as hayland. There is no developed water located on this parcel.
- The Becker land offers good access, situated just 1/2 mile off 21st St SW (also known as the Hannover Road).

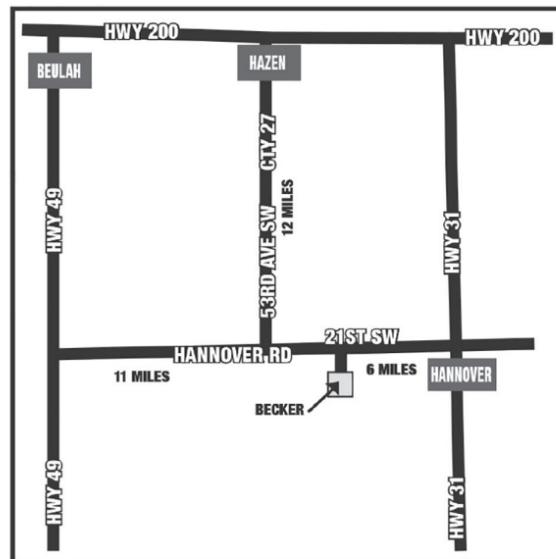
- Subject property in currently enrolled in the CREP (comes out in 2032). Wind Turbine Contract expires May 16, 2027. Carbon Capture Contract remains with the surface rights.

- Please visit our website for photos, video and additional information.



+/- 160 ACRES
+/- 116.74 TILLABLE ACRES, NOW IN HAY LAND

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