

Chapter 1

ADMINISTRATIVE

Article 1. Elected Officials

§1-101 VILLAGE BOARD CHAIRMAN: SELECTION AND DUTIES. The Village Board Chairman shall be selected at the first (1st) meeting in December of each year by the Village Board from its own membership. The Village Board Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Village Board. In the absence of the Village Board Chairman, the Village Board shall elect one of its own body to occupy the place temporarily who shall hold the title of Chairman pro tempore of the Village Board. The Chairman and Chairman pro tempore shall have the same powers and privileges as other members of the Board. The Chairman shall cause the ordinances of the Board to be printed and published for the information of the inhabitants. The Village Chairman shall also perform all duties of his office in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska, and the ordinances of the Village. The qualifications for the Village Board Chairman shall be the same general qualifications that apply to the Village Board members. (Ref. 17-202 thru 17-210 RS Neb.)

§1-102 VILLAGE BOARD: ORGANIZATION. The Board of Trustees shall consist of five (5) members. Any person who is a citizen of the United States, a resident of the Municipality at the time of his election, and a registered voter may be eligible to be elected to the Board of Trustees. Every Trustee so elected and so qualified shall hold his office for the term of four (4) years; Provided, a Trustee's term shall expire, and the office will become vacant upon a change of residence from the Municipality. The Board of Trustees shall, before entering upon the duties of their office, take an oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, and faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their office. The Board of Trustees shall qualify and meet on the first (1st) Monday in December, organize, and appoint the Municipal officers required by law. (Ref. 17-202 thru 17-204 RS Neb.)

§1-103 VILLAGE BOARD: POWERS AND DUTIES. The Board of Trustees shall have all powers granted under the laws of the State of Nebraska, including, but not limited to the following: power to pass ordinances to prevent and remove nuisances; to prevent, restrain, and suppress gambling, and disorderly houses; to license and regulate amusements; to establish police protection; to prevent the spread of contagious diseases; to regulate business; to erect, repair, construct, and regulate the public ways and property; to maintain good government, public welfare, and domestic tranquility; and to enforce all ordinances by inflicting penalties upon inhabitants, or other persons for violation thereof not exceeding one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for any one (1) offense. (Ref. 17-207 RS Neb.)

§1-104 ELECTED OFFICIALS: VACANCY. Whenever a vacancy occurs in an elected office of the Municipality, notice of said vacancy shall be presented in writing to the Board of Trustees at a regular meeting and said notice shall appear as a part of the minutes of such meeting. The Board of Trustees shall at once give public notice of the vacancy by causing to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Municipality or by posting in three (3) public places in the Municipality the office vacated and the length of the unexpired term. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall within two (2) weeks after the regular meeting at which such notice has been presented, or upon the death of the incumbent, call a special meeting of the Board at which time the Chairman shall submit the name of a qualified elector to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term.

No officer who is removed at a recall election or resigns after the initiation of the recall process shall be appointed to fill the vacancy resulting from his or her removal or the removal of any other member of the Governing Body during the remainder of his or her term of office.

Upon a majority vote of approval by the Board the vacancy shall be filled. If a majority vote is not reached, the nomination shall be rejected and the Chairman shall at the next regular meeting submit the name of another qualified elector. If the vote on the nominee fails to carry by majority vote, the Chairman shall continue at such meeting to submit the names of qualified electors and the Board shall continue to vote upon such nominations until the vacancy is filled.

The Chairman of the Board shall cast his vote only in case of a tie vote of the Board of Trustees.

All Board members shall cast a ballot for or against each nominee.

The Chairman and Board may, in lieu of filling a vacancy in a Village office as provided above in this Section, call a special Municipal Election to fill such vacancy.

If there is a vacancy in the offices of a majority of the members of the Village Board, there shall be a special Municipal Election conducted by the Secretary of State to fill such vacancies. (Ref. 32-568)