

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 23, 2024

Opening prayer by Sophia Custer.

A moment of silence was held for Officer Ross Bartlett.

Rupe called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 PM in the Ceresco Community Room. Board Members had been given the agenda and supporting documents. Notices were posted at the Village Office, Ceresco Post Office and CerescoBank. Rupe pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act posted on the wall of the Community Room. Answering roll call: Rupe, Custer and Ruble. Absent: Peterson and Eggleston. Also present: Nancy Witters, Harvey Mintzmeyer, Brian Roland, and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ruble moved to accept the March 19th minutes. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Custer, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Discussion held regarding the banking authorization process tabled from last month.

Rupe moved to create the ACH and NACHA files for payroll and our ACH utility for our online banking program for payments. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Custer, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe moved to approve for Jody Anderson to have separate access to the General Fund for payment. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Custer, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe and Roland reviewed maintenance items including: 1) Drought. 2) Hallway lights installed. 3) The engineer doesn't recommend updating the VFD's for well 4 and 5 at this time. 4) WWTP roof tabled for scheduling information. 5) Sewer plant lighting.

Rupe moved to approve the bid from Schutt Electric for \$4,832.57. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Custer, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roland reviewed: 6) Hydrant repair at 2nd & Beech. 7) Park lift station repair.

Rupe moved to approve the purchase from Electric Pump in the amount of \$8,650.00. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roland's review continued: 8) Water Control Upgrade has been completed. 9) Mole treatment.

Rupe moved to approve the contract with Orkin in the amount of \$721.84. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe noted Lynn Maxson is ok'd to return to work.

The dirt from the Stream Stabilization Project was discussed.

Ruble moved to accept the Building Inspector report as presented. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Custer, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The zoning report was reviewed. A chain link fence on property recently sold along Ash Street will be looked into. Rega has submitted the revised drainage report for Hunter's. The Hunter final plat is expected to come soon.

Custer moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Rupe seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Rupe, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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The JEO claims were tabled.

Claims were reviewed. **Ruble moved to accept the claims as presented. Rupe seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Rupe, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.** Approved claims: AFLAC \$327.12/ins; Ameritas Life \$31.44/ins; Alex Ruhnke \$75.00/wat; Aqua-Chem \$146.75/wat; Baker & Taylor \$385.89/lib; Blue Cross and Blue Shield \$3,628.60/ins; Bomgaars \$63.92/prk; Card Services \$457.04/gen, lib; Circle H Tire \$460.00/st; Ceresco 60+ \$126.00/gen; Delta Dental \$167.68/ins; Eakes \$419.62/gen, prk; Electric Pump \$2,195.50/sew; Erickson & Brooks \$270.00/gen; FNBO \$742.76/lib, gen, prk, pol; Frontier Coop \$578.12/fuel; Fud & Tracy's Plumbing \$1,562.93/gen; Helena Agri-Enterprises \$287.50/prk; Husker Lock & Key \$32.50/gen; Jackson Services \$159.92/gen, sew, wat, fire, prk, st; Kathy Davidson \$75.00/gen; Menards \$129.02/st, prk; Midwest Laboratories \$237.67/sew; Mumm Heating & Cooling \$93.08/lib; Municipal Supply of Omaha \$2,150.89/wat; Mutual of Omaha \$103.10/ins; NE Dept of Revenue \$2,583.26/tax; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$30.00/wat; NMC \$190.81/st; One Call Concepts \$35.00/wat, sew; OPPD \$4,702.40/electric; Otte Oil & Propane \$736.44/fire, gen, st, lib; Pest Solutions \$60.00/gen; Sam's Club \$26.86/gen; Sandy Tvrdy \$325.00/gen; Schutt Electrical \$559.37/gen; Todd Valley Farms \$272.30/sew/wat; Ty's Outdoor Power \$169.16/prk; Verizon \$178.62/phones; Wahoo-Waverly-Ashland Newspapers \$1,070.95/wat; Wahoo Auto Parts \$83.76/st, prk; Waste Connections of NE \$5,963.96/trash; Windstream \$510.91/phones; Payroll Liabilities: Payroll \$19,462.97, United States Treasury \$5,287.64; NE Dept of Revenue \$1,068.50; American Funds \$1,281.64;

Maxson reviewed the Tree Board will plant a tree at the school on Thursday for Tree City USA.

Maxson questioned who is moving trees at the park for the splash pad. It was agreed the expense should be with the splash pad to move the trees. The Fire Department memorial was mentioned.

Rupe moved to approve the Library report as presented. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Custer will have the splash pad marked out in 3 weeks. A committee for the memorial will be identified at the next Board meeting.

Maxson reviewed his past idea of using the scout hall as an indoor shelter to rent out for birthday parties, small gatherings, etc. Discussion held.

Rupe moved to approve the rental of scout hall in the amount of \$50.00 total, with a \$20.00 deposit to be returned post event. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Custer, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Ruble noted the new fire truck is here.

Rupe moved to approve the Fire Department minutes as presented. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Custer, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The new Saunders County 911 tower is waiting for public comment.

Celebrate Ceresco was mentioned.

Full time employment for Anderson was discussed. Ruble recommended contacting other towns with a similar position for pay rate.

Preventative maintenance and a maintenance agreement from Blue Valley Public Safety was reviewed. Sirens were discussed. Lancaster and Douglas County Emergency Management will be contacted for siren maintenance companies. Lindgren will work with Ruble for siren maintenance.

Bridge concerns were mentioned. JEO has been contacted.

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The Stream Stabilization Pay Applications were reviewed.

Rupe moved to approve the Pay Application #1 in the amount of \$37,218.48. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Ruble moved to pay Stream Stabilization Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$22,886.92. Rupe seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Rupe, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Street Subcommittee items were mentioned.

Rupe reviewed the Trail Subcommittee comments from Eggleston as follows: I met with a member of the National Park Service on the 12th. We looked at possible trail routes with existing property that would be a good start of a trail system. I plan to meet with the subcommittee regarding these findings soon.

Bids for the 2023 Well Improvements will be opened May 1st at 10 AM.

The one-year warranty for the 2022 3rd Street Improvements is June 12th. Rupe requested Board Members to review the street before next meeting.

Resolution 2024-4 was discussed. Tabled to next meeting for additional information.

Rupe moved to approve the street closing on 1st Street, the corner, on Memorial Day, May 27th, from 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe mentioned residents pooling together and possible cost sharing on sidewalk construction. Information will be posted to see if there is any interest.

Ruble asked for an update on the painting in the back parking lot. He also noted in the next 5 years a Fire Department station needs to be seriously looked at. Discussion held.

Rupe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Antonia Rupe, Chair
Joan Lindgren, Clerk