

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2024

Opening prayer by Sophia Custer.

The Public Hearing for the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska was held the 20th day of August, 2024 in the Ceresco Community Room and was published in the Wahoo Newspaper on the 9th day of August, 2024. Notices were also 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 Eggleston. Ruble entered the meeting at 6:03 PM. Absent: Peterson. Also present: Alyssa Rothwell, Shannon Leazer, Brian Suhr, Gayle Kelly, Landon Lubischer, Pete Nacke, Derrick Luebbe, Jean Sklenar, Kelsey White, Brian Roland, Chilton Leedom, and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Rupe moved to open the Public Hearing for the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan at 6:01 PM. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Custer, and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe reviewed the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 - 2028/2029 One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan.

Projects completed in the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year were: **1) M-196-(71):** City Wide - Street Patching.

Projects on the **One Year Plan Fiscal Year 2024/2025 (October 1st to September 30th)** include:

1) M-196-(73): City Wide – Street Patching. **2) M-196-(72A):** 4th Street from Main Street to Park Street; Park Street from 110’ West of Hunter Drive to 100’ West of 4th Street; Edwin Street from 4th Street to 100’ West of 4th Street – Concrete Paving, Curb/Gutter, Storm Sewer, Utilities, Grading and Erosion Control. **3) M-196-(72B):** Main Street from 350’ West of 3rd Street to 100’ West of 4th Street – Add Curb and Gutter with Sidewalk.

Projects on the **Six Year Plan Fiscal Year 2024/2025 to 2029/2030 (October 1st to September 30th)** include

1) M-196-(53): Cameron Street from 2nd Street to Archie Street – Remove and replace street with new concrete address storm drainage (ditch clean out – curb/storm sewer). **2) M-196-(65):** 3rd Street from Beech Street to Elm Street; and Elm Street at 3rd Street Intersection – Mill and overlay existing roadway (22’ wide, 3” overlay) with patching. Elm intersection reconstruction with concrete. **3) M-196-(62):** 3rd Street from Spruce Street to Beech Street – Mill and overlay existing roadway (22’ wide, 3” overlay). Add full height curb outside of parking and drive-over curb adjacent to the parking lot. Relocate sidewalk crossing also. **4) M-196-(66):** Elm Street from 3rd Street to 4th Street – Mill and overlay existing roadway (22’ wide, 3” overlay) with patching as needed. **5) M-196-(51):** 2nd Street from Pine Street to Beech Street – Remove and replace street and parking with new concrete, update sidewalks and address storm drainage. Coordinate with Village utility improvements also needed in this area. (not included in estimate).

Rupe moved to close the Public Hearing for the One and Six Year Street Improvement Plan at 6:03 PM. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Custer, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

WHEREUPON, the Chairperson announced that the introduction of Resolution 2024-6 was now in order and is set forth in full as follows, to wit: WHEREAS, The Village of Ceresco, Nebraska has conducted a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards, NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Chair and Village Board that the One and Six Year Plan for streets as presented at said public hearing has been accepted and approved.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Rupe moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-6, a Resolution to approve the One and Six Year Street Plan. Board Member Eggleston seconded this motion.

The Chairperson instructed the Clerk to call the roll and the following was the vote on this motion. Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, and Custer. Abstain: Ruble. Nays: none.

WHEREUPON, the Chairperson declared that the Motion having been approved by a majority of the votes cast, said Resolution 2024-6 is approved and adopted.

Rupe adjourned the Public Hearing and moved to the Regular meeting at 6:05 PM.

Rupe called the Regular meeting to order at 6:05 PM in the Ceresco Community Room. Rupe pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act posted on the wall of the Community Room. Answering roll call: Rupe, Custer, Ruble, and Eggleston. Absent: Peterson. Also present: Alyssa Rothwell, Shannon Leazer, Brian Suhr, Gayle Kelly, Landon Lubischer, Pete Nacke, Derrick Luebbe, Kelsey White, Jean Sklenar, Angela Stuart, Megan Johnson, Maggie Munford, Brian Roland, Chilton Leedom, and Joan Lindgren.

Custer moved to approve the June 18, 2024 minutes as presented. Rupe seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Rupe, and Ruble. Abstain: Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Eggleston moved to approve the July 16, 2024 minutes as presented. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Custer, Ruble, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Eggleston moved to approve the August 6, 2024 minutes as presented. Rupe seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Rupe, and Ruble. Abstain: Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Derrick Luebbe with Midwest Assistance Program was present to review the Lead and Copper requirements. The first step for the Village is to turn in a lead and copper inventory before October 16, 2024. The Lead and Copper Rule Improvements will give the Village about 3 years to find any unknown lines from October 1, 2024. There will need to be a replacement plan for the Village owned portions, from the main to the curb stop, which includes lead and galvanized material. The Rule is expected to require 10% yearly replacement over 10 years. The more lines that can be identified now, the better it will be for the Village. Every single service line, active or inactive, on the Village side and the customer side must be identified. If the line is deactivated from the main, it doesn't need to be identified. Time spent on the project, replacement costs, and budgeting were mentioned. This is a Federal Rule that is coming down to the states. Only the Village will be required to replace lead and galvanized material. The Village will be required to notify the residents if they have lead and galvanized material, and recommend replacement. About half of the surveys have been received from residents. Matt Bower will be working after Labor Day to pothole Village connections.

The roof bid for the WWTP was discussed. There are two optional add-ons: 1) 15-year Carlisle full system warranty and 2) replace curb mounted - dome skylight.

Custer reviewed the SENDD membership. Senator Don Bacon's office has not replied back to the village regarding funds for water main replacement. The Board agreed to pass on membership for now.

The 15 year Carlisle warranty for the WWTP was reviewed.

Rupe moved to add option #2 to replace the curb mounted dome skylight in the amount of \$1,542.00 to be a total of \$19,610.00. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Custer, and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Governor's property tax relief plan was mentioned.

Leedom reviewed the Police Report.

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

Roland reviewed: 1) Power outage and electrical problems after July 31st storm. 2) Hydrant replaced. 3) Fiber boring and curb stop repair. 4) Plug valve at wwtp.

Rupe moved to approve the purchase for the selling price of \$3,300.00 to Electric Pump for the plug valve replacement. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Eggleston, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roland continued his review: 5) HOA fixed the return pump program at the wwtp. 6) Library repair bid.

Rupe moved to approve the \$425.00 for White Castle to repair the fascia boards at the Library. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Custer, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The water and sewer rate studies prepared by Randy Hellbusch with Nebraska Rural Water Association were reviewed. He is recommending a water increase for the next two years, and a sewer increase for one year, with a rate review after two years. Discussion held. The Board agreed to move forward with the recommendations and have an ordinance prepared for September meeting. A notice for residents will be prepared.

Roland mentioned the PFAS testing is complete and currently free, but the EPA regulations may require quarterly testing in the future with a cost of about \$1,300 per test.

The garbage contract is up for renewal. Bids will be obtained for October meeting.

Ruble noted that Custer will get plot points for the splash pad so the memorial committee can move forward.

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

The Zoning Administrator report was reviewed, including: 1) Sidewalk for the new Hunter Subdivision. 2) Storage container and items cleaned up at 3rd & Elm. 3) A barrier, such as native grass, between the new subdivision and Heyen's property. 4) Out of office.

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

Eggleston moved to approve the JEO claims totaling \$9,075.40 as presented. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Custer, and Ruble. Abstain: Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Claims were reviewed. **Rupe moved to pay the claims as presented. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Custer, and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried. Approved claims: AFLAC \$490.68/ins; Amazon Capital Business \$119.89/prk, st; Ameritas Life \$31.44/ins; Aqua-Chem \$146.75/wat; B-RAD Electric \$151.74/wat; Baker & Taylor \$403.95/lib; Barco Municipal Products \$81.10/st; Blue Cross and Blue Shield \$3,046.09/ins; Brian Roland \$703.50/wat, sew; Bomgaars \$95.03/st; Card Services \$201.87/gen, pol; Circle H Tire \$45.00/st; Ceresco Volunteer Fire \$625.00/fire; Delta Dental \$167.68/ins; Dennis Trucking \$2,440.20; Eakes \$35.88/lib, gen; FNBO \$171.21/lib; Galls \$219.34/pol; Helena \$193.20/prk; Hergert Oil \$66.80/pol; Klute \$50.00/st; Husker Lock & Key \$286.00/gen, pol; Husker Electric \$69.75/prk; Jackson Services \$243.34/gen, sew, wat, fire, prk, st; League of NE Municipalities Utilities Section \$540.00/wat, sew; League of NE Municipalities \$3,428.00/gen; Menards \$24.99/pol; Midwest Laboratories \$232.37/sew; Mutual of Omaha \$106.85/ins; NE Assigned Risk Pool \$28.00/fire; NE Dept of Revenue 2,685.46/tax; NE Public Health Environmental Lab \$762.00/wat; OPPD \$5,060.28/elec; Otte Oil & Propane \$476.62/sew; Pest Solutions \$60.00/gen; Platte Valley Equipment \$147.01/prk; Sam's Club \$98.84/lib; Sandy Tvrdy \$325.00/gen; Saunders Cnty Mutual Aid \$20.00/fire; Ty's Outdoor Power \$55.50/prk; U.S. Post Office \$1,037.00/wat, sew; Utility Services \$4,102.54/wat; Verizon Wireless \$178.74/sew, wat, prk, pol, fire; Waste Connections \$7,071.78/trsh, comp; Windstream \$516.63/phone; Payroll: \$19,400.98, American Funds \$1,055.18, NE Dept of Labor \$40.13, NE Dept of Revenue \$757.77, US Treasury \$8,336.00**

Custer reviewed 1) Still need to get together for memorial. October 1 is scheduled start date for splash pad. Trees will be moved. 2) Request from Amy Novak for a baseball clinic with Rhett Stokes at ball field.

Gushard or Richard Novak will groom the field.

Eggleston moved to approve the July 1 Fire Department minutes as presented. Rupe seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Rupe, Custer, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

The Celebrate Treasurer Reports and Profit & Loss were reviewed. Custer reviewed the committee wants to open a CD, but it will need to wait until new budget year when the accounts are given to the Village October 1st.

Picnic table rental was discussed. The Board agreed that Jody Anderson will continue the rental out of the Village Office. Funds will be collected and then deposited into the Celebrate Ceresco account. A fee for picnic table rental will be added to the fee schedule. Rupe suggested changing the name of the Community Building Rental Subcommittee to the Community Property Rental Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will be in charge of any exceptions to the picnic table rental, as is done now for the community building rental.

The safety manual is being worked on.

Change Order #2 for the increase in seed mix cost for the Stream Stabilization project was reviewed.

Rupe moved to approve Change Order #2 payment of \$280.88 to Gana. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe moved to issue the Certificate of Substantial Completion. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Custer, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe mentioned 300 W Beech.

Sidewalk cost share was discussed. Custer will finish reviewing sidewalks. Merritt will come look at the stairs/ramp of the community building.

The District 1 Program Hearing Highway Commission meeting was mentioned.

The Interlocal Agreement with the Rural Board was discussed.

The cost to bore the water mains on Elm from 1st to 2nd and 2nd to 3rd was reviewed and tabled.

Valuation increase of 1.55659% was reviewed. Final budget sheets will be sent to the Board after the accountant has updated. Loan interest from the local banks for a water loan to help cover operating expenses was reviewed. A Resolution will be prepared for the September meeting.

Ordinance 2024-3 now comes on for third reading. **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WAGES AND SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, APPOINTEES, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA.**

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Rupe moved that said Ordinance 2024-3 be approved by its third reading and its title agreed to. Board Member Eggleston seconded this motion.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the vote thereon. The Clerk called the roll and the following was the vote on this motion. Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, and Custer. Nays: none.

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared that a majority of the members of the Board having voted in the affirmative for the passage and approval of said Ordinance No. 2024-3, the Chair declared Ordinance

No. 2024-3 to have been duly passed and adopted as an Ordinance of the Village of Ceresco, Saunders County, Nebraska, and the Chair subscribed her name thereto, and the Clerk attested said signature of the Chair by subscribing her name thereto and affixing thereon the seal of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska. The Chair then instructed the Clerk to publish Ordinance No. 2024-3 in the manner required by law, within fifteen (15) days after passage.

Resolution 2024-7 was introduced by Rupe and is set forth in full as follows, to wit:

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2520(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each municipality shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the municipality authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the Village Board Chairperson of Ceresco is hereby authorized to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

WHEREUPON, Eggleston moved that said Resolution 2024-7 be approved. Ruble seconded this motion. No further discussion was required.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll and the following was the vote on this motion. Yeas: Eggleston, Ruble, Custer, and Rupe. Nays: none.

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared that the motion having been approved by a majority of the votes cast, said Resolution 2024-7 is approved and adopted.

Resolution 2024-8 for First Northeast Bank of Nebraska was introduced by Rupe as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF LODGE, ASSOCIATION OR OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATION, authorizing the following AGENTS, subject to any written limitations, and are authorized to exercise the powers granted.

- A. Antonia Rupe, Chair
- B. Scott Peterson, Chair Pro Tempore
- C. Joan Lindgren, Clerk/Treasurer

Certification of Authority
I further certify that the Association has, and at the time of adoption of this resolution had, full power and lawful authority to adopt the resolution and to confer the powers granted to the persons named who have full power and lawful authority to exercise the same.

WHEREUPON, Rupe moved that said Resolution 2024-8 be approved. Ruble seconded this motion. No further discussion was required.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll and the following was the vote on this motion. Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Custer, and Eggleston. Nays: none.

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared that the motion having been approved by a majority of the votes cast, said Resolution 2024-8 is approved and adopted.

Reviewed was a proposal from Grumpy Mugs Coffee House to have food trucks in front of the business with the objectives being: 1) Customer appreciation to our customers, 2) Community involvement, 3) Back to school

lunch payment program. Requested was every Wednesday from September 4th - October 9th, 5 pm-8pm. Participating trucks will donate up to 20% of their proceeds to benefit children that either have a food bill or don't have money for hot lunch. Discussion held. The truck will face the sidewalk in front of Grumpy Mugs. The street will not be closed. Rupe will contact the Covenant Church regarding Awana. Final approval will be made by Rupe and Custer.

Maggie Munford was present to request children at play signs for 5th Avenue. Placing the signs on existing poles was discussed. Processes for sign placement will be reviewed at the September meeting.

Rupe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Antonia Rupe, Chair
Joan Lindgren, Clerk