

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2024

Opening prayer by Sophia Custer.

Rupe called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 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, Peterson, Custer, Ruble, and Eggleston. Also present: Ashton Anderson, Ondraya Isley, Madison Habener, Maye Masek, Liam Tvrdy, Luke Tvrdy, Shawn Manion, Jamie Peer, Brian Suhr, Richard Novak, Harvey Mintzmyer, PJ Hass, Jody Anderson, Tony Hernandez, and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Eggleston moved to approve the January 16th minutes as presented. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Peterson, Custer, Ruble, and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Hernandez reviewed the Police Report and noted no updates on the radio system.

Rupe reviewed maintenance items including: 1) Community Building/Fire Department Generator Installation/Building Electrical Upgrade. Progressive will finish when the new generator is moved to the community building - to save money. 2) WWTP Roof Insurance Claim/Bid - No Update. 3) Gushard is going to start working on the culvert and ditch cleaning in the Spring, as well as installing the playground tiles. 4) Roland, Gushard and Bower are all in training and will be testing. 5) Water tower assessment report. 6) LPSNRD water testing. 7) Moderate drought conditions. 8) Backhoe concerns after snow removal. Ruble will look at it. 9) Shop improvements, including insulation. 10) Porta potty cleaning, as needed. If problems continue, it will be moved back to the shop. 11) Roland getting better.

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

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

Eggleston moved to approve the JEO claims in the amount of \$9,467.50 as presented. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Peterson, Ruble and Custer. Nays: none. Abstain: Rupe. Motion carried.

Claims were reviewed. Peterson moved to pay the claims with the additional claims as presented. Rupe seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Rupe, Custer, Eggleston, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried. The approved claims are as follows: Advantage Computer \$750.00/wat/sew; AFLAC \$327.12/ins; Ameritas Life \$31.44/ins; Aqua-Chem \$146.75/wat; Arbor Day Foundation \$25.00/prk; BlackStrap \$1,356.30/st; Baker & Taylor \$416.34/lib; Blue Cross and Blue Shield \$3,628.60/ins; Bomgaars \$98.01/sew, st; Bromm, Lindahl, ET AL \$2,453.50; Card Services \$69.14/gen, wat, sew, lib; Cash \$45.02/gen, st, sew; Cummins Sales & Service \$1,171.00/sew; Cornhusker Press \$160.25/gen; Delta Dental \$167.68/ins; Dustin Gushard \$98.00/prk; Eakes \$177.56/gen; FNBO \$892.75/lib, gen, pol, wat; Frontier Coop \$859.30/fuel; Hergert Oil \$58.54/ st, sew; HOA \$1,361.00/wat; Interstate All Battery \$91.80/gen; Jackson Services \$226.97/gen, sew, wat, fire, prk, st; John Sutton \$24.00/lib; Menards \$20.39/st; Midwest Laboratories \$206.12/sew; Municipal Supply of Omaha \$539.71/wat; Mutual of Omaha \$103.10/ins; Nebraska Public Health \$30.00/wat; Office Depot \$39.98/gen; OPPD \$4,791.82/electric; Otte Oil & Propane \$2,872.07/fire, gen, st, lib; Pest Solutions \$60.00/gen; Rebecca Jacobs \$75.00/gen; Sandry Fire \$1,704.50/fire; Sandy Tvrdy \$325.00/gen; Shirley Fylstra \$23.99/lib; Southeast Area Clerk's \$10.00/gen; Utility Service \$4,102.54/wat; Verizon \$238.66/phones; Wahoo Auto Parts \$72.52/st, sew, wat; Waste Connections of NE \$5,983.70/trash Windstream \$515.41/phones; NDEE \$450.00/sew; Wahoo-Waverly-Ashland Newspapers \$1,273.47/gen; Kathy Leggett \$100.00/fire; NE Dept of Revenue \$1,402.70/sales tax; Payroll Liabilities: American Funds Investment \$1,801.78; Payroll \$27,279.11, NE Dept of Labor \$52.79; NE Dept of Revenue \$2,068.78; United States Treasury \$7,497.80

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

Richard Novak was present to request a new 10 x 10 shed on the south side of the ballfield by the first base dugout. CYRA will pay the cost of the shed. An inspection will be required if it is placed on concrete. The Board agreed the CYRA can put up the shed and get a permit, if needed.

Custer reviewed correspondence from the Saltdogs regarding a community night. Novak will review the information.

Custer noted the splash pad has to be bid as one. Hass noted outside contractors could still volunteer their time they just need to do it through the contractor. Discussion held. The Board recommended an addendum be added regarding being a small community and there are people willing to do in-kind work.

Custer moved for the splash pad to go out for bids as soon as Andrew with JEO can get the paperwork done. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Peterson, Ruble, Eggleston, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe asked for the Board to be notified of the dates the bids will go out.

Ruble reviewed the Fire Department is getting a new 105' ladder truck, and is getting rid of one fire truck and the backup ambulance. He noted there can be no parking in the back lot. The police will be notified to enforce the no parking. Ruble also said the department has five new recruits. Radios on wait list.

Eggleston moved to approve the January 8th minutes as presented for the Fire Department. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Custer, Ruble, Peterson, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe noted it looks like they are putting in for a grant for the radios.

Rupe moved to approve the Fire Department February 5th minutes as presented. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Eggleston, Peterson, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Celebrate Ceresco bank statements were reviewed. Bank account ownership and the accountant checklist was mentioned. Anderson noted Celebrate Ceresco wants to provide receipts for raffle prize donations. Lindgren noted the accountant needs to know about the component units before budget. Rupe noted Celebrate Ceresco is a component, and the Splash Pad could potentially be a component of the Village. Discussion held. Pester will be asked to contact Rupe regarding the checklist. Rupe noted she assumed they were all on the same page that the splash pad will not be a Village account until it is built. Celebrate Ceresco is a Village account and is a component of the Village until said otherwise. Auditing the account was discussed.

No update to the scope and sequence for Celebrate Ceresco.

The LED lights have been installed in the community building.

Anderson fulltime employment was discussed. Rupe will create a job description.

Rupe moved to allow the Personnel Policy Subcommittee to determine fulltime employment once the job description for Jody Anderson is created. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Peterson, Custer, Eggleston, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Eggleston reviewed they had a preconstruction meeting for the Stream Stabilization project last week and work is to start this week. He noted the excess dirt will be put along the highway where there are low spots, and it will be seeded, which should make it easier to mow. There will be an additional cost for the seeding.

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Ceresco Multi-Year On Call Street Patching was discussed. Ogden will be contacted to meet with Peterson and Rupe.

Rupe moved to allow the Street Subcommittee to approve next steps with M.E. Collins and sign the contract. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Custer, Ruble, Eggleston, and Peterson. Nays none. Motion carried.

Handicap sidewalk was mentioned.

A stop sign for 3rd and Edwin was discussed and approved. A Resolution will be prepared for next meeting.

Eggleston reviewed he had a Trail Subcommittee meeting and they are looking at putting together a master trail plan. He has reached out to the NRD, National Parks Service to get assistance to look at Ceresco area and develop what would be an ideal layout.

Custer reviewed they haven't met with Mike Eden yet on the Interlocal Agreement with Ceresco Rural Fire District.

Lindgren noted she will be gone Monday and Tuesday for conference, and was approved to attend a JEO event after the conference.

Ordinance 2023-10 now comes on for third reading. AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO ACQUIRE AN INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE FOR DEDICATION AS A RIGHT OF WAY AND PUBLIC STREET, SAID INTEREST BEING A FEE INTEREST THEREIN;

WHEREUPON, Board Member Peterson moved that said Ordinance 2023-10 be approved upon its third reading as presented and its title agreed to. Board Member Ruble 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: Peterson, Rupe, Custer, Eggleston, and Ruble. 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. 2023-10, the Chair declared Ordinance No. 2023-10 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. 2023-10 in the manner required by law, within fifteen (15) days after passage.

Resolution 2024-1 was introduced by Board Chair Rupe and is set forth in full as follows, to wit:

WHEREAS, certain municipalities and fire protection districts located in Saunders County, Nebraska desire to enter into an Interlocal cooperation agreement for the creation of a Mutual Finance Organization pursuant to Legislative Bill 1120, 1998;

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization would be in the best interests of all participating members; and

WHEREAS, the members desire to enter into a written Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska:

Section 1. The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization is hereby approved, ratified and accepted, and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, hereby is authorized, directed and empowered to execute the same.

Section 2. The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization shall not establish a separate legal entity, but rather shall be a joint and cooperative undertaking between the members and that a joint board shall be responsible for administering this joint and cooperative undertaking.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed.

WHEREUPON, Board Chair Rupe moved that said Resolution No. 2024-1 be approved as presented. Board Member Custer seconded this motion. No further discussion was required.

The Clerk called the roll and the following was the vote on this motion. Yeas: Rupe, Custer, Ruble, Eggleston, and Peterson. Nays: none.

It was noted the warranty deed will be executed by Dennis Johnson and his wife.

Shawn Manion was present to request Grumpy Mugs to host the Ceresco Farmers Market again in 2024. Brian Suhr, Ashton Anderson, and Jamie Peer a digital creator, were also present in support of the farmer's market. Manion and Grumpy Mugs would be responsible for of all marketing for the market with appropriate information of State regulations on everything, putting up and taking down safety measures for the market, and answering any questions from vendors or customers about the market. Requested were 1) Dates and times of May 18th thru June 15th, and August 3rd thru September 28th, from 8 am to 11 am. 2) Blocking off the street during those times with the Village's road blocks. 3) Free event again.

Discussion held regarding vendor fees. It was agreed the Village will charge a \$10.00 vendor fee per season. The Ordinance will need to be updated.

Banking authorizations and claim payments were reviewed.

Rupe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Custer, Peterson, and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Antonia Rupe, Chair
Joan Lindgren, Clerk