

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 16, 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, and Eggleston. Absent: Ruble. Also present: Brian Suhr, Tony Hernandez, Arsen Johnson and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Rupe reviewed maintenance items including: 1) Water main breaks; 2) WWTP heater and clarifier; 3) Additional backup for Roland; 4) Well house pipes and heater; 5) Plow repair; 6) Snow removal; 7) NDEE classes.

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

The Administrative Subdivision for the Arsen Johnson Addition was reviewed.

Rupe moved to approve the Johnson Administrative Subdivision. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Custer, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Expenses for the small subdivision for Arsen Johnson were reviewed. Arsen Johnson was present to discuss and noted the expenses were in the best interest of the Village. The 20 foot Ash Street right-of-way that is being deeded to the Village from Johnson's was discussed.

Rupe moved to approve the exchange of \$3,922.50 for the street dedication from Johnson. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Peterson, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Johnson reviewed the compost pile has been hauled out.

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

Peterson moved to approve the JEO claim for \$10,827.50. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Eggleston, and Custer. Nays: none. Abstain: Rupe. Motion carried.

Claims were reviewed. Eggleston moved to approve the claims as presented. Rupe seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Rupe, Peterson, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried. The approved claims are as follows: AFLAC \$327.12/ins; Alternative Service and Repair \$275.56/st; Ameritas Life \$31.44/ins; Baker & Taylor \$327.87/lib; Blue Cross and Blue Shield \$3,628.60/ins; Card Services \$303.25/gen, wat, pol; Carquest \$217.68/sew; Ceresco 60+ \$168.00/gen; Circle H Tire \$40.00/st; Delta Dental \$167.68/ins; Dennis Trucking \$1,975.00/comp; Erickson & Brooks \$11,900.00/st, gen, wat, sew; FNBO \$784.05/lib, sew, wat; Frontier Coop \$1,562.43/fuel; Jackson Services \$155.74/gen, sew, wat, fire, prk, st; Menards \$33.15/st, wat; Midwest Laboratories \$205.12/sew; Mutual of Omaha \$103.10/ins; NMC \$78.96/st; Nebraska IAI \$150.00/pol; Office Depot \$115.47/pol, lib, gen; One Call Concepts \$32.60/wat, sew; OPPD \$4,339.92/electric; Otte Oil & Propane \$1,491.00/fire, gen, st, lib; Prague Insurance \$69.00/gen; S&L Trenching \$3,075.00/wat; Sandy Tvrdy \$325.00/gen; Schutt Electrical \$753.67/wat; Steve Tvrdy \$150.00/gen; Tim Shanahan \$75.00/gen; USA Blue Book \$460.34/sew; Verizon \$178.68/phones; Waste Connections of NE \$5,975.60/trash; Windstream \$515.27/phones; U.S. Post Office \$600.00/wat, sew;

Payroll Liabilities: American Funds Investment \$723.12; Payroll \$19,043.80, United States Treasury \$5,210.60. Bond Payment: Principal/\$130.015.00; Interest/19,306.25

Custer reviewed JEO is ready to go out for the splash pad bid, and it needs to run through the Village. The attorney has reviewed the documents and publishing 3 times is not needed, as well as the estimation of cost doesn't need to be published. A 400 page document was created but doesn't appear to be final. CDC Tax Credits can be applied for in February. Donated work was discussed. Custer will contact JEO for a further breakdown.

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

Celebrate Ceresco bank statements were reviewed. Custer reviewed the committee will be working on the scope and sequence.

The community building lighting bids were discussed.

Eggleston moved to approve the estimate of Option 1 from Schutt Electrical and Contracting in combination with Option 3. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Peterson, Custer, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Custer reviewed she talked with Anderson and she is willing to go full time. Budget, wages, and benefits were reviewed. Rupe will update the job descriptions and send to the Personnel Policy Subcommittee for review. A full time package will be prepared.

Eggleston reviewed he went to the NRD Subcommittee meeting and they unanimously approved the cost share for recommendation to the NRD Board, which takes place tomorrow at 2 pm. Eggleston will attend the meeting.

Eggleston moved to approve the bid from Gana for \$145,763.88 pending the NRD Board approval of \$38,550.92. Johnson questioned the process. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Peterson, Custer, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

No update on questions regarding the Main Street asphalt overlay project.

Eggleston noted plans for a trail meeting to put together a map that shows all the easements available. He noted the plan is for a .7 mile trail, or less. The maximum amount allowed right now by Game & Parks is a half mile.

Custer reviewed they haven't met with the Rural Fire Board.

Unused vacation for Lindgren was reviewed. Custer noted the new policy.

Custer moved to pay Lindgren for 14.88 hours of unused vacation plus the 24 hours of vacation hours for a total of 38.88 vacation hours. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Eggleston, Peterson, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Custer moved to approve the water reimbursements for the properties that were reseeded. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Peterson, Eggleston, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe moved to approve Lindgren attending the midwinter conference, not to exceed the amount of \$500.00. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Peterson, Custer, and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Final copies of the audit were given to the Board.

Rupe moved to approve the FY 2022/2023 Audit. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Custer, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Ordinance 2023-10 now comes on for second 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 second reading as presented and its title agreed to. 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: Peterson, Eggleston, Custer, and Rupe. Nays: none

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Ordinance 2023-10 be approved on its second reading and its title agreed to and that the third reading of Ordinance 2023-10 be on the next Agenda of a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Peterson suggested the Maintenance Subcommittee meet with Roland and Gushard before the meeting, so they don't need to attend, unless needed. The Board agreed.

Rupe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Custer, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Antonia Rupe, Chair
Joan Lindgren, Clerk

