

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 9, 2024

Opening prayer by Sophia Custer.

Rupe called the Special 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, Eggleston, and Custer. Ruble entered at 6:06 PM. Also present: Chilton Leedom, Tony Hernandez, Brian Suhr, Tyler Heyen, and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Farmer's Market request was reviewed and tabled.

The 2023 Well Improvements were reviewed. The NDEE has approved the permit. The Board agreed to move forward with bonding for the well. An Ordinance will be prepared for next meeting.

Hernandez reviewed the Police Report: 1) Funding for the new radios. The County will be contacted. 2) Property loss claim. 3) Garage door repairs. 4) Dogs: unlicensed, running at large, fines. Letters will be sent for violations. 5) Nuisances. 8) Complaints. 9) Trees. 10) Give Blue Hope. 11) Cats. 12) Ceresco Days and deposits. The Board agreed they will be done as in the past. 13) Budget.

Maintenance review: 1) Mosquito spraying scheduled for tomorrow. 2) LPSNRD lawn management program. The Board agreed to have the information shared with residents. 3) White Castle bid for wwtp. Work will begin in October.

Rupe moved to approve the White Castle bid for roof at the wastewater treatment plant for \$18,068.00. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, Custer, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

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

Custer moved to approve the JEO claims for the amount of \$5,968.25. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Peterson, Eggleston, and Ruble. Nays: none. Abstain: Rupe. Motion carried.

Rupe noted the Village is now a Tree City USA.

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

Custer reviewed Friendship Park maintenance items. The teeter totter has been removed.

The First Responder Memorial was mentioned. Custer will mark out the splash pad after Ceresco Days. Trees will be moved by David Potter in the fall.

The siren has been repaired.

Eggleston moved to approve the Celebrate Ceresco minutes from June 23rd as presented. Rupe seconded. Ruble questioned the minutes and voting. Discussion held. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Rupe, Custer, Ruble, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Proper procedures for Celebrate Ceresco minutes was discussed. Appointing the Celebrate Ceresco chair was discussed.

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Celebrate Ceresco bank account ownership was discussed.

Rupe moved to have all of the bank accounts for Celebrate Ceresco to be handed over to the Village of Ceresco to maintain under one bank account. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Eggleston, Custer, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Celebrate Ceresco moving funds to a CD was discussed.

Rupe moved to approve Celebrate Ceresco moving a maximum not to exceed \$25,000.00 into a CD at First Northeast Bank at the conclusion of Ceresco Days. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Custer, Eggleston, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Custer recommended closing off the creek areas for Ceresco Days parking. Discussion held.

Rupe moved to approve closing off all areas by the creek and in between the bridges. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Custer, Peterson, Ruble, and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Custer requested the closing of 1st Street from Elm to Beech for the kiddie tractor pull.

Rupe moved to approve the request to close the street from 1st & Elm to 1st & Beech from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM Friday, July 12th. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Peterson, Eggleston, Custer, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Eggleston reviewed the Stream Stabilization project. Due to the flooding, there will need to be reseeding. John Peterson with JEO will contact GANA regarding the reseeding.

Eggleston moved to approve the Stream Stabilization Change Order #1 as presented. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Custer, Ruble, Peterson, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The claim for additional seeding between the bridges was reviewed.

Rupe moved to approve the payment to Gana Trucking in the amount of \$8,388.50. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Peterson, Custer, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Certificate of Substantial Completion was tabled to the July 16th meeting.

Rupe reviewed the cost for sidewalk replacement is \$9.10 a square foot for four (4) inch tear out and replacement. Depending how many there are, Merritt Concrete is willing to go down. The residents that have shown interest will be contacted for their total square footage. Rupe will contact Merritt for the minimum square footage needed for the \$9.10 price.

Eggleston reviewed a walking trail meeting was held yesterday and they've come up with a preliminary master trail plan. Eggleston will be contacting Jim Hunter and the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The Interlocal Agreement with the Ceresco Rural Fire District is being edited by the Village's attorney.

Lindgren reviewed the elected officer filing date of June 15th was for her to respond to the County with the Board Members up for election.

Lindgren review: 1) Fraudulent transactions through PayPort. No financial loss. 2) Don Bacon met with Rupe, Custer, and Lindgren. He is looking into funding to replace waterlines. 3) Mosquito spraying tomorrow morning. 4) Amigo's food truck donated \$117.40 to the Friends of the Library. 5) Filing deadline.

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Ordinance 2024-1 now comes on for second reading. AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND SECTION 1-212 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, THE PROVISIONS OF CALLING A SPECIAL MEETING;

WHEREUPON, Board member Eggleston moved that said Ordinance 2024-1 be approved upon its second reading and its title agreed to as presented. 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: Eggleston, Ruble, Custer, Peterson, and Rupe. Nays: none.

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Ordinance 2024-1 be approved on its second reading and its title agreed to and that the third reading of Ordinance 2024-1 be on the next Agenda of a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Ordinance 2024-3 was discussed and tabled to the July 16th meeting.

The budget workshop with the accountant was scheduled for August 6th at 6 PM.

Fire Chief Tyler Heyen was present to review the 2024/2025 requested budget. Requested is \$114,950.00. Discussion held. Heyen requested a plan for a new Fire Department.

Village vs 2nd Class City was discussed.

The Library budget was reviewed. Requested is \$48,550.

Budget items were reviewed.

Eggleston requested employee safety on the next agenda.

Using the scout hall for a splash pad concession, which would be run by the Village was discussed.

Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Custer, Eggleston, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Antonia Rupe, Chair
Joan Lindgren, Clerk

