

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BUDGET HEARING FY 2024/2025,  
SPECIAL HEARING FY 2024/2025,  
AND REGULAR MEETING  
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Prayer by Custer.

**Budget Hearing for FY 2024/2025, Special Hearing for FY 2024/2025, and Regular Meeting of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska were held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, beginning 6:00 PM in the Ceresco Community Room. Notice of the Hearings were published in the Wahoo Newspaper on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024. Notice of the Hearings and Regular meeting were posted at the Village Office, Ceresco Post Office, and CerescoBank on September 13, 2024.**

**Peterson called the Budget Hearing for the proposed FY 2024/2025 budget to order and pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act posted on the wall in the Community Room. Board Members had been given the agenda and supporting documents. Answering roll call: Peterson, Ruble, Eggleston, and Custer. Absent: Rupe. Also present: Krista Zobel, Chilton Leedom, Brian Roland, Dave Burklund, and Joan Lindgren.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Peterson moved to open the Budget Hearing for the proposed FY 2024/2025 budget at 6:00 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Eggleston, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Lindgren reviewed the Lid Computation sheet, which three copies were made available to the public. The General tax levy property tax request is \$259,228.00, with a tax requirement of 0.323200. The valuation increased to \$80,206,670.00 from \$76,173,192.00. The Bond tax levy is \$224,923.00, with a tax requirement of 0.280429. The total tax levy requirement is 0.603630.

Lindgren reviewed the Summary of All Funds sheet, which three copies were made available to the public. The total revenue for FY 2024/2025 is \$2,333,841.00. The total expenditure for FY 2024/2025 is \$3,910,672.00. Lindgren noted this includes the well project, which was not completed in FY 2023/2024.

The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed budget statement. Trustee Ruble noted the Fire Department is no longer looking for a full time employee, but several part time employees. There were no comments from the public.

**Peterson moved to close the Budget Hearing for the proposed FY 2024/2025 budget at 6:13 PM. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Eggleston, Custer, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Peterson moved to adjourn the Budget Hearing for the proposed FY 2024/2025 budget at 6:13 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Custer, and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Peterson called the Special Hearing to set the final tax request for the FY 2024/2025 budget of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska to order immediately upon adjournment of the preceding Budget Hearing for the proposed FY 2024/2025 budget and pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act posted on the wall in the Community Room. Board Members had been given the agenda and supporting documents. Answering roll call: Peterson, Custer, Ruble, and Eggleston. Absent: Rupe. Also present: Krista Zobel, Chilton Leedom, Brian Roland, Dave Burklund, and Joan Lindgren.**

**Peterson moved to open the Special Hearing to set the final tax request for the FY 2024/2025 budget at 6:14 PM. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Eggleston, Ruble, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

The floor was then opened for public comment on the final tax request for the proposed FY 2024/2025 budget. Lindgren noted the total tax levy requested is 0.603630. There were no other comments from the public.

**Peterson moved to close the Special Hearing to set the final tax request for the FY 2024/2025 budget at 6:15 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Custer, and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

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Peterson moved to adjourn the Special Hearing to set the final tax request for the FY 2024/2025 budget at 6:15 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Eggleston, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:16 PM in the Ceresco Community Room immediately following the Special Hearing to set the final tax request for the FY 2024/2025 budget and pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act posted on the wall in the Community Room. Board Members had been given the agenda and supporting documents. Notices were posted at the Village Office, Ceresco Post Office, and CerescoBank. Answering roll call: Peterson, Custer, Ruble, and Eggleston. Absent: Rupe. Also present: Krista Zobel, Chilton Leedom, Brian Roland, Dave Burklund, Ron Tegtmeier, and Joan Lindgren.

Custer moved to approve the 1% increase in the FY 2024/2025 restricted funds authority. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Peterson, Eggleston, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried with at least a three-fourths (3/4s) vote.

Ordinance 2024-6 was introduced by Chair Pro Tempore Peterson and is set forth in full as follows, to wit: **AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA.**

Section 1. That after complying with all procedures required by law, the budget presented and set forth in the budget statement is hereby approved as the Annual Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. All sums of money contained in the budget statement are hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska. A copy of the budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and to the County Clerk of Saunders County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

Chair Pro Tempore Peterson moved that the statutory rules in regard to the passage and adoption of Ordinance 2024-6 be suspended so that said ordinance might be introduced, read by title, and then moved for final passage at the same meeting. Board Member Ruble seconded said motion. The Chair Pro Tempore put the question and 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 to suspend the rules: Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Eggleston, and Custer. Nays: none.

WHEREUPON, the motion having been carried by affirmative votes of no less than three-fourths (3/4ths) of the total members of the Board, the Chair Pro Tempore declared the statutory rules in regard to the passage and approval of Ordinance 2024-6 be suspended so that Ordinance No. 2024-6 might be read by title and then moved for final passage at the same meeting.

Board Member Ruble moved that said Ordinance 2024-6 be approved and passed and its title agreed to. Board Member Custer seconded this motion.

The Chair Pro Tempore 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: Ruble, Custer, Eggleston, and Peterson. Nays: none.

WHEREUPON, the Chair Pro Tempore declared said Ordinance 2024-6 of the Village of Ceresco, Saunders County, Nebraska having been read by title, the rules having been suspended, and having been duly approved and its title agreed to by the affirmative vote of no less than a majority of the members of the Board, duly

passed and adopted as an Ordinance of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska.

Resolution 2024-9 was introduced by Chair Pro Tempore Peterson and is set forth in full as follows, to wit:  
**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the Village of Ceresco passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

**WHEREAS**, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Governing Body of the Village of Ceresco resolves that:

1. The 2024-2025 property tax request be set at:

General Fund: \$ 259,227.57  
Bond Fund: \$ 224,923.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 5.3 percent.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.425939 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The Village of Ceresco proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.603629 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the Village of Ceresco will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 5.15 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2024.

**WHEREUPON**, Chair Pro Tempore Peterson moved to adopt said Resolution 2024-9 to set the property tax request and tax levy. Board Member Ruble seconded this motion. No further discussion was required.

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

**WHEREUPON**, the Chair Pro Tempore declared that the motion having been approved by a majority of the votes cast, said Resolution 2024-9 is approved and adopted.

Peterson continued with the remaining Regular meeting agenda items.

**Ruble moved to accept the minutes of August 20, 2024. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Eggleston, and Custer. Nays: none. Abstain: Peterson. Motion carried.**

Custer left the meeting at 6:18 PM.

Leedom reviewed the Police Report and 436 E Elm violations.

Roland reviewed: 1) The well project. The brick work has been done. The test well is drilled. 2) Well 6 was cleaned and waiting for test results to put it back in service. 3) Maintenance needed at wwtp. 4) Fire hydrant replacement. 5) Hydrant flushing. 6) Water tower condition assessment report. Should be cleaned next year. 7) Lead and Copper: Potholing was done on the Village's property. The final inventory is due October 16<sup>th</sup>. The Maintenance Subcommittee will work with Roland. 7) Employment application.

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**Peterson moved to hire Gavin Gehle for part-time. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Waiting for community building steps/ramp bid.

Roland continued his review: 1) PFAS sample. 2) Manhole rehab completed. Stairs are being cut out due to safety concerns.

The ceiling project at the shop was discussed and tabled.

The Library repairs were completed. The Carlisle warranty for the wwtp roof was reviewed. The children at play sign on the west side of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue was discussed. Peterson will contact Gushard for the placement of the sign.

Ron Tegtmeier with The Legendary Red Rooster was present to request a Special Designated Liquor License for Oktoberfest on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 4 PM, on the outdoor lot of Ernie's in Ceresco, including the adjacent portion of the street right-of-way along Beech Street used for parking.

Tegtmeier also noted he will be having a benefit for the Legion to help get a hood for the kitchen.

**Ruble moved to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for The Legendary Red Rooster on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 1 PM to 4 PM, on the outdoor lot at 318 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Ceresco. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Eggleston, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Krista Zobel was present on behalf of Jim and Martha Hunter to petition for an annexation for the next phase of the Hunter Addition, which will include 27 single family lots and 9 townhomes. Sidewalk for the Addition was discussed. Zobel said it is quite a bit of expense for not having a safety study, and could possibly be encompassed into the trail plan. Zobel shared safety concerns of the traffic, and vision obstruction by the sun in the morning and afternoon. She felt a trail system would be a better alternative than walking along County Road A. She asked the Board to consider helping with the expense, and said it seems to be the norm that the developer takes care of the development and the Village helps connect the development to the Village after that. She mentioned correspondence through the Department of Roads, and recommended getting the pulse of the community.

**Peterson moved for the Planning Commission to proceed with the annexation of the Hunter Addition.**

**Eggleston seconded.** Zobel noted one way or the other there will be a route. They just need more time and are 18-24 months before seeing new residents. Why rush that portion of it when it deserves more thought. Discussion held. Peterson suggested an inverted speed bump on Main Street. Ruble suggested staying in the water way area with a bridge and stay on the north side of County Road A. **Voting Yeas: Peterson, Eggleston, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

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

The Zoning Administrator report was reviewed. Vehicles have been brought on the property at 436 E Elm. The Board requested the property owner attend a meeting.

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

Claims were reviewed. **Peterson moved to pay the claims with JEO. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Eggleston, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.** The approved claims are as follows: AFLAC \$327.12/ins; Amazon Capital Services \$96.22/gen, lib; Ameritas Life \$31.44/ins; Aqua-Chem \$137.80/wat; B-RAD Electric \$469.33/wat; Blue Cross Blue Shield \$3,046.09/ins; Bobcat of Omaha \$5,400.00/st, wat, sew; Brian Roland \$479.72/wat, sew; Bromm, Lindahl, ET AL \$815.00/gen, fire, wat; Capital Arborist \$2,925.00/prk; Card Services \$208.82/pol, gen; Carquest Auto Parts \$37.98/st; Ceresco 60+ \$264.00/gen; Chilton Leedom

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\$1,301.18/pol; Column Software \$456.93/gen, st; Baker & Taylor \$666.36/lib; Bomgaars \$17.95/st; Delta Dental \$167.68/ins; EGGER Exteriors \$425.00/lib; EMS Training \$4,000.00/fire; FES \$500.00/gen; FNBO \$451.97/lib, gen, pol; Frontier Coop \$1,225.25/fuel; GPM \$448.00/sew; Grainger \$513.00/st; Hamilton Equipment Company \$222.06/st; Hergert Oil Company \$101.78/pol, sew; Interstate All Battery \$31.15/fire; Jackson Services \$159.48/ gen, sew, wat, fire, prk, st; JEO \$8,903.85/wat, prk, st, gen; Johnson Service Co 21,349.15/sew; Kriha Fluid Power \$107.24/st; Menards \$309.14/st, prk; Midwest Labs \$32.80/sew; Municipal Supply \$1,097.57/gen, st, prk, wat, sew; Mutual of Omaha \$106.85/ins; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$25.00/comp; Nebraska Library Assoc \$115.00/lib; NE Municipal Clerks' Assoc \$100.00/gen; NE Safety Council \$99.00/gen; NMC \$780.79/st; OPPD \$5,328.38/electric; Sam's Club \$399.47/lib, gen, pol; Sandy Tvrdy \$325.00/gen; Ty's Outdoor Power \$430.14/prk; Verizon \$208.83/phones; Vermeer High Plains \$674.63/wat, sew; Waste Connections of NE \$5,998.48/trash; Windstream \$519.03/phones; Payroll Liabilities: American Funds Investment \$1,637.16; NE Department of Revenue \$757.77; United States Treasury \$5,589.44; Payroll \$20,478.51

Peterson noted Gushard will be painting the splash pad location.

Ruble noted training on the new truck was held at Raymond. Manufacturer training this upcoming weekend, which is needed for the truck to go into service.

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

The Celebrate Ceresco Days Treasurer reports were reviewed. Lindgren noted on October 1<sup>st</sup> the bank accounts will be moving over to the Village. Transferring funds to CD's will be discussed at the regular meeting.

Eggleston noted the seeding has been done for the Stream Stabilization project.

Peterson noted he and Rupe met with Merritt Concrete. Handicap curbs were discussed.

Water Main Improvements was discussed and tabled until January.

**Eggleston moved to approve Pay Application No. 1 for the 2024 Village Ceresco Patching to M.E. Collins in the amount of \$14,064.22. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Ruble, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Eggleston moved to approve Pay Application No. 4 for the Hobson Branch Stream Restoration in the amount of \$26,647.19. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Peterson, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Bond Proceeds were received September 11<sup>th</sup>.

WHEREUPON, the Chair Pro Tempore announced that the introduction of ordinances was now in order.

Ordinance 2024-7 was introduced by Chair Pro Tempore Peterson and is set forth in full as follows, to wit:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO ESTABLISH, PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-105 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, ENACTED PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL RECODIFICATION ORDINANCE NO. 2016-2 OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA A TABLE OF RATES – WATER, PER MONTH, AND A TABLE OF RATES – SEWER, PER MONTH FOR ALL WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CONSUMERS OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, AND SECTION 7-508 COMPOST SITE FEES SAID TABLE OF RATES TO BE PLACED ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE THERETO; TO

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PROVIDE THAT THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT, WHETHER ONE OR MORE, OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, ARE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ANY SECTION, CLAUSE, PROVISION OR PORTION FOUND UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR INVALID; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE PUBLISHED WITHIN THE FIRST FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL EITHER IN PAMPHLET FORM OR BY POSTING IN THREE PUBLIC PLACES IN THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, AND SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND AS PROVIDED HEREIN; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL NOT BE MADE A PART OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA.

WHEREAS, Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 105 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, to set rates for water and sewage usage during each monthly billing cycle of the Village Utilities Department and to place on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, for public inspection, those table of rates, and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 7, Article 5, Section 508 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, to set fee for the management and operation of the site utilized by inhabitants and rural water users of the Village for the burning of brush, tree limbs, and other wood-related products and for the composting of vegetative material, there shall be added onto the statements of all Village water consumers, as a surcharge, an amount as set by the Village Board and filed in the office of the Village Clerk. Said surcharge shall be collected pursuant to applicable ordinances of the village and collected with monthly billing cycle of the Village Utilities Department and to place on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, for public inspection, those table of rates, and,

WHEREAS, there existed, prior to the enactment of Ordinance No. 2024-7 a Table of Rates for Water and Sewer usage, and Compost fees which Table of Rates has been utilized by the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, for the charging of rates to the utility consumers of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, and,

WHEREAS, there exists a need to amend/revise said Table of Rates, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, deems it in the best interests of the citizens of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, that said Table of Rates be amended/revise as set forth herein, and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the findings herein and above made should be and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance as fully as if set out at length herein.

Section 2. That pursuant to Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 105 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, the following Table of Rate – Water, per month, and the Table of Rate – Sewer, per month, is hereby amended and adopted with such rates to commence **October 1st, 2024** and continue in effect until modified by the Board of Trustees, or as provided in Section 3 of this Ordinance:

TABLE OF RATES – WATER  
PER MONTH

**Section I**

**Minimum Charge Schedule** – There shall be a minimum water use base charge per month to each consumer of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, which shall be determined by the size of the consumer’s meter.

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Pursuant with Section 7-105, rates paid by rural users shall be 120% of the rate established for residential users. Rates shall be as follows:

Meter Size	Consumer Charge
Res ¾"	\$26.75 <u>33.50</u>
Res 1"	\$29.00 <u>36.00</u>
Res 1 ½"	\$32.10 <u>40.00</u>
Res 2"	\$34.65
Rural ¾"	\$32.10 <u>40.20</u>
Rural 1"	\$34.80
Rural 1 ½"	\$38.52
Rural 2"	\$41.58
Comm ¾"	\$26.75 <u>38.50</u>
Comm 1"	\$29.00 <u>40.50</u>
Comm 1 ½"	\$34.25 <u>46.75</u>
Comm 2"	\$38.50
Comm 3"	\$43.90 <u>64.25</u>
Comm 4"	\$54.55

**Section II**

**Water Rate Schedule in Excess of Resident Minimum** – The following rate schedule shall apply to all Village of Ceresco, Nebraska Resident water consumers located within the corporate limits of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska. Any water used per month, the rate charged, in addition to the applicable Minimum Charge shall be:

0-10,000.....gallons per month.....	\$2.15 <u>2.70</u> per thousand
10,001-40,000.....gallons per month.....	\$3.00 <u>3.75</u> per thousand
40,001-60,000.....gallons per month.....	\$3.75 <u>4.85</u> per thousand
Over 60,000.....gallons per month.....	\$5.35 <u>6.85</u> per thousand

**Water Rate Schedule in Excess of Rural Minimum** – The following rate schedule shall apply to all Village of Ceresco, Nebraska Rural water consumers located outside the corporate limits of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska. Pursuant with Section 7-105, rates paid by rural users shall be 120% of the rate established for resident users. Any water used per month, the rate charged, in addition to the applicable Minimum Charge shall be:

0-10,000.....gallons per month.....	\$2.58 <u>3.24</u> per thousand
10,001-40,000.....gallons per month.....	\$3.60 <u>4.50</u> per thousand
40,001-60,000.....gallons per month.....	\$4.50 <u>5.82</u> per thousand
Over 60,000.....gallons per month.....	\$6.42 <u>8.22</u> per thousand

**Water Rate Schedule in Excess of Commercial Minimum** – The following rate schedule shall apply to all Village of Ceresco, Nebraska Commercial water consumers located within the corporate limits of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska. Any water used per month, the rate charged, in addition to the applicable Minimum Charge shall be:

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10,001-40,000.....gallons per month.....	<del>\$3.00</del> <b>3.75</b> per thousand
40,001-60,000.....gallons per month.....	<del>\$3.75</del> <b>4.85</b> per thousand
Over 60,000.....gallons per month.....	<del>\$5.35</del> <b>6.85</b> per thousand

**Section III**

TABLE OF RATES – SEWER  
PER MONTH

**Section I**  
**Residential**

A. Customer Service Base Charge:	<del>\$31.00</del> <b>33.00</b>
B. Volume Rate Charge:	<del>\$4.85</del> <b>5.15</b> per 1,000 gallons of average water usage for months of December, January, and February

**Section II**  
**Non-Residential**

C. Customer Service Base Charge: (Commercial)	
¾ inch water meter	<del>\$31.00</del> <b>33.00</b>
1 inch water meter	<del>\$32.40</del> <b>34.50</b>
1 ½ inch water meter	<del>\$37.60</del> <b>39.75</b>
<del>2 inch water meter</del>	<del>\$44.72</del> <del>41.10</del>
3 inch water meter	<del>\$51.60</del> <b>54.75</b>
<del>4 inch water meter or larger</del>	<del>\$65.30</del> <del>60.00</del>
Volume Rate Charge:	<del>\$4.85</del> <b>5.15</b> per 1,000 gallons average water usage for months of December, January, and February

**Section IV**  
Compost Site Fee

<u>Residential</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
<u>Non-Residential</u>	<u>\$6.00</u>

Section 3. That pursuant to Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 105 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, the following Table of Rate – Water, per month shall be adjusted commencing **October 1, 2025** until such time the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco find it necessary to amend/revise said rates.

TABLE OF RATES – WATER  
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**Section I**



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Res 1”	–\$36.00 <u>38.50</u>
Res 1 ½”	–\$40.00 <u>42.75</u>
Res 2”	–\$34.65
Rural ¾”	\$40.00 <u>43.02</u>
Rural 1”	–\$34.80
Rural 1 ½”	–\$38.52
Rural 2”	–\$41.58
Comm ¾”	\$38.50 <u>41.25</u>
Comm 1”	\$40.50 <u>43.50</u>
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Comm 2”	–\$38.50
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40,001-60,000..... gallons per month.....	<del>\$4.85</del> <u>5.20</u> per thousand
Over 60,000.....gallons per month.....	<del>\$6.85</del> <u>7.25</u> per thousand

**Water Rate Schedule in Excess of Rural Minimum** – The following rate schedule shall apply to all Village of Ceresco, Nebraska Rural water consumers located outside the corporate limits of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska. Pursuant with Section 7-105, rates paid by rural users shall be 120% of the rate established for resident users. . Any water used per month, the rate charged, in addition to the applicable Minimum Charge shall be:

0-10,000.....gallons per month.....	<del>\$3.24</del> <u>3.48</u> per thousand
10,001-40,000.....gallons per month.....	<del>\$4.50</del> <u>4.80</u> per thousand
40,001-60,000.....gallons per month.....	<del>\$5.82</del> <u>6.24</u> per thousand
Over 60,000.....gallons per month.....	<del>\$8.22</del> <u>8.70</u> per thousand

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**Water Rate Schedule in Excess of Commercial Minimum** – The following rate schedule shall apply to all Village of Ceresco, Nebraska Commercial water consumers located within the corporate limits of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska. Any water used per month, the rate charged, in addition to the applicable Minimum Charge shall be:

0-10,000.....gallons per month.....	<del>\$2.70</del> <b>2.90</b> per thousand
10,001-40,000.....gallons per month.....	<del>\$3.75</del> <b>4.00</b> per thousand
40,001-60,000.....gallons per month.....	<del>\$4.85</del> <b>5.20</b> per thousand
Over 60,000.....gallons per month.....	<del>\$6.85</del> <b>7.25</b> per thousand

Section 4. That the effective date of this Ordinance, after its publication as provided herein, shall be October 1, 2024.

Section 5. That said Table of Rates shall be placed on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska for public inspection.

Section 6. That the Chair and the appropriate Department, whether one or more, of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, are hereby authorized and directed to implement this Ordinance.

Section 7. That all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances passed and approved prior to the passage, approval, and publication of this Ordinance, in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Section 8. That should any section, paragraph, sentence of this Ordinance hereby adopted be declared for any reason be invalid, it is the intent of the Chair and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, that it would have passed all other portions of this Ordinance independent of the elimination here from of any such portion as may be declared invalid.

Section 9. That this Ordinance shall be published within the first fifteen (15) days after its passage and approval either in pamphlet form or by posting in three (3) public places in the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, and shall be in full force and take effect on the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day from and after its passage, approval, and publication, as provided herein.

Section 10. That it is the intention of the Chair and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall not amend the Municipal Code of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska.

WHEREUPON, Board Member Eggleston moved that said Ordinance 2024-7 be approved on its first reading as presented and its title agreed to. Chair Pro Tempore Peterson seconded this motion.

The Chair Pro Tempore 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, Peterson, and Ruble. Nays: none.

WHEREUPON, the Chair Pro Tempore declared said Ordinance 2024-7 be approved on its first reading and its title agreed to and that the second reading of Ordinance 2024-7 be on the next Agenda of a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

WHEREUPON, the Chair Pro Tempore announced that the introduction of Resolutions was in order.

Resolution 2024-10 was discussed. Changes may be needed due to an error in the study. Lindgren noted Hellbusch said some towns are using sales tax to help pay water expenses, instead of increasing rates. Hellbusch doesn't recommend this since water is supposed to be self-sufficient. Tabled.

**Resolution 2024-11 was introduced by Chair Pro Tempore Peterson and is set forth in full as follows, to wit:**

**WHEREAS**, per Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-201, the board of trustees of any village, in addition to other powers granted by law, may by resolution, provide for direct borrowing from a financial institution for financing the construction of improvements, repair or reconstruction of real or personal property, improvements, or infrastructure damaged as a result of a calamity upon a certification in the resolution authorizing the direct borrowing that:

- a. Financing the project through traditional bond financing would be impractical;
- b. Financing the project through traditional bond financing could not be completed within the time restraints facing the village, or
- c. Financing the project through direct borrowing would generate taxpayer savings over traditional bond financing; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to approving direct borrowing, the Board of Trustees shall include in any public notice required for meetings a clear notation that the resolution authorizing direct borrowing from a financial institution will appear on the agenda; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of indebtedness attributable to any year from direct borrowing as provided herein, shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the municipal budget of a village, and said loan shall not be restricted to a single year and may be repaid in installment payments for a term not to exceed five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of any loan which shall be attributable to any year for purposes of the limitation, is the total amount of the outstanding loan balance divided by the number of years over which the loan is to be repaid and the amount of indebtedness from any direct borrowing shall only be measured as of the date of the resolution providing for such direct borrowing is adopted; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Board of Trustees certifies that the direct borrowing of funds through traditional bond financing would be impractical, or not be completed within the time restraints facing the Village funding the Stream Stabilization Project and the water system improvements.
2. Public notice for the meeting at which this resolution was acted upon, was provided and a clear notation that this resolution authorizing direct borrowing from a financial institution did appear on the agenda.
3. The amount of indebtedness for financing \$210,000 at 4% interest rate for a period of five (5) years payable to the CerescoBank of Ceresco, a financial institution within the meaning of Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-201.
4. That said indebtedness does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the municipal budget of the Village attributable for the year in which the resolution is adopted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chair and Clerk shall be authorized to execute all documents required for execution to effectuate the loan herein on behalf of the Village of Ceresco.

**WHEREUPON**, Chair Pro Tempore Peterson moved that said Resolution No. 2024-11 be approved. Board Member Eggleston seconded this motion. No further discussion was required.

The Chair Pro Tempore 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, and Ruble. Nays: none.

**WHEREUPON**, the Chair Pro Tempore declared that the Motion having been approved by a majority of the votes cast, said Resolution 2024-11 is approved and adopted.

Setting a meeting for employee evaluations was discussed. Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm was tentatively set.

Special session update on LB34 was reviewed.

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Peterson moved to adjourn the Regular meeting at 7:37 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Eggleston. Nays; none. Motion carried.

Scott Peterson, Chair Pro Tempore  
Joan Lindgren, Clerk