

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2021

Rupe called the 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 in 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, Ubben, Custer, Ruble and Eggleston. Also present: Scott Peterson, Steve Anderson, Brian Roland, Lynn Maxson and Joan Lindgren.

Ubben moved to approve the January 19, 2021 minutes as presented. Custer seconded. Voting Yes: Custer, Ubben, Ruble, Eggleston and Rupe. No: none. Motion carried.

Roland reviewed 1) Main break on Precinct Road and will be repaired tomorrow. 2) Residents with frozen water pipes. 3) Problem with ice at the wwtp with the cold temperatures. 4) Generator repair at the wwtp and community building. 5) Blower at wwtp. 6) Valve boxes need maintenance. 7) Snow removal.

Anderson reviewed the Police Report 1) Ubben helped repair the Police car. 2) Saunders County Crime Stoppers is looking for a representative from Ceresco to attend monthly meetings. Ubben volunteered to attend the meeting on Thursday. 3) He completed the memorandum of understanding for the Fire Department and Police Department. 4) The traffic incident management system grant was awarded. 5) Repair of the old Police car. There is an electrical draw on the battery. The Board agreed to move forward with repairs. 6) LB51 requirements. 7) New radio system for Saunders County has been pushed back 5 years.

There was no update on the vacant property at 117 Edwin.

The Building Inspector Report was reviewed.

Rupe moved to approve the Building Inspector Report as presented. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yes: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, Custer and Ubben. No: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Discussion held.

Ubben moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Rupe seconded. Voting Yes: Ubben, Rupe, Custer, Ruble and Eggleston. No: none. Motion carried.

Claims were reviewed. **Rupe moved to approve the claims with the additional claims as presented. Ubben seconded. Voting Yes: Rupe, Ubben, Custer, Ruble and Eggleston. No: None. Motion carried. The approved claims are as follows: Advantage Computer \$1,000.00/wat, sew; AFLAC \$268.92/ins; Ameritas \$24.35/ins; BlackStrap \$454.30/st; Bobcat of Omaha \$294.33/st; Bromm, Lindahl, ET Al \$387.50/gen, trash; Card Services \$541.33/st, prk, pol; Cash \$25.44/wat, pol, sew; Baker & Taylor \$205.89/lib; Bomgaars \$72.32/pol; Delta Dental \$136.50/ins; First Bankcard \$1,544.10/st, gen; Frontier Coop \$761.34/fuel; Jackson Services \$129.37/uniforms & mats; JC Cross \$1,891.82/sew; Justin Larson \$72.72/pol; Menards \$76.14/st; Midwest Laboratories \$24.05/sew; Office Depot \$57.98/gen; OPPD \$4,477.18/electricity; Otte Oil & Propane \$1,587.62/propane; Pest Solutions 365 \$60.00/gen; Sam's Club \$60.60/lib; Sandy Tvrdy \$215.00/gen/prk; Staples \$519.98/gen, wat, sew; Ty's Outdoor Power & Service \$464.93/st; U.S. Post Office \$199.00/postage; Verizon Wireless \$173.40/phones; Wahoo/Waverly Adv \$237.76/gen; Wahoo Auto Parts \$196.87/st, sew; Waste Connections of NE \$5,287.57/gar; Windstream \$390.84/phones; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$540.51/sales tax; Payroll Liabilities: American Funds Investment \$517.10; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$540.51; United States Treasury \$4,105.86; Payroll \$15,390.72**

Eggleston moved to approve the Library Minutes. Custer seconded. Voting Yes: Eggleston, Custer, Ruble, Ubben and Rupe. No: none. Motion carried.

Rupe reviewed she has been in contact with Brian Gralheer, the Raymond Central Athletic Director, regarding the rental of the ballfield for high school softball. Valparaiso will continue to host baseball, but not softball. The field will need to be evaluated for updates and modifications once the snow melts. A snow fence will need to be installed so admission can be charged. A temporary fence will need to be added in the outfield. Raymond Central would

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contribute something towards the improvements. April Otto with the CYRA was also contacted and she is 100% for high school softball in Ceresco and is willing to contribute to the improvements. Concessions will not be run by the high school. The town could take on concessions to raise money. Discussion held. The Board agreed to move forward with the ballfield agreement with Raymond Central. Rupe will contact Gralheer and further discussion will be held at the March meeting.

Custer reviewed the town did not get the grant for a splash pad. She also reviewed a meeting with JEO regarding available grants. Discussion held. The Board agreed to contact the original splash pad committee on whether they wish to continue to pursue it. Custer will contact the original splash pad committee.

Ubben moved to approve the Fire Department Report as presented. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yes: Ubben, Eggleston, Ruble, Custer and Rupe. No: none. Motion carried.

Custer reviewed the compost site opening and closing.

The new job description was discussed. Ubben will write a proposed job description for review, and a schedule will be prepared with Roland for training.

The Stream Stabilization Project was reviewed. Lindgren stated a letter needs to be sent to the Corp of Engineers requesting a review of the project. Ruble requested the study be sent to High Plains.

The February agenda and documentation for Board Members was digital, using OneDrive. Rupe suggested using OneNote. Ruble suggested purchasing chromebooks or laptops for Board Members. Discussion held. The Board agreed to continue the digital agenda and documentation, but to table the purchase of chromebooks or laptops until budget.

Lindgren reviewed the QuickBooks program will no longer be supported come May, and asked for an upgrade for a cost of \$399.99.

Rupe moved to approve the upgrade purchase of QuickBooks for \$399.99. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yes: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, Custer and Ubben. No: none. Motion carried.

Lindgren asked about opening the office. It was previously closed to the public due to COVID-19. The Board agreed to open the office.

Lindgren asked for confirmation of the Board Training with Nebraska Rural Water at the next regular meeting. The Board agreed the training would be held from 6-7 PM.

Lindgren asked if employee evaluations were going to be held. Employee evaluations were scheduled for March 11th beginning at 3:30 PM.

Lindgren mentioned her recent online training and the League of Nebraska Municipalities is asking Board Members to read the magazine and correspondence.

Ordinance 2020-10 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: TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Rupe moved that said Ordinance 2020-10 be approved by its third reading and its title agreed to. Board Member Ubben 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, Ubben, Custer, Ruble and Eggleston. Nays: none.

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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. 2020-10, the Chair declared Ordinance No. 2020-10 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 the Clerk attested said signature of the Chair by subscribing her name there to and affixing thereon affixing thereon the seal of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska. The Chair then instructed the Clerk to publish Ordinance No. 2020-10 in the manner required by law, within fifteen (15) days after passage.

The Commercial Lease Agreement with Future Technologies was reviewed.

Rupe moved to approve the Commercial Lease Agreement with Future Technologies. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yes: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, Custer and Ubben. No: none. Motion carried.

Ubben reviewed the speaker system was borrowed and used for the meeting. Discussion held. The borrowed system will continue to be used when available and a microphone stand will be purchased. Purchasing a speaker system will be discussed during budget.

Ceresco Strong was discussed. The Board agreed the Maintenance Subcommittee will handle.

Rupe reviewed the Raymond Central School Board meeting regarding the feasibility study. Rupe recommended the public voice their opinion regarding the retention of the elementary school.

Rupe moved to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Custer seconded. Voting Yes: Rupe, Custer, Ruble, Eggleston and Ubben. No: none. Motion carried.

Toni Rupe, Chair
Joan Lindgren, Clerk