

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 5, 2020

**Peterson called the Emergency Meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Board members had been given agenda and notices were posted at the Village Office, Ceresco Post Office, and CerescoBank. Peterson pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act posted on the wall of the Board Chambers. Answering roll call: Peterson, Hartshorn, Custer, Rupe and Wilson. Also present: Joan Lindgren.**

**Peterson moved to go in to executive session to discuss the employment status of Craig Benes. Wilson seconded.** Discussion held. Hartshorn questioned if Benes needed to be present for the meeting. Lindgren stated on Tuesday afternoon she notified and invited Benes to attend the Emergency meeting, but he didn't know if he'd attend. Rupe stated she has been in contact with the attorney regarding procedures.

**Peterson restated the motion is to go in to executive session to discuss the employment status of Craig Benes. Voting Yes: Peterson, Wilson Rupe and Custer. Abstain: Hartshorn. No: none. Motion carried.**

**Peterson announced the purpose of the executive session is to discuss the employment status of Craig Benes and commences at 4:33 PM.**

**Peterson resumed Regular Session at 4:55 PM from the executive session to discuss the employment status of Craig Benes.**

Peterson stated the Maintenance Subcommittee's recommendation is to terminate employment with Craig Benes effective immediately.

**Hartshorn moved that based on the Maintenance Subcommittee's recommendation, to terminate employment with Craig Benes effective immediately. Wilson seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Wilson, Rupe, Custer and Peterson. No: none. Motion carried.**

The Board agreed to pay Benes' insurance for March. The Maintenance Subcommittee will contact Benes to return Village property and equipment, including a cellphone, uniforms and keys. Benes' final check will be held until all property and equipment is returned.

**Peterson moved to adjourn at 5:08 PM. Custer seconded. Voting Yes: Peterson, Custer, Hartshorn, Rupe and Wilson. No: none. Motion carried.**

**Scott Peterson, Chairman  
Joan Lindgren, Clerk**