

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP  
AUGUST 24, 2020

**Peterson called the Special Meeting/Budget Workshop to order at 5:30 PM. Board members had been given the agenda and supporting documents. Notices were posted at the Village Office, Ceresco Post Office, and CerescoBank. Peterson pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act posted on the wall in the Community Room. Answering roll call: Peterson, Hartshorn, Custer and Rupe. Absent: Wilson. Also present: Kent Speicher and Joan Lindgren.**

**A letter of resignation from Douglas Wilson was reviewed. Hartshorn moved to accept the resignation of Douglas Wilson from the Village Board of Trustees. Peterson seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Peterson, Custer and Rupe. No: none. Motion carried. The vacancy will be posted.**

Kent Speicher with Erickson & Brooks was present to review the 2020-2021 budget worksheets. The unused budget authority has grown. The additional 1% probably isn't needed any longer, but it can only help, and will be included in the budget. The additional 1% helps build the unused budget authority. The total allowable amount is \$531,100.00. The total valuation increased to \$58,138,297, it was \$54,636,791. The General Tax Levy has gone from 24.9 down to 24.5, which is about a 1.32% decrease. The Bond Fund has gone from 28.4 down to 27.4, which is a decrease of 3.49%. The total levy is going 2.48%. The cash balance has decreased over the last 3 years, but Speicher is okay with it, since the Village has under a million dollars of expenditures a year. The cash balances are doing fine. Speicher recommended raising the tax request, so the levy doesn't go down. The equipment purchases, UTV and sprayer, will be moved to general for \$20,000, which will reduce the transfers. The street transfer was reduced. Making sure any unused funds in the Police, Fire and Library budgets carry over to the next year was discussed. The Board agreed to have the maintenance guys repairs the fence at Friendship Park. Funds were budgeted to repair scout hall. Speicher said there is no room in the budget for Small DataTech at this time. It would use up any reserves in the water budget, and he doesn't recommend that. A water rate increase may be needed in a year. Health insurance will be coded separately. The Board agreed to transfer \$20,000 from garbage and compost to sewer. Speicher noted down the road the bond levy could be increased to pay the sewer portion of the bonds, instead of paying it from sewer. Speicher reviewed a new State law passed that changes the way hearings are held. Public Hearings can no longer be part of a Regular Board Meeting. It also states the Budget Hearing shouldn't be the same day as the Regular Meeting. A budget hearing cannot be limited by time. Two Public Hearings were scheduled to begin at 5:45 pm on September 15<sup>th</sup>, followed by the Regular Meeting.

Lindgren reviewed a request from Nick Shearer to have doves or pigeons to train his dog. He is considering Eurasian Collared-doves. Discussion held. The Board approved the request. The fowl Ordinance will be updated to include what types of doves and/or pigeons can be kept.

The Covenants for the Hunter Subdivision were not available for the meeting.

The 2021 Waste, Litter and Scrap Tire Grant was reviewed. Rupe recommended not applying this year.

**Hartshorn moved to approve the purchase of the Laser 201R bill cards w/read date through Advantage Computer Jayhawk Software for \$890.00. Rupe seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Rupe, Custer and Peterson. No: none. Motion carried.**

Employee evaluations were scheduled for Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 PM.

**Peterson moved to adjourn at 7:09 PM. Custer seconded. Voting Yes: Peterson, Custer, Rupe and Hartshorn. No: none. Motion carried.**

Scott Peterson, Chairman  
Joan Lindgren, Clerk