

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORKHOP  
AUGUST 6, 2019

**Peterson called the Special Meeting and Budget Workshop to order at 5:00 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 Board Chambers. Answering roll call: Peterson, Hartshorn, Custer and Rupe. Absent: Wilson. Also present: Tammy Buffington, Carmel Most, PJ Hass, Steve Anderson and Joan Lindgren.**

Tammy Buffington with A+ Brokerage was present to review the health insurance renewal. With two people and not much risk to spread she was not able to get any other companies to quote, except Blue Cross Blue Shield. To renew Network Blue with BCBS, the premium increase is 22.32%. The alternate plan with BCBS will increase the premium 13.75%. Nebraska is limited on the carriers available. The alternate plan is fully funded, meaning the Village can get out of it if another full time employee would be hired or a better and cheaper plan comes along. Discussion held.

**Peterson moved to extend 10 more minutes on the topic of health. Rupe seconded. Voting Yes: Peterson, Rupe, Hartshorn and Custer. No: none. Motion carried.**

The health insurance discussion continued.

**Hartshorn moved to approve Tammy Buffington's recommendation to go with Alternate Plan 1 BCBS Premier Select Blue GPA19P with an annual premium of \$38,386.56. Rupe seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Rupe, Custer and Peterson. No: none. Motion carried.**

Librarian Carmel Most was present to review the Library budget. Budget carryover was discussed.

Assistance Fire Chief PJ Hass was present to review the Fire Department budget. A request to increase the education/training budget by \$2,000 and the communication budget by \$2,000 was discussed. The request in the education/training budget is for additional EMT classes and increase in fire school costs. The increase in communications is due to Saunders County going with a new radio system, if it goes through.

Police Chief Steve Anderson was present to review the Police Department budget. Adding a budget every year for a new car was discussed. The board agreed to have a new body camera purchased from the current budget. Muskrats at the sewer plant were discussed. The Saunders County radio system upgrade shouldn't affect the Ceresco Police.

Budget worksheets were reviewed, and discussion held on the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 budgets.

Propane bids from Frontier Cooperative Company and Otte Oil & Propane were reviewed.

**Hartshorn moved to approve the bid for Otte Oil for the Village propane at \$.8890 a gallon. Rupe seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Rupe, Custer and Peterson. No: none. Motion carried.**

**Resolution 2019-4 was introduced by Board Member Hartshorn and is set forth as follows, to wit:**

WHEREAS, the Village of Ceresco, Saunders County, Nebraska has adopted a Municipal Code, as revised and amended from time to time, to provide for rules and regulations within the municipality and within its one mile zoning jurisdiction to promote the health, safety and general well-being of its inhabitants, and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Ceresco Municipal Code Book, contain rules and regulations regarding licenses, fees and permits for various processes, procedures, and activities, and,

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Village of Ceresco has the authority to set the amount of all fees required for issuance of the licenses, permits, and other activities pursuant to the rules and regulations set out in the Municipal Code, the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations of the Village of Ceresco, Saunders County, Nebraska in a Master Fee Schedule, and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, to amend the Master Fee Schedule pertaining to UTILITIES of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, as follows:

1. That the findings here and above made should be and are hereby made a part of this Resolution as if fully set out at length herein.
2. That the Master Fee Schedule shall be amended as follows:

UTILITIES:

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. 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”	\$ 25.00
Res 1”	\$ 27.00
Res 1 ½”	\$ 30.00
Res 2”	\$ 33.00
Rural ¾”	\$ 30.00
Rural 1”	\$ 32.40
Rural 1 ½”	\$ 36.00
Rural 2”	\$ 39.60
Comm ¾”	\$ 25.00
Comm 1”	\$ 27.00
Comm 1 ½”	\$ 32.00
Comm 2”	\$ 36.00
Comm 3”	\$ 41.00
Comm 4”	\$ 51.00

**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 use less than one thousand (1,000) gallons of water per month shall be charged at the Minimum Charge as specified in Section I hereof.** For water used in excess of one thousand (1,000) gallons per month, the rate charged, in addition to the applicable Minimum Charge shall be:

1,001-10,000.....gallons per month.....	\$2.00 per thousand
10,001-40,000.....gallons per month.....	\$2.80 per thousand
40,001-60,000.....gallons per month.....	\$3.50 per thousand
Over 60,000.....gallons per month.....	\$5.00 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 use less than one thousand (1,000) gallons of water per month shall be charged at the Minimum Charge as specified in Section I hereof.** For water used in excess of one thousand (1,000) gallons per month, the rate charged, in addition to the applicable Minimum Charge shall be:

1,001-10,000.....gallons per month.....	\$2.40 per thousand
10,001-40,000.....gallons per month.....	\$3.36 per thousand
40,001-60,000.....gallons per month.....	\$4.20 per thousand
Over 60,000.....gallons per month.....	\$6.00 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 use less than one thousand (1,000) gallons of water per month shall be charged at the Minimum Charge as specified in Section I hereof.** For water used in excess of one thousand (1,000) gallons per month, the rate charged, in addition to the applicable Minimum Charge shall be:

1,001-10,000.....gallons per month.....	\$2.00 per thousand
10,001-40,000.....gallons per month.....	\$2.80 per thousand
40,001-60,000.....gallons per month.....	\$3.50 per thousand
Over 60,000.....gallons per month.....	\$5.00 per thousand

**Section III**

**Wholesale Service** – The following shall be the rate schedule for the Wholesale Service for water not used for the Village of Ceresco’s purposes:

\$20.00 minimum charge per day for first 1,000 gallons, plus \$5.00 per thousand thereafter.

**Section IV**

The Water Commissioner shall be responsible for determining sales and charges of bulk water from hydrants or wells.

**TABLE OF RATES – SEWER  
 PER MONTH**

**Section I  
 Residential**

A.	Customer Service Base Charge:	\$22.60
B.	Volume Rate Charge:	\$3.40 per 1,000 gallons of average water usage for months of December, January, and February

**Section II  
Non-Residential**

- A. Customer Service Base Charge: (Commercial)
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|---------------------------------|---------|
| 1. ¾ inch water meter           | \$22.60 |
| 2. 1 inch water meter           | \$23.60 |
| 3. 1 ½ inch water meter         | \$28.60 |
| 4. 2 inch water meter           | \$32.60 |
| 5. 3 inch water meter           | \$37.60 |
| 6. 4 inch water meter or larger | \$47.60 |
- B. Volume Rate Charge: \$3.40 per 1,000 gallons  
of average water usage for months of  
December, January, and February

This Master Fee Schedule will take effect on July 4, 2019 in accordance with the passage of Ordinance 2018-1.

**WHEREUPON, Board Member Rupe moved that said Resolution 2019-4 be approved. Board Member Custer seconded this motion. No further discussion was required.**

**The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll and the following was the vote on this motion. Yeas: Rupe, Custer, Hartshorn and Peterson. Nays: none.**

**WHEREUPON, the Chair declared that the Motion having been approved by a majority of the votes cast, said Resolution 2019-4 is approved and adopted.**

**Rupe declared a potential conflict of interest with her husband working for JEO Consulting Group, and any decisions in hiring and dealing with JEO she will abstain.**

**Hartshorn moved to award the contract to JEO for the Laura Lane and Beech Street Construction Project using Option 2, with concrete. Peterson seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Peterson and Custer. Abstain: Rupe. No: none. Motion carried.**

**Custer moved to select JEO as the engineer for the Hunter Subdivision. Peterson seconded. Voting Yes: Custer, Peterson and Hartshorn. Abstain: Rupe. No: None. Motion carried.**

Peterson reviewed issues with the seal coating that was approved, including 1) we would have to do the barricading and rerouting of traffic, 2) Main Street was measured incorrectly, raising the price, 3) to maintain the sealant we would need to clean the salt and sand off after each application, 4) the seal coating is a maintenance program that should be done every 2-5 years. The Board agreed the seal coat project will be cancelled.

The chicken farm being reviewed by the Lancaster Planning Commission was discussed. The meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been changed to September 4<sup>th</sup>. Further discussion will be held at the August meeting.

A budget meeting was set for Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 5:00 PM.

Rupe will attend the second part of the Hazard Mitigation Planning on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Hartshorn moved to adjourn at 8:23 PM. Peterson seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Peterson, Rupe, and Custer. No: none. Motion carried.**

Scott Peterson, Chairman  
Joan Lindgren, Clerk