

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP  
AUGUST 4, 2020

**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 Community Room. Answering roll call: Peterson, Hartshorn, Custer and Wilson. Absent: Rupe. Also present Matthew Bergmeyer and Joan Lindgren.**

**Hartshorn moved to accept the audit agreement from Erickson and Brooks for the annual audit for a price not to exceed \$9,200.00. Wilson seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Wilson, Custer and Peterson. No: none. Motion carried.**

Propane bids from Frontier Cooperative Company and Otte Oil & Propane were reviewed. An email from Randy Birchem of Frontier Coop was reviewed. Hartshorn called Otte Oil and last year's heating season was 8,456 gallons of propane. It was noted the Village purchases all the fuel from Coop. Discussion held.

**Wilson moved to accept the Frontier Coop bid for the 2020/2021 season for .85 cents a gallon, which includes conducting leak checks at no charge. Custer seconded. Voting Yes: Wilson and Custer. No: Peterson. Abstain: Hartshorn. Motion failed.**

**Hartshorn moved to accept the Otte Oil & Propane bid for .819 cents a gallon for the fiscal year 2020/2021. Wilson seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Wilson and Peterson. No: Custer. Motion carried.**

Matthew Bergmeyer of Small Data Tech was present to review the metering system and financing proposal. The financing structure offered through Government Capital remains the same at 3.75% over a 10 year period. Bergmeyer suggested a monthly \$5 technology fee be added to the utility bills to help with the cost. Discussion held. The Board will review further with the water budget.

Bridge assessment reports from Olsson were reviewed. Lindgren reviewed Andy Nordstrom with the County reviewed the reports and came to look at the bridges. Since the bridges are rated 5 and 6, Nordstrom suggested using AQUA Tite a repair mortar that Saunders County uses. The bridge approaches can be asphalted. He also indicated when the rating drops to a 3, inspections will need to be made more frequently.

Budget worksheets for the 2020-2021 fiscal year were reviewed and discussed:

- A. General expenses: 1) Women's restroom, 2) New server, 3) Chromebooks, 4) Community Building doors new/repair, and 5) Community Building flooring.
- B. Street expenses: 1) Remaining costs of Laura Lane & Beech project, 2) Bridge repairs, 3) Street repairs on Main and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street south side of school, 4) UTV and other equipment, 5) Bobcat lease, 6) Hunter Subdivision intersection, and 7) LED street light costs.
- C. Police expenses: 1) AED, purchase in 2019/2020 budget.
- D. Fire Department expenses: 1) Communications increase.
- E. Library expenses: 1) New shed, on concrete.
- F. Park & Rec expenses: 1) Friendship Park improvements, 2) Scout Hall improvements, 3) Batting cage and ballfield improvements, and 4) Rip rap and native grass for Stream Project.
- G. Water expenses: 1) New computer, 2) New door, 3) Well maintenance program, 4) Cash flow, and 5) Small Data Tech.
- H. Sewer expenses: 1) New computer, 2) New door, and 3) Safety devices and gas detector.
- I. Trash expenses: 1) Contract expires December 2020.
- J. Debt Service
- K. Compost site

The Board will meet with the accountant on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM to finalize the budget.

**Peterson moved to adjourn at 8:18 PM. Hartshorn seconded. Voting Yes: Peterson, Hartshorn, Wilson and Custer. No: none. Motion carried.**

Scott Peterson, Chairman  
Joan Lindgren, Clerk