

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 25, 2023

Opening prayer by Custer.

Rupe called the Regular Meeting, which was postponed from April 18, to order at 6:00 PM in the Ceresco Community Room. Board Members had been given the agenda and supporting documents. Notices were posted at 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, Peterson, Custer and Ruble. Eggleston entered the meeting at 6:29 PM. Also present: Rhet Cotter, Tie Hollanasworth, Joseph White, Jennifer Davison, Dustin Gushard, Brian Roland, Lynn Maxson, Tony Hernandez, Chilton Leedom, Lonnie Rech, Andrea Woita and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Rupe moved to approve the March 21, 2023 minutes. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Custer and Peterson. Voting Nays: none. Motion carried.

Custer moved to approve the March 30, 2023 minutes. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Peterson, Ruble and Rupe. Voting Nays: none. Motion carried.

Lindgren reviewed that Kyle Sabatka is unable to attend tonight's meeting and noted he would like to meet with the engineer, M.E. Collins and a board member. A meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Reviewed was a request from Shawn Manion for straight parking lines, instead of an angle, at Grumpy Mugs. Rupe will speak with Manion.

Hernandez and Leedom were present to review the Police Report.

Jennifer Davison was present to report on the library: 1) New librarian has started and needs to get certified. 2) Book sale. 3) Summer reading program. 4) Story time ends this week. 5) Possible adding e-books. 6) Movie airing and license. 6) Back to school celebration. 7) Saturday workshops. 8) After school workshops.

Roland reviewed: 1) ME Collins has fixed the manhole in the Hunter Subdivision. 2) Concerns of the drought and water consumption. The Board agreed to post every other day watering. 3) Lift station maintenance reports show stations are in good condition. 4) Hydrant repair. Two new hydrants are needed and approved. 5) No update on the WWTP roof. 6) Suspended solid review. 7) Progressive Electric quote for community building/fire department generator.

Rupe moved to approve the Progressive Electric generator wiring estimate not to exceed a total cost of \$14,900.00. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Peterson, Custer and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Gushard reviewed: 1) Backhoe lease options and noted Arsen Johnson will push up the compost site for \$100-\$150. Discussion held. Ruble recommended contracting with Johnson for the compost site, keeping the backhoe and lease equipment for projects. 2) Compost site violation problems discussed. 3) MaintainX program discussed.

The Board agreed to keep the Backhoe for now, and contract with Arsen Johnson for pushing up the compost site.

Mosquito spraying was discussed and an Interlocal Agreement from Wahoo was reviewed.

Rupe moved to enter into the Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with the City of Wahoo for mosquito control. Eggleston seconded. Discussion held. A spraying will be scheduled as soon as possible with the Maintenance Subcommittee scheduling future sprayings. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, Custer and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Gushard discussed purchasing a box scraper for the ventrac. Cost is about \$900.00. The Maintenance Subcommittee will review with Gushard.

Part-time help was discussed.

Rupe moved to approve the part-time hiring of Arnie Eivins and Stephanie Taylor for part-time help. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Peterson, Custer and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Purplewave will be contacted to sell the zero turn. Seeding the right-of-way along 3rd Street was mentioned.

Rupe moved to approve the Building Inspector Report as presented. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Peterson, Ruble and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The zoning report was reviewed: 1) A diggers hotline notice was received for 440 E Elm. 2) Drainage at 225 Spruce. Peterson reviewed concerns of drainage from the neighbor's back patio onto 225 Spruce. The neighbor will be contacted regarding the drainage. 3) Pre-construction meeting for the 2nd Phase Hunter Subdivision. 4) More information on Dennis Johnson Subdivision at May meeting. 5) County tower for emergency management.

Peterson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Eggleston, Custer and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Claims were reviewed. Eggleston moved to approve the claims as presented. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Custer, Ruble, Peterson and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried. The approved claims are as follows: AFLAC \$327.12/ins; Ameritas Life \$31.44/ins; Aqua-Chem \$146.75 wat; Blue Cross and Blue Shield \$3,487.67/ins; Bromm, Lindahl, ET AL \$463.00/wat/gen; Capital Arborist \$3,250.00/prk; Cash \$62.76/pol; Ceresco 60+ \$120.00/gen; Ceresco Rural Fire District \$1,785.34/fire; Baker & Taylor \$447.10/lib; Bomgaars \$247.85/st, gen; Delta Dental \$158.19/ins; Eakes \$221.68/gen, prk; First National Bank of Omaha \$680.83/gen, st, prk; Frontier Coop \$566.04/fuel; GE Landscape Supply \$122.25/prk; Helena \$559.12/prk; Husker Lock & Key \$8.50/gen; Iowa Pump Works \$708.00/sew; Jackson Services \$154.63/gen, sew, wat, fire, prk, st; Lawson Products \$221.78/st; MC2 \$2,288.00/sew; Menards \$172.44/st, prk, lib; Midwest Door & Hardware \$5,763.65/wat/gen; Midwest Labs \$215.62/sew; Mumm Heating and Cooling \$170.00/fire; Municipal Supply of Omaha \$1,641.80/wat; Mutual of Omaha \$82.60/ins; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$15.00/wat; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$916.64/sales tax; NDEE \$150.00/Sew; NeRWA \$150.00/wat; Office Depot \$172.36/gen; One Call Concepts \$27.46/wat, sew; OPPD \$4,902.02/electric; Otte Oil & Propane \$2,221.76/fire, gen, st, lib; Pest Solutions 365 \$60.00/gen; Pete Luth \$120.00/wat; Platte Valley Equipment \$158.38/st; Raymond Central \$907.50/gen; Sam's Club \$22.16/lib; Sandy Tvrdy \$325.00/gen; Schutt Electrical and Contracting \$2,210.72/prk, gen, lib; Simons Home Store \$316.04/lib, prk, wat; Small Engine Specialists \$95.34/prk; Southeast Community College Cont Ed \$500.00/fire; Todd Valley Farms \$90.00/wat; Ty's Outdoor Power & Service \$74.88/prk; US Plastic Repair \$250.00/prk; Verizon \$178.29/phones; Wahoo-Waverly-Ashland Newspapers \$158.81/gen, lib; Waste Connections of NE \$5,762.56/trash; Windstream \$393.85/phones; Payroll Liabilities: American Funds Investment \$1,251.70; United States Treasury \$4,762.28; Payroll \$17,707.76

The Tree Board will be planting sumac at 1st & Elm for Arbor Day.

Custer reviewed a request from Shane Jensen to rent the ballfield for games. Andrea Woita was present for the CYRA to review the summer ball program. 1) Over 200 kids and 14 teams age 8 to 14. 2) Four T-Ball teams. 3) Thirty Micro ballers. 4) Concerns of field availability for outside rental. The Board agreed during the CYRA rental period, CYRA should be contacted first for field availability, then the Park & Rec Subcommittee. 5) New scoreboard. 6) New sand for sandbox. 7) Request to add dirt to level out property for a second batting cage. 8) Repairing lights in batting cage. 9) New bristle base plugs. 10) Pouring cement pad for garbage cans. 11) Improvements. Rupe noted the Park & Rec Subcommittee should be contacted for improvements.

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An email from Terry Meyer regarding a meeting for the splash pad was reviewed. Custer noted it was agreed to accept the grant and put the project out for bid in July. Discussion held.

It was noted that Sandy Tvrdy will not be cleaning park restrooms this year. Discussion held.

Eggleston moved to approve the Fire Department minutes as presented. Rupe seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Rupe, Peterson, Custer and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Eggleston reviewed the Personnel Policy Subcommittee decided the best option for the Police wages is to get rid of the Police probationary period until it can be reviewed at budget time. Eggleston also reviewed the new Library Director job description, which was recommended by the Library Board.

Eggleston moved to update the Personnel Policy for the Library Director job description as presented. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Custer, Ruble, Peterson and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Eggleston updated the Board on the Stream Stabilization project. The NRD needs a plan set. An agreement from JEO for the plan set cost proposal was reviewed. The NRD would pay up to 50% of the plan set cost.

Eggleston moved to move forward with the agreement with JEO for the cost proposal as presented. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Custer, Ruble and Peterson. Abstain: Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Clerk report: 1) Tom Bliss with the Southeast Nebraska Development District will be attending the May meeting. 2) A certificate for Sweet Pea Market. 3) An email from the attorney regarding a sign policy was reviewed. No action taken. 4) Request to place a "For" sign up. 5) Wage review for Anderson. Discussion held.

Rupe reviewed the pre-construction meeting held for the 3rd Street Improvements. Ogden has requested a meeting with Rupe and Peterson on Friday regarding the Improvements.

A revised proposal with Thiele Geotech for 3rd Street material testing was reviewed.

Rupe moved to approve Thiele Geotech in the amount of \$3,049.00. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, Peterson and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A letter from JEO regarding the one year warranty being half over for the 2022 Ceresco Bridge Repairs was reviewed.

Lonnie Rech was present to request closing the street in front of the Legion Hall on Memorial Day.

Custer moved to close the street in front of the Legion to the end of the Legion Hall to 1st Street corner on Memorial Day from 8 AM to 1 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Ruble, Eggleston, Peterson and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rech requested the handicap parking lines be repainted.

The LIGHT Health Insurance renewal was reviewed. There is a 4% increase.

Rupe moved to approve the annual increase for the LIGHT health insurance of \$1,535.76. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, Peterson and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-1 now comes on for third reading. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES ARTICLE 2 PARKING, AND IN PARTICULAR, SECTION 4-225 A OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE**

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VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, THEREOF; TO PROVIDE THE ADDITION OF 17. THE SOUTH SIDE OF SPRUCE STREET FROM PRECINCT ROAD TO SPRUCE CIRCLE, 18. THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH 2ND STREET FROM OAK STREET TO THE SOUTH CITY LIMITS (THE GRAVEL ROAD).

WHEREUPON, Board Member Eggleston moved that said Ordinance 2023-1 be approved by its third reading as presented and its title agreed to. Board Member Ruble 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: Eggleston, Ruble, Custer, Peterson and Rupe. Nays: none.

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. 2023-1, the Chair declared Ordinance No. 2023-1 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 affixing thereon the seal of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska. The Chair then instructed the Clerk to publish Ordinance No. 2023-1 in the manner required by law, within fifteen (15) days after passage.

Ordinance 2023-2 now comes on for third reading. **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WAGES AND SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA.**

Discussion held.

WHEREUPON, Chair Rupe moved that said Ordinance 2023-2 be approved by its third reading with the updated wages for the Library Director, Assistant Librarian, Office Assistant at \$16.00, and removing the probationary period for the Police Officers. Board Member Peterson 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, Peterson, Ruble, Custer and Eggleston. Nays: none.

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. 2023-2, the Chair declared Ordinance No. 2023-2 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 affixing thereon the seal of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska. The Chair then instructed the Clerk to publish Ordinance No. 2023-2 in the manner required by law, within fifteen (15) days after passage.

WHEREUPON, the Chair announced that the introduction of Resolution 2023-4 was now in order and is set forth in full as follows, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska has enacted a Municipal Code, and,

WHEREAS, Section 4-216 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, states that:

If the Village Board so designates a parking space, it shall be indicated by posting aboveground and immediately adjacent to and visible from each space a sign which is in conformance with the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*. In addition to such sign, the space may also be indicated by blue paint on the curb or edge of the paved portion of the street adjacent to the space.
(Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-1736, 18-1737) (Ord. No. 92-1, 4/20/92)

and,

WHEREAS, the Chairperson and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, as the

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Village of Ceresco's Governing Body, do desire to adopt this resolution to designate one (1) "handicap parking" space on the east side of 2nd Street at the front door of Grumpy Mugs Coffee House at 413 S 2nd Street in Ceresco, Nebraska.

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

Section 1. That the finding hereinabove made should be and are hereby made a part of this Resolution as fully as if set out in length herein.

Section 2. That the following traffic control device, consisting of one (1) handicap parking space, for the exclusive use of (A) handicapped or disabled persons whose motor vehicles display the distinguishing license plates issued to such individuals, (B) such other handicapped or disabled persons or temporarily handicapped or disabled persons, as certified by the village, whose vehicles display the permit specified in Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-1736, and (C) such other motor vehicles, as certified by the village, which display such permit, twenty four (24) hours per day, every day of the year; shall be placed in the following locations, to wit:

One (1) "handicap parking" spaces on the east side of 2nd Street at the front entrance of 413 S 2nd Street, Grumpy Mugs Coffee House

Section 3. That all traffic control devices, erected pursuant to this Resolution, shall conform with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, adopted by the Nebraska Department of Roads, together with any supplements adopted thereto by the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Section 4. That Village Maintenance Personnel is hereby authorized by the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, to place appropriate traffic control devices on the building located at 413 S 2nd Street for the implementation of the above and to provide for its enforcement upon the erection of said traffic control devices.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall be effective as of the date hereof, and the erection of said traffic control devices, and shall remain in full force and effect until the revocation of this Resolution and/or the removal of said traffic control devices.

WHEREUPON, Chair Rupe moved to approve Resolution 2023-4. Board Member Eggleston seconded this motion. No further discussion was required.

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, Eggleston, Custer, Peterson and Ruble.

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared that the Motion having been approved by a majority of the votes cast, said Resolution 2023-4 is approved and adopted.

General discussion held.

Rupe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Peterson, Custer and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Antonia Rupe, Chair
Joan Lindgren, Clerk