

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 20, 2023

Prayer by Custer.

Rupe called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:59 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. Absent: Eggleston. Also present: Kelsey White, Jason Gehle, Chris Sabatka, Wade Johnson, Lisa Johnson, Peggy Burnette, Nancy Witters, Pat Jicka, Monica Blank and son Owen, Martha Hunter, Jim Hunter, Jim Wilson, Abbie Hudson, Kim Hudson, Darin Isaac, Ryan Isaac, Travis Edwards, Toby Miller, Kim Elley, Mary Maxson, Lynn Maxson, Dustin Gushard, Brian Roland, Tony Hernandez, and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ruble moved to accept the minutes of May 16, 2023. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Peterson, Custer, and Rupe. Voting Nays: none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on proposed trail plan. Rupe reviewed the Planning Commission met on June 15th and Planning Commission member Nelson suggested adjusting the map, spending more time, put together a group to review, and miss out on the money. It was noted the money is available yearly. Rupe also reviewed it would need Board approval by the July Board Meeting along with a resolution to support the 80/20 grant. From there the engineer would become involved with planning and preparing.

There were additional email comments in favor of the trail from individuals unable to attend the meeting. Rupe suggested the Planning Commission put together a group that includes Justin Eggleston as a Board representative.

Kim Nelson spoke in favor of a trail and to move forward. She, along with Marlene Lowell, would be on the committee. Pat Jicka said he is totally against it. Nancy Witters shared concerns of losing her trees and frontage. Peggy Burnette asked how there would be a fair representation.

Rupe noted the Planning Commission needs to put together a group of individuals on both sides. To apply for the funds, a solid recommended plan is needed from the Planning Commission.

Kelsey White voiced concerns of trees being cut down for the trail.

Custer, who attended the Planning Commission meeting, said the map is just a draft and not very concise or accurate.

Toby Miller questioned Nelson why she thinks it's a good idea to have a trail, and asked if sidewalks would be better. Nelson stated she walks every day on the gravel and it is dangerous. Travis Edwards said trails bring people in. Kim Elley said they have had things ruined, vandalized, stolen, and animals killed. Kim Hudson noted there are not sidewalks present in every area, so kids are riding bikes in the middle of the street. Wade Johnson asked if utility easements can be used for the trail. Monica Blank thanked the Board for considering a trail. She feels Ceresco is lacking in things for community members and hopes they can do more for the whole community.

The Board agreed to request the Planning Commission to create a committee for the trail.

Custer reviewed the splash pad progress and is hoping for work to start this fall.

Travis Edwards was present for his Administrative Subdivision Request. Rupe noted the Engineer is recommending the approval of the Administrative Subdivision with conditions, but not to include the moving of the easement. A drainage study is needed, there is cost of the study, and a cost to rewriting the easement. Lindgren noted the easement doesn't need to be part of the Administrative Subdivision and can be moved later. Olsson Associates has been contacted for the drainage study.

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Peterson questioned the proposed setbacks for lot 4. A 25 foot setback is required. Edwards noted the house will be a different shape and will be set as an angle. Lindgren noted the Engineer is suggesting moving only the portion of the easement needed, not across the whole property. The drainage study is needed before moving the easement.

Rupe stated the Planning Commission did recommend approval with the conditions from the Engineer.

Rupe moved to approve the Administrative Subdivision with the conditions listed from the Village Engineer:

1. **All lots meet the minimum width and area standards for the R-3 zoning district. Please note that Lot 4 has a smaller building area due to the drainage easement for the Creek. The dwelling on this lot may need to be unique to meet the minimum 900 square foot area for a single-family dwelling (the house does not have to be square/retinular).**
 - a. **The village will continue to work with the owner on if the easement could be adjusted to improve buildable area on this lot.**
2. **An exhibit showing the distance from existing building(s) to the proposed lot lines is Required. If a building is to be removed, please note that.**
3. **A map showing where existing utilities are located (water and sanitary sewer) with possible connection points.**
4. **The final plat shall remove all references to “administrative plat” and instead note it as a “final plat”. Also need the signature blocks associated with a final plat per Section 3.05 of the subdivision regulations.**

and not to include the easement until the drainage study is confirmed. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Custer, Ruble and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe reviewed the Village isn't in a position right now to join SENDD. It can be reviewed annually, or as there are new Board members or community changes.

The Board reviewed the Police report and Hernandez noted the Police Club event was a success. Kelsey White said she appreciated the event.

Custer moved to approve the Police report. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Ruble, Peterson, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roland reviewed: 1) Waiting for hydrant installation. 2) No update on WWTP roof. 3) No update on generator wiring.

Rupe moved to approve the scheduling of the mosquito control prior to Ceresco Days. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Peterson, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson noted the west light on the Ceresco sign near the highway isn't working and recommended an electrician look at it. Gushard will contact an electrician.

Roland reviewed: 1) Water usage has cut back with the mandatory water restrictions. 2) Generator repair. 3) Backup operator. 4) Beaver dam. 5) Customer calls.

Gushard reviewed: 1) Ball season winding down. 2) Ceresco Days preparation. 3) Part-time help.

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

There was no update on the drainage near 440 E Elm.

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Peterson noted he spoke with the property owner at 221 Spruce, who will correct the drainage on to 225 Spruce.

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

JEO claims of \$12,867.50 were reviewed.

Ruble moved to approve the JEO claims as presented. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Custer, and Peterson. Abstain: Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Claims were tabled to later in the meeting.

The Board reviewed Nick Davison's Eagle Scout Project, which included planting 6 trees.

Maxson reviewed there is a tree near the sand pile that needs to be removed, which Justin Maxson will remove for \$300. The Board agreed to have the tree removed as soon as possible.

Maxson said the 6 trees planted will need to be kept watered. The Tree Board purchased the trees from their budget. The Board agreed the trees should be kept watered.

Custer reviewed the Ceresco Celebration Subcommittee is actually "Celebrate Ceresco", and a motion to change the name is needed for banking purposes.

Rupe moved to change the official name of the Ceresco Days Subcommittee from "Ceresco Celebration Subcommittee" to "Celebrate Ceresco". Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Custer, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Custer reviewed the proposed vacation leave policy. Discussion held and tabled to July meeting.

The proposed catastrophic leave policy was discussed and tabled to July meeting.

A letter from the Lower Platte South NRD approving the funding assistance request for the stream rehabilitation design phase project was reviewed. Discussion held.

The Clerk reviewed: 1) Zero turn mower was sold online by Purple Wave. 2) Dave Henke retirement party.

A letter from the engineer regarding 3rd & Beech was reviewed and tabled.

An email from the engineer noting 3rd Street is expected to open sometime next week was reviewed.

Rupe moved to approve Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$272,754.45. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Custer, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A request to have property corners marked at the Hunter Addition was reviewed. Gushard will be asked to check for anything that might be outside property lines.

A request from Wayne Swanson's daughter, Oliva, to have a benefit on Sunday, August 6 from 3 pm to 7 pm was reviewed.

Custer moved to approve the street closing request for Wayne Swanson's benefit on Sunday, August 6th from 3 to 7 pm, to include: 1) Elm Street from 1st Street to 2nd Street, 2) 1st Street from Elm Street to Oak

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Street, and 3) To use the Park for overflow of cars (similar to Ceresco Day's car show). Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Ruble, Peterson, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Claims were reviewed. Rupe moved to approve the claims as presented. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Custer, Ruble, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried. The approved claims are as follows: AFLAC \$327.12/ins; Amazon Capital Services \$75.95/lib; Ameritas Life \$31.44/ins; Aqua-Chem \$146.75/wat; Blue Cross and Blue Shield \$3,628.60/ins; Bromm, Lindahl, ET AL \$17.50/gen; Capital Arborist Tree Service \$2,678.00/prk; Card Services \$80.33 lib/gen; Ceresco 60+ \$100.00/gen; City of Wahoo \$400.00/gen; Cummins Sales Service \$2,356.77; Midwest Fireworks Wholesalers \$1,500.00/fireworks; Baker & Taylor \$161.80/lib; Bomgaars \$132.35/st, gen, prk; Delta Dental \$158.19/ins; Eakes Office Solution \$451.00; FES \$500.00/gen; Frontier Coop \$798.72/fuel; Great Plains Nursery \$1,260.00/prk; Jackson Services \$154.21/gen, sew, wat, fire, prk, st; John Henry's Plumbing \$235.00/wat; Menards \$44.89/st; Midwest Labs \$239.92/sew; Municipal Supply of Omaha \$1,893.96/wat; Mutual of Omaha \$103.10/ins; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$923.81; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$279.00/wat; Nebraska Safety Council \$372.00/gen; Office Depot \$385.69/gen, lib, pol; OPPD \$4,646.71/electric; Pest Solutions 365 \$60.00/gen; Prague Insurance Agency \$88.00/st; Ramada by Wyndham \$1,859.40/fire; Sam's Club \$302.22/lib, prk, gen, comp; Sandy Tvrdy \$325.00/gen; SS567 University \$225.00/refund; Thiele Geotech \$2,509.00/st; Ty's Outdoor Power \$198.90/prk; USA Blue Book \$313.45/sew; Verizon \$178.29/phones; Wahoo Newspaper \$164.00/gen; Wahoo Auto Parts \$27.87/st; Waste Connections of NE \$5,902.30/trash; Windstream \$392.86/phones; Payroll Liabilities: American Funds Investment \$857.10; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$684.15; United States Treasury \$4,648.44; Payroll \$17,040.44

Custer reviewed a second ballfield request.

Rupe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Kelsey White was present to request wildflowers along her property on the 2nd Street right-of-way, which she has planted butterfly flowers and sunflowers, but are not yet blooming. Discussion was held regarding the Village ordinances on weeds and grasses. Hernandez noted there are no flowers growing currently, and shared concerns of height obstructions being a corner lot. The Board requested White to keep the grass and flowers at 8 inches or less.

Peterson questioned a snow fence being used around a swimming pool. The building inspector will be contacted.

Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Custer, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Antonia Rupe, Chair
Joan Lindgren, Clerk