

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 16, 2023

**Peterson called the Regular Meeting 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. Peterson pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act posted on the wall of the Community Room. Answering roll call: Peterson, Ruble and Eggleston. Rupe entered the meeting at 6:08 PM. Custer entered the meeting at 7:10 PM. Also present: Jennifer Davison, Patty Kettlehut, Lynn Maxson, Dustin Gushard, Brian Roland, Tony Hernandez, Bailey Nesbitt, Kelly Gentrup, Mark Rezac and Joan Lindgren.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Ruble moved to approve the April 25, 2023 minutes. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Eggleston and Peterson. Voting Nays: none. Motion carried.**

A letter from the Save Our Schools group regarding the school bond vote was presented and reviewed.

Hernandez was present to review the Police Report.

Roland reviewed: 1) Well 5 was cleaned and tested back into service. 2) Sewer plant maintenance. 3) Lift station maintenance reports show stations are in good condition. 4) Hydrants have been received and waiting for installation. 5) Contact with M.E. Collins regarding an inlet that was shaved off. 6) Water main didn't have to be lowered on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Improvement Project. 7) No update on WWTP roof. 8) No update on generator wiring. 9) Mosquito spraying is scheduled for Friday morning.

Gushard reviewed part-time help.

Roland reviewed drought concerns and water usage. There was an increase in usage over the weekend.

Gushard reviewed 1) CYRA 2) Shop ready for cleanup day. 3) Library mulch.

Roland reviewed his unused vacation time. Rupe mentioned a co-op agreement with Wahoo. The Personnel Policy Subcommittee will review the policy.

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

*Zoning Administrator Report:* 1) No update on drainage near 440 E Elm. 2) A letter has been sent to the neighbor regarding drainage at 225 Spruce. 3) The engineer is recommending a preliminary meeting regarding the Johnson Subdivision, and Lindgren is requesting to also meet with Edwards on their Administrative Subdivision. A meeting will be scheduled and Eggleston will plan to attend.

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

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

Claims were reviewed. **Ruble moved to approve the claims as presented. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Peterson, Eggleston and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried. The approved claims are as follows: AFLAC \$327.12/ins; AGRIsales \$45.60/prk; Ameritas Life \$31.44/ins; Aqua-Chem \$146.75 wat; Blue Cross and Blue Shield \$3,487.67/ins; Card Services \$395.50 lib/gen; Cash \$78.65/gen,wat,sew,st; Ceresco 60+ \$154.00/gen; Cintas \$59.68/st; Baker & Taylor \$17.82/lib; Bomgaars \$25.98/st; Delta Dental \$158.19/ins; First National Bank of Omaha \$1,222.50/lib, gen, pol, st, prk; Frontier Coop \$745.90/fuel; Helena \$675.00/sew; Jackson Services \$154.27/gen, sew, wat, fire, prk, st; Menards \$91.91/st, prk, lib; Midwest Labs \$228.37/sew; Municipal Supply of Omaha \$7,411.98/wat; Mutual of Omaha \$82.60/ins; OPPD \$4,858.86/electric; Otte Oil & Propane \$1,068.96/fire, gen, st, lib; Sam's Club \$166.23/lib, gen;**

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**Samantha Evans \$75.00/gen; Sandy Tvrdy \$325.00/gen; Shawn Ruble \$75.00/gen; Small Engine Specialists \$105.99/prk; Southeast Library System \$25.00/lib; Tvrdy Services \$508.77/pol; Utility Service \$3,567.43/wat; Verizon \$178.29/phones; Wahoo Utilities \$726.30/wat; Waste Connections of NE \$5,823.52/trash; Windstream \$394.63/phones; Payroll Liabilities: American Funds Investment \$825.92; Nebraska Department of Labor \$69.88; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$1,656.51; United States Treasury \$4,796.14; Payroll \$17,497.43**

The Tree Board planted sumac for Arbor Day.

No further communication has been received regarding LPSNRD Tree Services and Mitigation.

Jennifer Davison and Patty Kettlehut were present to report on the library: 1) Book sale through June 3. 2) Summer reading program starts June 6. 3) Will be part of the parade. 4) Will prepare budget in July. 5) Back to school celebration. 7) E-books will be offered by October. 8) New area for library history and Ceresco history.

**Ruble moved to approve the library report as presented. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Eggleston, Peterson and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Ruble noted there is fire school this weekend.

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

Eggleston reviewed the vacation policy. Discussion held and further discussion will be held at the June meeting.

Eggleston reviewed the cost share for the plan set development was approved by the LPSNRD subcommittee, and he will be attending the board meeting tomorrow night.

Eggleston reviewed a solar camera option for the compost site. Discussion held. The Board agreed for Eggleston to move forward on the purchase.

Change Order No. 2 for the 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Improvements project was reviewed.

**Eggleston moved to approve the Change Order for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Improvements, Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$1,446.07. Rupe seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Rupe, Ruble and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Application for Payment No. 1 for the 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Improvements project was reviewed.

**Ruble moved to pay the Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$89,372.22. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Eggleston, Rupe and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Mark Rezac with Prague Insurance Agency was present to review the Village's insurance for 2023/2024. The commercial property values increased \$600,100.00 or 7%, making total property values \$8,104,200.00. The Commercial General Liability, Employment Practices Liability, Commercial Auto, Inland Marine and the Umbrella all have premium increases. Worker's Compensation has decreased. The total premium now includes a package discount. Terrorism was reviewed and the Board agreed to continue the coverage. The statement of values were reviewed. Discussion held. The skid loader attachments will be added.

**Ruble moved to pay the insurance premium in the amount of \$55,699.00. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Peterson, Eggleston and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Kelly Gentrup with Southeast Nebraska Development District was present to review services and programs available. She noted since Ceresco is not low to moderate income, a lot of Community Development Block grants are eliminated, but there may be other resources available. Rupe questioned funds for small businesses.

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SEND membership year begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. Further consideration will be made at a later date.

Custer entered the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Gentrup noted there are several revolving loan funds. A blight study was questioned for Tax Increment Financing. Nebraska Game and Parks has funds available. Also mentioned were other funding options, membership dues, and how grants are discovered.

Custer reviewed she will have additional information regarding the condition of sidewalks for the June meeting.

Contacting property owners with tall grass/weeds was mentioned.

Propane bids were reviewed.

**Rupe moved to accept the propane bid from Otte Oil & Propane for \$1.20 per gallon. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, Peterson and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Eggleston noted he will be gone for the next meeting.

**Eggleston moved to offer the position for part-time employment to Pete Nacke. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Ruble, Custer, Peterson and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Rupe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Eggleston, Custer and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Antonia Rupe, Chair  
Joan Lindgren, Clerk