

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 21, 2017

Hartshorn called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board members had been given the agenda and supporting documents. Notices were posted at the Village Office, Ceresco Post Office and CerescoBank. Hartshorn pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act posted on the wall of the Board Chambers. Answering roll call: Hartshorn, Peterson, Nelson, Lloyd and Sklenar. Also present: Nate Grasz, Dan Jackson, Jeff Tabor, Doug Swanson, Janice Samuelson, Lynn Maxson, Grace Rittenburg, Brian Roland, Steve Anderson and Joan Lindgren.

Peterson moved to approve the February 21st minutes as presented. Lloyd seconded. Voting Yes: Peterson, Lloyd, Nelson, Sklenar and Hartshorn. No: none. Motion carried.

Nate Grasz, a Policy Director with the Nebraska Family Alliance was present to review the harms of keno to families and businesses. Grasz noted Keno is the 2nd leading cause of gambling addiction in Nebraska according to the State Gamblers Assistance Program.

Dan Jackson of That Place shared his thoughts on Keno and noted that the town would maybe receive \$2,000 a month. Jackson will work on finding a Keno operator.

Hartshorn moved to continue the consideration towards keno with thoughts that it will go to the free election in May 2018. Peterson seconded. Discussion held. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Peterson, Nelson, Lloyd and Sklenar. No: none. Motion carried.

No one was present from the Splash Pad Committee, so it was tabled to the next meeting.

Nelson reviewed there is a one-time setup fee for the mobile app to SOCS. **Nelson moved to approve \$350 for the mobile app setup fee charge. Lloyd seconded. Discussion held. Yes: Nelson, Lloyd, Sklenar and Peterson. No: Hartshorn. Motion carried.**

The Clerk reviewed her conversation with Steve Mika from Saunders County regarding speed bumps or a three-way stop at Precinct Road and Pine. Due to liability concerns, Mika is against the speed bumps. Mika recommended a traffic study for the three-way stop. Lindahl was also contacted and recommended a traffic study. Discussion held. Anderson can contact Highway Safety to use the flashing speed sign. The County will be contacted for the counter.

Peterson moved to get the mobile traffic sign. Nelson seconded. Voting Yes: Peterson, Nelson, Lloyd, Sklenar and Hartshorn. No: none. Motion carried.

Roland reviewed his monthly report and reviewed air compressor bids. Discussion held. **Nelson moved to approve purchase of a new air compressor up to \$2,300.00, for a FS-Curtis 30 gallon, 14 HP Horizontal Gas Air Compressor. Peterson seconded. Voting Yes: Nelson, Peterson, Lloyd, Sklenar and Hartshorn. No: none. Motion carried.**

Roland reviewed maintenance at the WWTP.

Discussion was held on the salt shed roof. **Hartshorn moved to approve Hermance's bid of \$2,250.00 to fix the roof on the salt shed. Lloyd seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Lloyd, Sklenar, Nelson and Peterson. No: none. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on the sprayer that Benes fabricated from scratch. Having Benes fabricate a spreader was discussed. **Nelson moved to approve the use of the remaining sprayer budget up to \$800 to have Benes build a dry spreader system. Peterson seconded. Discussion held. Voting Yes: Nelson, Peterson, Lloyd, and Sklenar. No: Hartshorn. Motion carried.**

Purchasing a pressure washer was discussed. **Hartshorn moved to approve up to \$400 for the purchase of a pressure washer. Lloyd seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Lloyd, Sklenar and Nelson. No: Peterson. Motion carried.**

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Bids for repairing the Ceresco sign were reviewed. Doug Swanson and Janice Samuelson were present to request the date of establishment of 1869 be added to the sign, along with the date of incorporation of 1887. Discussion held. New bids will be obtained for adding both dates, with installation by the Village maintenance employees.

The compost site was discussed. **Hartshorn moved to extend the compost discussion seven minutes. Sklenar seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Sklenar and Lloyd. No: Nelson and Peterson. Motion carried.**

The compost site discussion continued. **Lloyd moved to allow Hartshorn and Nelson as the Compost Security Subcommittee to spend up to \$700.00 for a surveillance system. Nelson seconded. Voting Yes: Lloyd, Nelson, Sklenar, Peterson and Hartshorn. No: none. Motion carried.**

Community building landscaping was discussed. Maxson suggested native grasses. Prices will be obtained for the native grasses. Mulch will also need to be purchased for trees at the park.

Ceresco Clean Up Day was discussed. **Hartshorn moved to set Ceresco Clean Up Day as June 10, 2017. Peterson seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Peterson, Nelson, Lloyd and Sklenar. No: none. Motion carried.**

Roland reviewed meter replacement issues and recommended contracting with a plumber to install the new meters. There are about 300 meters to replace yet. A plumber will be contacted for charges to install the meters, and other towns will be contacted for procedures.

Roland reviewed concerns of heavy equipment traveling on 1st Street, Oak, and 2nd Street, and breaking up the street.

A bid from Kobza Masonry to repair the cracked and damaged mortar joints in the brick walls at the waste water treatment plant was reviewed. Discussion held. **Peterson moved to accept the bid for \$4,760.00 to repair the sewer plant from Don Kobza Masonry. Nelson seconded. Voting Yes: Peterson, Nelson, Lloyd, Sklenar and Hartshorn. No: none. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on the Maintenance Subcommittee. The Board agreed to place the building of the spreader as the higher priority item on the white board. Roland voiced concerns of the maintenance employees writing down their work, and not being trusted. Nelson suggested adding deadlines and due dates to the project lists. Holding the maintenance subcommittee meetings twice a month was discussed. **Peterson moved to have the Maintenance Subcommittee meet twice a month with the employees. Lloyd seconded. Discussion held. Voting Yes: Peterson, Lloyd, Sklenar, Nelson and Hartshorn. No: none. Motion carried.**

A Special Meeting was scheduled for maintenance personnel on Thursday, March 23rd at 4:30 PM.

The Maintenance Subcommittee will work with the employees to schedule crack sealing.

A maintenance want/need list was reviewed.

The alley between the Post Office and CerescoBank was discussed. The property owners will be contacted regarding cost sharing.

Anderson shared the Police Report and noted there have been complaints of unlicensed vehicles and nuisances. The Board agreed to keep the old police car.

Hartshorn moved to extend the meeting for 20 minutes. Sklenar seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Sklenar, Peterson, Nelson and Lloyd. No: none. Motion carried.

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Survey requirements for building permits was discussed.

Hartshorn moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Nelson seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Nelson, Lloyd, Sklenar and Peterson. No: none. Motion carried.

Claims were reviewed. The Clerk reviewed Ameritas purchased Security Life, and will not charge the \$15.00 check fee, so the ACH will not be used. **Peterson moved to approve the monthly claims with the removal of the Security Life claim of \$41.61. Sklenar seconded. Voting Yes: Peterson, Sklenar, Lloyd, Nelson and Hartshorn. No: None. Motion carried.** The approved claims are as follows: A-Team Pest Control \$60.00/pest control; Advantage Computer \$770.000/wat, sew; Ameritas \$166.44/ins; Aqua-Chem \$227.76/chlorine; Blue Cross & Blue Shield \$1,514.07/health ins; Baker & Taylor \$159.17/lib; Bomgaars \$173.75/st, prk; Cash \$31.79/gen, pol, sew; Card Services \$195.51/str, pol; Carmel Most \$17.46/lib; Carquest Auto Parts \$18.68/sew/st; Ceresco 60+ \$114.00/reimbursement; Delta Dental \$194.00/ins; Electronic Engineering \$60.80/fire; FES \$475.00/website; Frontier Coop \$520.09/fuel; Hamilton Equipment \$228.00/prk; Husker Lock & Key \$8.40; Jackson Services \$126.58/uniforms & mats; Menards \$240.89/st, gen, sew; Midwest Labs \$22.70/sew tests; Missouri State Patrol \$12,000.00/pol; NE Public Health Environmental Lab \$187.00/wat tests; NMC Exchange \$6.82/wat; Office Depot Business Credit \$149.37/gen; OPPD \$5,457.32/electricity; Otte Oil & Propane \$723.57/propane; Sam's Club \$235.90/lib, gen, st; Sandy Tvrdy \$215.00/janitor; Schwarz Paper \$311.83/gen, prk; Sid Dillon \$1,273.01/pol; Sunbelt Rentals \$421.77/st; Post Office \$68.00/wat, sew; Verizon \$138.41/phones; Vermeer High Plains \$158.95/gen st; Wahoo Auto Parts \$35.56/gen, st; Wahoo Metal \$115.82/prk; Wahoo Newspaper \$80.37/publishing; Waste Connection \$4,275.43/gar; Windstream \$368.76/phones; NE Department of Revenue \$4,411.38/sales tax(Dec-Feb); AFLAC \$308.76/payroll liability; American Funds Investment \$459.20/payroll liability; NE Dept of Revenue \$514.45/payroll liability; U.S. Treasury \$4,224.44; Other Payroll Liabilities \$727.40; Payroll \$13,934.59

Lynn Maxson of the Tree Board requested a set price to spend on tree replacements. Discussion held. It was agreed to plant two trees this spring, and more in the fall. **Hartshorn moved to approve the purchase of a couple trees up to \$530.00 for the west side of the shelter. Lloyd seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Lloyd, Sklenar, Nelson and Peterson. No: none. Motion carried.**

Hartshorn moved to approve the Library Report as presented. Peterson seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Peterson, Sklenar, Lloyd and Nelson. No: none. Motion carried.

Hartshorn moved to approve the Fire Department Report as presented. Nelson seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Nelson, Lloyd, Sklenar and Peterson. No: none. Motion carried.

Peterson moved to move up the new business. Nelson seconded. Voting Yes: Peterson, Nelson, Lloyd, Sklenar and Hartshorn. No: none. Motion carried.

Nelson moved to approve the Pine Street closure from noon to 3 PM on April 9th for the Covenant Church Easter egg hunt. Peterson seconded. Voting Yes: Nelson, Peterson, Lloyd, Sklenar and Hartshorn. No: none. Motion carried.

No one was present from the Ceresco Days Committee for the liquor license and insurance. Tabled to the next meeting.

The 4th & Beech Street project was reviewed. M.E. Collins will be contacted for details of the asphalt pouring.

Nelson moved to extend the meeting 5 minutes. Lloyd seconded. Voting Yes: Nelson, Lloyd, Sklenar and Hartshorn. No: Peterson. Motion carried.

The Street Subcommittee will look at the drainage concerns on the south corner of Archie and Purdum.

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There was no objection to move Ordinance 2017-1 up on the agenda. Discussion held.

WHEREUPON, the Chair announced that the introduction of ordinances was now in order.

Ordinance 2017-1 was introduced by Chairman Hartshorn and is set forth in full as follows, to wit:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 105 B OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, BY ADDING THERETO A PROVISION AS TO SEWER RATES FOR ON-GOING COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE THERETO; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT, WHETHER ONE OR MORE, OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, ARE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ANY SECTION, CLAUSE, PROVISION OR PORTION FOUND UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR INVALID; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE PUBLISHED WITHIN THE FIRST FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL EITHER IN PAMPHLET FORM OR BY POSTING IN THREE PUBLIC PLACES IN THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, AND SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND AS PROVIDED HEREIN; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE MADE A PART OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA.

WHEREAS, Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 105 B of the Municipal Code of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, pertains to monthly sewer user charges, and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to distinguish between residential and non-residential sewer users and on-going commercial businesses, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, deems it in the best interests of the citizens of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, that said aforementioned Section be amended as set forth herein, and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the findings herein and above made should be and are hereby made a part of this Ordinance as fully as if set out at length herein.

Section 2. That Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 105 B: Rates, of the Municipal Code of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, be amended by its repeal in its entirety and the substitution thereof of a new Section 105 B to read as follows:

SECTION 7-105: RATES

B. Monthly sewer user charges will be based annually on monthly water usage during the previous months of December, January, and February, subject to the following:

1. For residential sewer users:
 - a. If a residential sewer user has not established a monthly sewer user charge, the minimum sewer rate will be used until such time as a rate is established;
 - b. If a residential sewer user has an established monthly sewer user charge, the established monthly sewer charge will be used until such time as a new rate is established.
2. For non-residential (commercial/business) sewer users:
 - a. If a non-residential sewer user is conducting an entirely new business at an existing non-residential establishment or a new non-residential establishment, the minimum sewer rate will be used until such time as a new sewer rate is established;
 - b. If the non-residential sewer user is acquiring an existing non-residential business, the existing sewer user rate for the previous non-residential business will be used until such time as a new sewer use rate is established.

WHEREUPON, Chairman Hartshorn moved that said Ordinance 2017-1 be approved on its first reading and its title agreed to. Board Member Peterson seconded this motion. Yeas: Hartshorn, Peterson, Nelson, Lloyd and Sklenar. Nays: none.

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Ordinance 2017-1 approved on its first reading and its title agreed to and that the second reading of Ordinance 2017-1 be on the next Agenda of a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Pam Lloyd submitted a letter of resignation effective March 31st. The letter will be added to the April agenda.

Peterson moved to adjourn at 9:24 PM. Lloyd seconded. Voting Yes: Peterson, Lloyd, Sklenar and Nelson. No: Hartshorn. Motion carried.

Tim Hartshorn, Chairman
Joan Lindgren, Clerk