

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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**Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board members had been given the agenda and supporting documents, and notices were posted at the Village Office, Ceresco Post Office, and CerescoBank. Nelson pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act posted on the wall in the Board Chambers. Nelson also noted that each agenda item is kept to 15 minutes or less. Answering roll call: Nelson, Hartshorn and Custer. Peterson entered the meeting at 6:32 PM. Absent: Sklenar. Also present: Brian Ubben, Brian Roland and Joan Lindgren.**

The minutes of the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were discussed. Hartshorn asked that we check with the attorney on the state law if the Chairman Pro Tempore can be an authorized signature for checks. Hartshorn also suggested we confirm with the attorney that the May meeting date can be changed. The Board requested written instructions for starting the generators. Power outages and a spending limit policy were discussed.

**Nelson moved to approve the meeting minutes for January 16<sup>th</sup> as presented. Peterson seconded. Voting Yes: Nelson, Peterson and Custer. No: none. Abstain: Hartshorn. Motion carried.**

Water and sewer surveys from Randy Hellbusch with the Nebraska Rural Water Association were reviewed. Randy will be contacted to rework the numbers using the accountant's financial statements. The water subcommittee of Hartshorn and Sklenar will meet with Randy prior to the next board meeting.

Direct deposit was discussed. A cost analysis will be done of mailing the checks vs direct deposit.

Nelson updated the Board on his conversation with Doug McIntosh regarding the Liberty Lawn agreement and chipping the tree pile. McIntosh isn't interested in sharing the cost of chipping, and has a pit where he will burn. The estimated cost for the Village to do the same chemical application as Liberty Lawn is estimated at about \$1,600.00. Discussion held.

**Peterson moved not to enter into the agreement with Liberty Lawn & Landscape. Custer seconded. Voting Yes: Peterson, Custer, Hartshorn and Nelson. No: none. Motion carried.**

Roland reviewed. 1) Electricity problems at the sewer plant, and that he's currently running the generator until the three phase is fixed. 2) Written instructions for the generators will be created and new stickers placed. 3) Problems with the sewer plant freezing. 4) Crack and rubber street sealing. 5) The Climate and Water Institute program on how to prepare for drought. 6) Part time help. 7) Snow removal. 8) Windstream fiber optic project. 9) Wastewater certification for Benes.

**Nelson moved to approve Benes to attend the mechanical wastewater certification training course in Wahoo on August 14-17, as well as, take the test for a total of \$461.60. Peterson seconded. Voting Yes: Nelson, Peterson, Custer and Hartshorn. No: none. Motion carried.**

Discussed was 1) AED Training. 2) NE Mosquito & Vector Control Association and workshops. Nelson mentioned a Spartan Mosquito product. 3) Cat Kennel. Options of what can be used for a cat kennel will be researched. 4) Truck purchase update.

**Nelson moved to approve the police report as presented. Hartshorn seconded. Voting Yes: Nelson, Hartshorn, Peterson and Custer. No: none. Motion carried.**

Brian Ubben was present to review the building inspector report.

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

Claims were reviewed. Hartshorn moved to approve the claims as presented. Nelson seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Nelson, Custer and Peterson. No: None. Motion carried. The approved claims are as follows: Advantage Computer \$725.00/gen; AFLAC \$469.68/insurance; Ameritas Life \$51.78/ins; Blue Cross & Blue Shield \$2,633.08/health ins; Bromm, Lindahl, ET AL \$101.50/gen;

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Card Services \$100.16/st, lib, gen; Cash \$35.73/sew, gen, wat; Ceresco 60+ \$123.00/reimbursement; Baker & Taylor \$16.91/lib; Bomgaars \$10.49/st; Ceresco Volunteer Fire Dept \$22.75/fire; Delta Dental \$228.65/insurance; Erickson & Brooks \$275.00/gen; Frontier Coop \$678.49/fuel; HTR Inc/Klute \$201.20/st; Husker Lock & Key \$46.00/keys; Interstate All Battery \$36.00/fire; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment \$17.90/pol; Jackson Services \$130.98/gen, sew, wat, st, fire, prk; Michael Bartek \$87.95/wat, trsh; Midwest Laboratories \$19.25/sew; Nebraska Public Health Environmental \$49.00/wat; NMC Exchange \$193.60/st; Office Depot \$55.98/pol; OPPD \$5,694.32/electricity; Otte Oil & Propane \$2,566.16/gen, fire, st; Physio Control \$208.92/fire; Robidoux \$68.45/st, sew; Sam's Club \$328.72/lib, gen; Sandy Tvrdy \$215.00/janitor; Shaffer Communications \$70.00/fire; U.S. Post Office \$140.00/postage; Utility Services \$3,213.90/wat tower maint; Verizon \$236.09/phones; Wahoo Newspaper \$143.06/gen; Waste Connections \$4,422.63/gar; Windstream \$382.21/phones; NMC Exchange \$23.20/st; Sandry Fire Supply \$165.25/fire; Schwarz Paper \$116.14/gen; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$2,810.14/sales tax; Payroll Liabilities: American Funds Investment \$520.12; Nebraska Department of Labor \$57.64; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$1,286.02; United States Treasury \$4,192.94; Other Payroll Liabilities \$727.40; Payroll \$14,628.82

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

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

Four bids for mill and overlay on Main Street were reviewed and discussed. Peterson recommended going with Cather Construction. Peterson will contact Cather to confirm the details of the bid.

Nelson moved to extend the meeting 15 minutes. Custer seconded. Voting Yes: Nelson, Custer, Peterson and Hartshorn. No: none. Motion carried.

Copier issues were discussed. Peterson moved to let the Technology Subcommittee spend up to \$400.00 for a new printer and ink. Custer seconded. Voting Yes: Peterson, Custer, Hartshorn and Nelson. No: none. Motion carried.

The Clerk also mentioned her computer may need to be replaced at some point, which will be handled by the Technology Subcommittee.

**WHEREUPON, the Chairman announced that the introduction of Resolution 2018-3 was now in order.** Discussion held.

Resolution 2018-3 was introduced by Chairman Nelson and is set forth in full as follows, to wit: BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska (the "Village") as follows:

Section 1. To correct a clerical error in Resolution 2018-2 pertaining to the date for the next statewide regular election from May 8, 2018 to May 15, 2018.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees finds and determines that:

(a) the Village of Ceresco will submit at the next statewide regular election the question to the qualified electors of the Village of whether or not to lawfully conduct a lottery pursuant to the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §9-601 to 9-653) for community betterment purposes, and,

(b) there has not been submitted to the electors of the Village within the last twenty- four (24) months the question of whether or not the Village should conduct a lottery pursuant to the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act.

Section 3. An election is hereby called to be held in conjunction with the next statewide regular election to

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be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at which there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Village the following proposition:

"Shall the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, be authorized to conduct a lottery pursuant to Nebraska County and City Lottery Act?

Yes

No

Section 4. If a majority of the votes cast upon such question shall be in favor of this question, then the Board of Trustees of the Village shall be empowered to allocate the monies raised by said lottery for community betterment as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §9-604. If a majority of the votes cast upon such question shall be opposed to the Village conducting a lottery pursuant to the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, then the Board of Trustees of the Village shall not conduct said lottery in the Village pursuant to the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act.

Section 5. Notice of said election shall be given to the qualified electors of said Village by publication at least one (1) time each week for three (3) successive weeks prior to such election and a copy of the sample ballot shall be published one (1) time not more than ten (10) days nor less than three (3) days prior to the election, such notice and sample ballot to be published in the Wahoo Newspaper, a newspaper printed and of general circulation in said Village, and the Village Clerk of the Village be and hereby is directed to cause such notice and sample ballot to be published.

Section 6. The Village Clerk of the Village shall be and hereby is authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of Saunders County (the "Election Commissioner"), who shall designate the polling places, appoint the election officials and otherwise conduct the election as provided by law. The Village does hereby agree to reimburse said Election Commissioner for the expenses of conducting the election. As required by Section 32-802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, the Election Commissioner shall provide for publication of the Notice of Election in a newspaper designated by the Election Commissioner no later than forty (40) days prior to the day of said election and such notice shall be posted in the office of the Election Commissioner no later than forty (40) days prior to such date of election.

Section 7. The form of ballot and form of notice of said election shall be substantially in the form submitted at this meeting, a copy of which forms shall be made a part of the Minutes. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, in conjunction with the Election Commissioner conducting the election, to arrange for the printing of the necessary ballots for said election and to do all other things and take all other action appropriate or necessary in order to cause said proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the Village as above provided.

**WHEREUPON, Board Member Hartshorn moved that Resolution No. 2018-3 be approved. Board Member Peterson seconded this motion. The Chair then inquired if any further discussion was required.**

**The Chairman instructed the Clerk to call the roll and the following was the vote on this motion. Yeas: Hartshorn, Peterson, Custer and Nelson. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**WHEREUPON, the Chairman declared that the Motion having been approved by a majority of the votes cast, said Resolution 2018-3 is approved and adopted.**

**WHEREUPON, the Chairman announced that the introduction of Resolution 2018-4 was now in order.**

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Resolution 2018-4 was introduced by Chairman Nelson and is set forth in full as follows, to wit:

WHEREAS, certain municipalities and fire protection districts located in Saunders County, Nebraska desire to enter into an Interlocal cooperation agreement for the creation of a Mutual Finance Organization pursuant to Legislative Bill 1120, 1998;

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization would be in the best interests of all participating members; and

WHEREAS, the members desire to enter into a written Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska:

Section 1. The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization is hereby approved, ratified and accepted, and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, hereby is authorized, directed and empowered to execute the same.

Section 2. The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Mutual Finance Organization shall not establish a separate legal entity, but rather shall be a joint and cooperative undertaking between the members and that a joint board shall be responsible for administering this joint and cooperative undertaking.

**WHEREUPON, Board Member Hartshorn moved that Resolution No. 2018-4 be approved. Board Member Peterson seconded this motion. The Chair then inquired if any further discussion was required.**

**The Chairman instructed the Clerk to call the roll and the following was the vote on this motion. Yeas: Hartshorn, Peterson, Custer and Nelson. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**WHEREUPON, the Chairman declared that the Motion having been approved by a majority of the votes cast, said Resolution 2018-4 is approved and adopted.**

**Nelson moved to approve the closure of Pine Street, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, from 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM on March 25<sup>th</sup> for the Covenant Church Easter egg hunt. Hartshorn seconded. Voting Yes: Nelson, Hartshorn, Custer and Peterson. No: none. Motion carried.**

**Hartshorn moved to approve the Notice of Special Assessment for 112 West Edwin Street, Ceresco, in the amount of \$6,531.77 for a dangerous building/nuisance abatement. Nelson seconded. Voting Yes: Hartshorn, Nelson, Custer and Peterson. No: none. Motion carried.**

Discussed was 1) Changing the May Board meeting. The attorney will be contacted. 2) A phone system with Verizon. 3) An engineer from OPPD may come to the next meeting regarding the power outages.

**Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Hartshorn seconded. Voting Yes: Peterson, Hartshorn, Custer and Nelson. No: none. Motion carried.**

Spencer Nelson, Chairman  
Joan Lindgren, Clerk