

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 16, 2025

Opening prayer by Joan Lindgren.

A meeting of the Chairperson and Village Board of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, was held at the Ceresco Community Room in said Village on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Peterson called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 PM. Advance notice of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting, along with supporting documents were given to the Chairperson and all members of the Board. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting at the Village Office, Ceresco Post Office, and CerescoBank. The Public Hearing for the Liquor License was also posted in the Wahoo Newspaper. Peterson pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act posted on the wall of the Community Room. Answering roll call: Peterson, Burklund, and Ruble. Absent: Custer and Johnson. Also present: Lee States, Miley McCoy, Isabella Hall, Shaelynn Jensen, Karen Kurbis, Marlene Tracy, Tony Hernandez, Chilton Leedom, Ryan Thomas, Jennifer Davison, Amy Reiner, Lynn Maxson, Brian Roland, and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Peterson moved to open the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM for the liquor license request for Route 77, LLC. Burklund seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Burklund, and Ruble. Motion carried.

Lee States was present to review plans for her restaurant Route 77. She noted it will stay a family style restaurant, not a sports bar.

There were no other public comments.

Peterson moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:02 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Burklund moved to approve the Class I Beer, Wine, Spirits on Sale Only AND Catering (Secondary License) liquor license request for Route 77, LLC, located at 305 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Burklund, Peterson, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Ruble moved to accept the minutes for November 18, 2025. Peterson seconded. Burklund noted a grammar error regarding the water maps. Voting Yeas with the grammar correction: Ruble, Peterson, and Burklund. Voting Nays: none. Motion carried.

Burklund moved to approve the minutes for December 3, 2025. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Burklund, Ruble, and Peterson. Voting Nays: none. Motion carried.

The updated NEXTLINK Access and Lease Agreement was discussed. The Village's attorney submitted changes, to which NEXTLINK's attorney made simple grammar edits, and significant changes to the paragraph on Termination, primarily to make it reciprocal.

Peterson moved to use the water and sewer cell phone as the contact number for the NEXTLINK Agreement. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson moved to enter into the Agreement with NEXTLINK as presented. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The accountant will come to the January meeting to present the audit.

Hernandez reviewed the Police Report and noted the radios have been received and the mobile installed in cruiser.

Karen Kurbis with TNR was present to discuss and share concerns of the cat issue in town. She said they have a problem with John Anderson cooperating, so the cats can be taken care of. Discussion held. Hernandez will contact Anderson. Kubis acknowledged Shaelynn Jensen for her assistance with TNR.

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Roland reviewed: 1) New locator purchase. 2) Pump at the WWTP. 3) Making instruction videos and power points. 4) Vrba completed Frontier and Windstream water taps. 5) Well house painted. 6) Well maintenance program.

**Peterson moved to enter into the Agreement for Sargent Drilling for the well and pump testing. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Generator bids were reviewed and tabled.

Roland continued his review: 7) Lead and copper test results for the wells are below recordable limits. 8) Twenty lead and copper sample sites have been approved.

Ruble and Roland reviewed the phone conference with the State regarding the lead and copper samples and testing. Ruble noted the State said we can test out of the requirements with two rounds of six month testing.

Roland noted he, Dustin, and Matt will be attending a wastewater class tomorrow.

The Zoning report was reviewed. Sign permits were discussed. Burklund requested a copy of the sign ordinances.

Updating the Zoning and ETJ map with JEO was discussed.

**Burklund moved to have the Zoning map updated with the maximum payout of \$1,200.00. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Burklund, Ruble, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

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

Burklund requested an updated budget comparison.

Claims were reviewed. **Peterson moved to pay the claims as presented with the additional claims. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Approved claims: AFLAC \$355.68/ins; Amazon Capital Services \$904.43/sew, wat, pol, prk, gen; Ameritas Life Insurance \$26.21/ins; Aqua-Chem \$440.25/wat; BCBS of NE \$3,031.68/ins; Bromm, Lindahl, ET AL \$1,430.50/gen; Brian Roland \$563.50/wat, sew; Card Services \$18.09/gen, wat, sew; CerescoBank Ins \$225.00/gen; Circle H Tire \$897.48/wat, sew; Column \$370.64/gen; Coren Whalen \$75.00/gen; Courtney Polak \$145.38/prk; Delta Dental \$129.03/ins; Dennis Trucking \$260.00/st; Eakes \$73.84/gen; FES \$500.00/gen; FirstWireless \$327.95/pol; FNBO \$30.00/pol; Frontier Coop 216.17/st, prk, pol; Guardian \$27.20/ins; Hergert Oil \$37.49/pol, sew, wat; HOA \$607.50/sew; INGRAM \$18.68/lib; Jackson Services \$160.40/gen, sew, wat, fire; JEO \$4,227.50/sew, wat, st, gen; Macqueen \$7,448.40/fire; Menards \$407.46/st, lib, gen, prk; Midwest Labs \$206.12/sew; Mumm Heating \$723.83/gen; Municipal Supply \$2,811.32/wat; NDEE \$230.00/wat; NE Dept of Rev \$1,437.30/tax; NE Generator \$1,074.71/gen; NE Rural Water \$450.00/wat; Otte Oil \$1,146.26/gen, fir, st; Panhandle EMS \$3,500.00/fire; OPPD \$5,173.45/elec; Platte Valley \$65.26/prk; Sam's Club \$83.66/lib; Sandy Tvrdy \$325.00/gen; Senior Citizen 60+ \$166.00/gen; Steve Tvrdy \$75.00/gen; Subsurface Solutions \$4,899.15/wat, sew; USPS \$868.00/wat, sew; Verizon \$169.86/phones; Vrba \$13,165.03/wat; Wahoo Auto Parts \$198.94/wat, sew; Waste Connections of NE \$7,986.68/trash; Windstream \$431.02/phones; Payroll Liabilities: Payroll \$19,574.98; United States Treasury \$5,266.48; American Funds \$1,071.32; NE Dept of Revenue \$731.14

Jennifer Davison and Amy Reiner were present to introduce the new library director, Ryan Thomas. There were 18 applicants and the Library Board unanimously voted to hire Thomas.

**Peterson moved to approve the Library Board's recommendation to hire Ryan Thomas as the new librarian. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Burklund moved to approve the Celebrate Ceresco minutes. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Burklund, Peterson, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Board communication and state statutes were discussed.

**Ordinance 2025-6 now comes on for third reading. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 ARTICLE 4 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN BY PROVIDING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR STRUCTURES WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN ZONING DISTRICT; BY CHANGING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS AS REQUIRED FOR A FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND RELATED MODIFICATIONS; TO RE-NUMBER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS REGARDING SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS IN THE FLOODPLAIN ZONE;**

**WHEREUPON**, Chairperson Peterson moved that said Ordinance 2025-6 be approved by its third reading 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: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. 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. 2025-6, the Chair declared Ordinance No. 2025-6 to have been duly passed and adopted as an Ordinance of the Village of Ceresco, Saunders County, Nebraska, and the Chair subscribed his 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. 2025-6 in the manner required by law, within fifteen (15) days after passage.

**Ordinance 2025-8 was introduced by Chairman Peterson and is set forth in full as follows, to wit: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WAGES AND SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, APPOINTEES, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA:**

Discussion held on wages for Maintenance Worker II.

**WHEREUPON**, Board Member Burklund moved that said Ordinance 2025-8 be approved upon its second reading with the update of \$16.00 Per Hour for Maintenance Worker II, and its title agreed to. Chairman 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: Burklund, Peterson, and Ruble. Nays: none.

**WHEREUPON**, the Chair declared said Ordinance 2025-8 be approved on its second reading and its title agreed to and that the third reading of Ordinance 2025-8 be on the next Agenda of a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Peterson noted he and Burklund met to review Resolution 2025-5, but he needs to meet with Anderson to review changes.

**WHEREUPON**, the Chair announced that the introduction of Resolution 2025-15 was now in order.

**Resolution 2025-15 was introduced by Chairman Peterson and is set forth in full as follows, to wit:**

**Whereas:** State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2511 through 39-2515 details the requirements that must be met in order for a municipality to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and

**Whereas:** State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each incorporated municipality must annually certify (by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year) the appointment(s) of the City Street Superintendent(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form; and

**Whereas:** The NDOT requires that each certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the city street

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superintendent's appointment, i.e., meeting minutes; showing the appointment of the City Street Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable), and Class of License (if applicable) and type of appointment, i.e., employed, contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another incorporated municipality and/or county), and the beginning of the appointment; and

**Whereas:** The NDOT requires that each such Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include a copy a resolution of the governing body authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent form by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson.

**Be it resolved** that the Village Board Chairperson of Village of Ceresco is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent completed forms(s).

**WHEREUPON, Chairman Peterson moved that said Resolution No. 2025-15 be approved and that Julie A Ogden served as the Village Street Superintendent. Board Member Ruble 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: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none.**

**WHEREUPON, the Chair declared that the Motion having been approved by a majority of the votes cast, said Resolution 2025-15 is approved and adopted.**

**Peterson adjourned Sine Die.**

**Peterson called for nominations for Chairperson.**

**Burklund nominated Scott Peterson for Chair. Ruble seconded.**

**Peterson called for a motion to cease nominations.**

**Burklund moved that nominations cease for Chair. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Burklund, Ruble, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Voting for Scott Peterson as Chairman was Peterson, Burklund and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Peterson called for nominations for Chair Pro Tem.**

**Peterson nominated Dave Burklund. Discussion held. Ruble seconded.**

**Peterson moved to cease nominations for Chair Pro Tem. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Voting for Dave Burklund as Chair Pro Tem was Peterson, Burklund and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Peterson moved to appoint the following:**

**Village Clerk/Treasurer: Joan Lindgren**

**Zoning Administrator: Jody Anderson**

**Deputy Zoning Administrator: Joan Lindgren**

**Police Chief: Tony Hernandez**

**Fire Chief: Tyler Heyen**

**Assistant Chief-Fire: Justin Maxson**

**Assistant Chief-Rescue: Ryan Tvrdy**

**Ruble seconded the appointments. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Peterson moved to appoint the following:  
**Building Inspector: Randy Bower**  
**Assistant Building Inspector: Brad Custer**  
**Village Attorney: Maureen Freeman-Caddy**

**Burklund seconded the appointments. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Burklund, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Peterson moved to appoint the following:  
**Planning Commission (3 year term 2026-2028): Arnie Lowell, Brian Moss, and Kyle Stark**  
**Ruble seconded the appointments. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Peterson moved to appoint the following:  
**Library Board: (2 year term to fill 2025-2026 vacancy), Amy Reiner, and (2 year term 2026-2027) Amanda Ehlers (1 vacancy remains for 2 year term 2026-2027)**  
**Ruble seconded the appointments. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Peterson moved to appoint the following:  
**Tree Board (3 year term 2026-2028): Arnie Lowell and Justin Maxson.**  
**Ruble seconded the appointments. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Peterson moved to appoint the following:  
**Solid Waste Management: Peterson**  
**Water Commissioner: Ruble**  
**Sewer Commissioner: Johnson**  
**Streets Commissioner: Burklund**  
**Parks Commissioner: Custer**  
**Police Commissioner: Peterson**  
**Ruble seconded the appointments. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Peterson moved to appoint the Village Board of Trustees Department Liaisons:  
**Water: Ruble and Burklund**  
**Sewer: Johnson and Peterson**  
**Police: Peterson and Custer**  
**Parks: Custer and Ruble**  
**Streets: Burklund and Johnson**  
**Ruble seconded the appointments. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Peterson moved to appoint:  
**Board of Health: Scott Peterson, Village Chair; Tony Hernandez, Police Chief; and Frank Coughlin, MD.**  
**Board of Health Alternative members: Dave Burklund, Pro Tem; Chilton Leedom, Assistant Police Chief; and Arnie Lowell, Planning Commission Chair.**  
**Ruble seconded the appointments. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Peterson moved to appoint for the Street Superintendent Julie A. Ogden, #S-1320 Class A, from JEO. Ruble seconded the appointment. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson moved to appoint the Village Engineer as JEO. Ruble seconded the appointment. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson moved to appoint for Celebrate Ceresco Brian Roland as President and Charles Sousek as Vice President. Burklund seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Burklund, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson moved to approve the Subcommittees as follows:  
**Maintenance as Peterson and Burklund**  
**Technology as Ruble and Peterson**  
**Community Property Rental as Custer and Burklund**  
**Personnel Policy/Safety as Custer and Johnson**

Street as Burklund and Johnson

**Fire Department Land Subcommittee as Peterson and Burklund  
Liaison for Insurance Claims Regarding Officer Ross Bartlett Accident as Peterson  
Burklund seconded the appointments. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Burklund, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Peterson moved for the Village Office, Ceresco Post Office, CerescoBank, and the Ceresco website as the designated publishing areas. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson moved for the advance time of notice for Regular meetings to be the Friday prior to the Tuesday Regular meeting, and the advance time of notice for Special meetings 24 hours in advance of a Special meeting. Burklund seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Burklund, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson moved to designate CerescoBank and First Northeast Bank of Nebraska as the financial institutions for deposit of Village's funds. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson moved to designate the Wahoo Newspaper as the official newspaper for posting. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Lindgren noted Ogden will not be approving anything with the street project since she isn't an engineer on the project, but the attorney is working on it.

Burklund questioned the playground equipment being anchored. The Board agreed to remove it from the agenda.

Lynn Maxson questioned duties of the engineer, and the maintenance department.

**Burklund moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Burklund, Ruble, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Scott Peterson, Chair  
Joan Lindgren, Clerk