

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REGULAR MEETING
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Opening prayer by Sophia Custer.

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 17th day of December, 2024 at 6:00 PM. Rupe called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 PM. Advance notice of two Public Hearings 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 Hearings for the Final Plat and Annexation were also posted in the Wahoo Newspaper. Rupe pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act posted on the wall of the Community Room. Answering roll call: Rupe, Peterson, Custer, Ruble, and Eggleston. Also present: Krista Zobel, Dale Bohac, Jody Anderson, Tony Hernandez, Arsen Johnson, Dave Burklund, Natalia Swanson, Brian Roland, Dustin Gushard, Lynn Maxson, Cheryl Pester, Gayle Kelly, David Hywood, Charlie Ems, Ernie McClain, CJ Lind, Matt Shantz, Stacey Bryant, Brian Kramer, Dustin Marvel, Justin Maxson, Tyler Heyen, Andrey & Marina Vetsalo and daughter, Brad Northland, and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Rupe moved to open the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM for Annexation to the Village of Ceresco for James and Martha Hunter. A parcel of land being a portion of Tract 4 located in the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Sec. 29, T.13N, R.7E of the 6th P.M., Saunders County, Nebraska. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Custer, Ruble, Eggleston, and Peterson.

There were no comments from the public.

Rupe moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:01 PM. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Peterson, Custer, Ruble, and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe reviewed the Planning Commission has approved the Annexation.

No further discussion.

WHEREUPON, the Chair announced that the introduction of ordinance 2024-10 was now in order and is set forth in full as follows, to wit: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO ANNEX AN AREA LOCATED IN A PORTION OF TRACT 4 IN THE SW1/4 SE1/4 of SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 13N, RANGE 7E OF THE 6th PM SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ORDINANCE CONTAINING A CALCULATED AREA OF 748,185 SQ FT OR 17.18 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, TO THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND BY SAID ANNEXATION, TO MAKE SAID ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE A PART OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHAIR 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 AND SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL, AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND AS PROVIDED HEREIN; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL NOT BE MADE A PART OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA.

WHEREAS, the aforementioned real estate is contiguous or adjacent to the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, as defined by Neb.Rev.Stat. §17-405.02, and,

WHEREAS, said real estate is suburban in character, and,

WHEREAS, the owners of the real estate, James Foster Hunter, III and Martha Anne Watland Hunter, husband and wife, have petitioned the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, to annex the subject real estate into the corporate limits of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, and,

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WHEREAS, hearing was held by the Planning Commission, with notice provided by law of said hearing; and recommendation made by the Planning Commission to the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, hearing has been held by the Board of Trustees and the Board finds that it is in the best interests of the Village of Ceresco that said real estate be annexed to the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska,

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

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

Section 2. That based upon all of the above, that the subject real estate be annexed into the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, and included within the corporate limits of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, to wit: *See Exhibit A attached hereto.*

Section 3. That an accurate map or plat of the real estate, certified by a duly licensed survey, and acknowledged as provided by law, shall at once be filed and recorded in the office of the Saunders County Register of Deeds and the office of the Saunders County Assessor, together with a certified copy of this Ordinance, declaring such annexation under the seal of the Village of Ceresco.

Section 4. That when there are inhabitants of the real estate, said inhabitants shall receive substantially the benefits of the other inhabitants of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, as soon as practical, and adequate plans and necessary Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, action to furnish such benefits as police, fire protection, snow removal, and utility services shall be adopted upon there being inhabitants of the above described real estate.

Section 5. That when there are inhabitants of the real estate, the inhabitants shall be subject to the ordinances and regulations of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska.

Section 6. That the Chair and the appropriate department, whether one or more, of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, are hereby authorized and directed to implement this Ordinance, to include, but not be limited to, the requirement set forth in Section 3 hereof.

Section 7. That should any section, paragraph, sentence or word of this Ordinance hereby adopted be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the Chair and Village Board of the Village of Ceresco that it would have passed all other portions of this Ordinance independent of the elimination herefrom of any such portion as may be declared invalid.

Section 8. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances passed and approved prior to the passage, approval, and publication of this Ordinance, in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Section 9. That this Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form and shall be effective on the fifteenth day from and after its passage and approval, provided it has been published, as aforementioned, within the first fifteen days after its passage and approval.

Section 10. That this Ordinance shall not be made a part of the Municipal Code of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025

VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA

By: _____, Its Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Lindgren, Its Clerk
(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

ANNEXATION PLAT

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 4 LOCATED IN THE SW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SEC. 29, T.13N., R.7E OF THE 6TH P.M., SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SE CORNER OF SAID SE 1/4;

THENCE ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SE 1/4, S87°59'27"W, 1944.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL BEARINGS HEREON ARE RELATIVE THERETO;

THENCE CONTINUING ON SAID SOUTH LINE, S87°59'27"W, 705.55 FEET TO THE SW CORNER OF SAID SE 1/4;

THENCE ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SE 1/4, N01°27'22"W, 1324.98 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 4;

THENCE ON SAID NORTH LINE, N87°57'56"E, 511.59 FEET, TO THE WEST BOUNDARY OF HUNTER ADDITION AS SHOWN AT INST NO 328 IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF SAID COUNTY;

THENCE ON THE WEST AND NORTH BOUNDARIES OF SAID HUNTER ADDITION THE FOLLOWING SIX(6) COURSES:

S02°02'04"E, 130.00 FEET;

S87°57'56"W, 35.82 FEET;

S02°02'04"E, 522.89 FEET;

S16°14'40"E, 119.08 FEET;

S37°57'02"E, 118.99 FEET;

S67°03'20"E, 129.26 FEET TO THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF MARTHA ADDITION AS SHOWN AT INST NO 340 SAID OFFICIAL RECORDS;

THENCE ON THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID MARTHA ADDITION AND THE SOUTH PROLONGATION OF THE WEST BOUNDARY, S02°03'50"E, 405.94 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

CONTAINING A CALCULATED AREA OF 748,185 SQUARE FEET OR 17.18 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

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WHEREUPON, Board Member Peterson moved that said Ordinance 2024-10 be approved on its first 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: Peter, Ruble, Custer, Eggleston, and Rupe. Nays: none.

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Ordinance 2024-10 be approved on its first reading and its title agreed to and that the second reading of Ordinance 2024-10 be on the next Agenda of a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Rupe moved to adjourn the Annexation Hearing at 6:02 PM. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, Custer, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe moved to open the Public Hearing at 6:02 PM for the Final Plat Hunter 1st Addition. A parcel of land being a portion of Tract 4 located in the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Sec. 29, T.13N, R.7E of the 6th P.M., Saunders County, Nebraska, 17.18 Acres more or less. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Peterson, Ruble, and Custer.

Jody Anderson reviewed REGA has asked that the Hearing be tabled to the January 21st meeting because OPPD wants the easements in the front instead of the back, and REGA needs to update the plans.

Rupe moved to recess the Final Plat Public Hearing until January 21, 2025 due to OPPD changing the easement requirements and give REGA time to correct the Final Plat. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Peterson, Custer, Eggleston, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe moved to the Regular Meeting for the completion of old business.

Eggleston moved to approve the minutes for November 19 as presented. Rupe seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Rupe, Peterson, Custer, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Tabled Sidewalk Agreements for 401 Ash, 405 Ash, and 355 Archie were reviewed.

Rupe moved to approve the Sidewalk Agreements for 401 Ash, 405 Ash, and 355 Archie. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, Custer, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Emailing bills was discussed. Tabled until more interest is acquired.

The Solid Waste Contract was reviewed. Lindgren noted the Village's attorney had made a few changes to the contract and has now approved it.

Rupe moved to approve the Solid Waste Contract with Waste Connections as presented. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Custer, Peterson, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The proposed Office Fees/Fines were reviewed.

Rupe moved to approve the Office Fees/Fines to the recommended amounts listed below. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Peterson, Custer, Ruble, and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The proposed Construction Fees were reviewed.

Rupe moved to approve the recommended Fees Schedule in Construction Fees as presented. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Peterson, Custer, Eggleston, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The proposed Permit Fees were reviewed.

Rupe moved to approve the recommended "proposed 2" Fees Schedule for Permit Fees. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, Custer, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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The proposed Zoning Fees were reviewed.

Eggleston moved to recommend the recommended Fee Schedule for Zoning as presented. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Peterson, Custer, Ruble, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Dale Bohac with JEO was present to review the 2023 Well Improvements. 1) The old well was abandoned yesterday according to State regulations. 2) The new submersible pump in the well has been installed by Sargent and will be connected. 3) Still waiting for radium results for blending protocol for the State. 4) Still waiting for electrical components.

Bohac reviewed Change Order #2, which includes: 1) The cost of abandoning the existing well, \$13,516.80. 2) Change of the well completion date from December 15, 2024 to April 15, 2025. Bohac noted the generator is in Omaha, but will not be installed until all electrical for the building is done in one trip. He also noted the mess has been cleaned up.

Rupe moved to approve Change Order #2 as presented. Eggleston seconded. Gayle Kelly, who lives ½ mile east of the well, questioned how the well will handle a severe drought. He doesn't want to run out of water because of the consumption by the Village and asked if there has been a study. Bohac noted in the foreseeable future the volume would fluctuate with the drought and the Village alternates between the 3 wells. Kelly will need to work with the Village if he would see a change in his water volume during a drought. **Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, Custer, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Bohac reviewed the 2024 Water Main Improvements. 1) Eight bids were received and opened yesterday, December 16th. 2) Apparent low bidder is Vrba Construction from Schuyler, but need to work with the Village attorney. 3) There was one bid submitted that at the first glance looked like they were the low bidder, but as it was tabulated into the spreadsheet there was an error in how they inputted in their bid. According to the bid instructions, and to maintain bid integrity for each contractor, Vrba would be the apparent low bidder. The attorney has been contacted. Bauer Construction, who had the error, was contacted to maintain transparency. Bids came under engineer estimates. He recommends advice from the Village's legal counsel.

Ernie McClain from Bauer Construction was present to discuss the bid submitted. He reviewed the instructions to bidders and noted: 1) All group A1 items total \$85,905.69. All group A2 items total \$81,221.45. Total A1 and A2 is \$167,127.14, which they are completely happy with. 2) All group B1 items total \$54,413.41. All group B2 items total \$52,264.64. Total B1 and B2 is \$106,678.05, which they are completely happy with. The tax is covered. 3) They didn't follow standard procedure before it went out. The person filling out the form thought the sales tax information was for informational purposes only. 4) Total overall bid is \$273,805.19. 5) Alternate group B1 numbers were transposed.

Rupe moved to recess awarding the bid until next meeting once the attorney has the opportunity to review the bid. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Peterson, Custer, Ruble, and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Cheryl Pester of Erickson and Brooks was present for the 2023/2024 FY audit.

Pester reviewed the management representation letter and noted under the significant audit findings the Village is: 1) On modified cash. 2) Nothing found that didn't have authoritative guidance. 3) Only estimates are the depreciation in the proprietary funds. 4) No difficulties encountered in audit. 5) Required journal entries. 6) No disagreements with management. 7) Management representation letter request. 8) No other consultations with other independent accountants. 9) No audit findings. 10) Restrictions of use for Village Board and Village management. 11) Good, clean audit and everything went really well. 12) Journal entries. 13) Total net position at September 30, 2024 was just shy of \$4.4 million, which is an increase of \$973,000, which is mostly because of the bond proceeds. 14) Change in net position of Governmental Funds went up \$244,000. 15) The Proprietary Funds went up about \$730,000, which is the bond proceeds of \$875,000 for water fund. 16) General Fund went down \$35,000. 17) Street went up \$197,000, which includes \$104,000 Precinct Road assessment. 18) Debt Service stayed about the same. 19) Park/Rec is a major fund this year because of the stream stabilization project. 20) The other funds went up about \$51,000 total. 21) Water Fund change in net position was about \$770,000, due to the bond proceeds of \$875,000, plus about \$100,000 in capital outlay. 22) JEO fees were reclassified to construction and progress and when the new well is done it will get reclassified and capitalized. 23) Sewer went down about \$31,000. 24) Garbage went down about \$9,000. 25) The Village now has a line of credit. 26) Total bonded debt is about \$2.6 million with the last bond payment in 2045.

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Lindgren asked when the Village could bond next, possibly for the fire department. Pester noted in fiscal year 2030 would be a good time to add a bond.

Pester reviewed the budgetary to actual sheets, street income of \$104,000, park/rec capital outlay for stream stabilization with a line of credit, which will be paid back out of park/rec fund, water fund received the proceeds of \$875,000, which will be paid out of the water fund, with the bond payments being paid out debt service with levied funds. Also noted was a deficiency in segregation of duties due to limited staff. Pester thanked Anderson and Lindgren for their help with the audit and noted they do an excellent job and no errors were found during testing. Lindgren was asked to move the well bond proceeds from debt service to the general fund in the amount of \$827,445.56.

Hernandez reviewed the Police Report and compliance issues at 436 E Elm and plans to site the vehicles by next meeting. To the two Board Members leaving, Hernandez said he appreciated their hard work and commitment to the community and it was a pleasure working with them.

Roland reviewed: 1) Valves and spigots need to be replaced at the well house. 2) 124 Cameron regarding a sewer replacement and street repair responsibility. The Board agreed the street repair expense would be the homeowner's cost, not the Village's.

Rupe reviewed that she and Peterson met with Bower and Gushard regarding the Board's expectations of the operator license and how they anticipate paying for said license being obtained. Once they know how to operate the sewer and they are operating it they will be paid under that license at a different rate. Neither one are at the point they can do that. Bower will get back with Peterson when and if he could dedicate hours every month helping Brian, which would include working on the policy and procedure manual. Gushard will continue to observe and learn as well. The wage will be determined when they are proficient in running the plant. Custer said they did get their certification, studied hard and at home, so maybe there should be some compensation for the certification. She also noted the Village did need a backup and we need them to learn the sewer. Peterson noted he agrees they should get something after they can run it.

Roland reviewed OPPD electrical issues, which he believes is the fifth year in a row. He noted there was a big change over in personnel at OPPD. In the past when OPPD was going to do this work, he would get a call and switch to generator power. In the past had lasted a month. No one told him this time. The CO-OP had problems too. The comminutor kept going down and plugged up the line going into the sewer plant. John Henry had to come out and jet the line. When the power is dirty, the system doesn't see it as power loss and the generator doesn't come on.

Dustin Marvel with OPPD was present to review the electrical issue which started back in 2018 and was storm related. He said they should have called and acknowledged that they failed and it is on them. New folks come in and that message didn't make it to the next guy. Recognizing that, he reassured the Board they are putting the process in their systems. This incident created some interruptions, problems, and more work.

Brian Kramer with OPPD reviewed they were trying to be proactive and make things better with the east substation. November is the best time of the year because load is significantly lower. It got colder than they predicted, and because of that the balancing, switching, and abnormal situation caused some outages and interruptions. The upgrades are done now. They escalated the work and they are in a better position than before. Roland commented when they switched the feed, this is usually when the events start to happen, and asked if that problem is getting fixed? Kramer said they've done some things design wise since 2018 and created new ties between circuits to give resiliency and strength and more abilities to do that. They've undergrounded and replaced some cable that was undergrounded. The system is designed to be good, but when they switched, it wasn't. Roland asked if 3% is the standard. Kramer noted the generators are sensitive and suggested coordination with the requirements of the wwtp equipment to not be as strict. The power quality team gets real time data and will get back with Roland. Roland noted the power quality has been great since it was switched. Kramer asked Roland to notify them if he sees a change in the power quality.

Marvel noted again that they recognize there were some interruptions and expenses, which they can try to file. Stacey Bryant, an OPPD liaison, shared she helps communities like Ceresco with billing or outage needs and can be contacted.

Matt Shantz noted his team monitors the systems 24/7 and dispatches the crews out. Marvel and Shantz both noted

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outages should be reported, even if you think someone else already has. It is best to over report, and the more information they have the more helpful it is to diagnose the problem and send crews to the right spot. They are looking at AMI reporting in the future.

The Board agreed to file a claim with OPPD.

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

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

Lindgren noted 436 E Pine has not come into compliance after the 20 days given at the November meeting.

Rupe moved to cancel the Conditional Use Permit at 436 E. Elm. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Eggleston, Custer, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Custer moved to approve the JEO claim in the amount of \$15,072.25. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Eggleston, Peterson, and Ruble. Nays: none. Abstain: Rupe. Motion carried.

Claims were reviewed. Peterson moved to pay the claims as presented. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Eggleston, Custer, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried. The approved claims are as follows: AFLAC \$327.12/ins; Ameritas Life \$31.44/ins; Baker & Taylor \$446.64/lib; Blue Cross and Blue Shield \$3,046.09/ins; Bomgaars \$74.81/st; Brian Roland \$430.14/wat, sew; Card Services \$58.55/gen, wat; Ceresco 60+ \$292.00/gen; CerescoBank Ins \$225.00/gen; Column Software PBC \$240.24/gen, wat; Delta Dental \$182.76/ins; Fireguard \$1,144.45/fire, lib, pol, gen, sew, st; FNBO \$309.02/lib, gen; Frontier Coop \$56.88/fuel; Fud & Tracy's Plumbing and Heating \$167.50/gen; Hergert Oil \$132.92/pol; IIMC \$195.00/gen; Jackson Services \$159.15/gen, sew, wat, fire, prk, st; John Henry's Plumbing \$2,348.00/sew; Menards \$178.88/st, prk; Michael Todd Industrial \$616.30/st; Midwest Laboratories \$31.55/sew; Mumm Heating and Cooling \$1,207.59/gen, lib; Municipal Supply of Omaha \$138.31/wat; Mutual of Omaha \$114.05/ins; Nebraska Labor Law Poster Service \$89.50/gen; Office Depot \$54.17/gen, st; OPPD \$4,414.50/electric; Otte Oil \$1,118.83/fire, gen, st; Progressive Electric \$211.25/sew; Ron Hajek \$75.00/gen; Sam's Club \$487.91/gen, lib, st, prk; Sandy Tvrdy \$325.00/gen; Schutt Electrical \$415.00/gen, st; Small Engine Specialists \$60.00/prk; Utility Services \$27,364.15/wat; Verizon \$178.86/phones; Waste Connections of NE \$6,027.88/trash; Windstream \$431.37/phones; NDEE \$1,800.00/wat; Merritt Concrete \$9,432.50/st; Merritt Concrete \$8,612.50/st; Payroll Liabilities: American Funds Investment \$1,019.90; Payroll \$17,721.79; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$727.25; United States Treasury \$4,926.60.

Andrey and Marina Vetsalo signed the sidewalk agreement for 405 Ash Street.

Eggleston moved to approve the September 24th Library report as presented. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Peterson, Custer, Ruble, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Eggleston moved to approve the Library report for November 2, 2024 as presented. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Peterson, Ruble, Custer, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Ruble moved to approve the November 12, 2024 Library report as presented. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Peterson, Custer, Eggleston, and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Eggleston moved to approve the November 4, 2024 Fire Department minutes as presented. Rupe seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Rupe, Custer, Peterson, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Tyler Heyen and Justin Maxson were present to discuss a five year fire station plan, and asked the Village to cover engineering costs. Bonding in five years, future plans, costs, and purchasing land was discussed. Further discussion

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held. Burklund asked how much land is needed and the square footage of a building. Heyen will prepare the numbers.

The Celebrate Ceresco minute format was discussed. It is a subcommittee of the Village and will need to be in the proper format with motions.

Eggleston reviewed the Safety Policy.

Rupe moved to approve the updated Safety Policies as presented. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Custer, Peterson, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The sidewalk cost share update was reviewed.

No report for the Walking Trail Subcommittee. Eggleston is interested in staying on the committee.

Rupe moved to approve the final pay application to Gana Trucking in the amount of \$32,256.33. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, Peterson, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Lindgren reported: 1) To save on costs, the Village's QuickBooks program was upgraded from Desktop Pro 2024 to Desktop Enterprise Solutions due to a \$7.00 employee fee charged each payroll. 2) Dental premium increase.

Ordinance 2024-8 now comes on for third reading. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND SECTION 6-103 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, regarding Rural Mail Boxes Prohibited with the exception of new subdivisions.**

WHEREUPON, Board Member Peterson moved that said Ordinance 2024-8 be approved by its third reading and its title agreed to. Chairperson Rupe 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, Rupe, Custer, Ruble and Eggleston. 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. 2024-8, the Chair declared Ordinance No. 2024-8 to have been duly passed and adopted as an Ordinance of the Village of Ceresco, Saunders County, Nebraska, and the Chair subscribed her 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. 2024-8 in the manner required by law, within fifteen (15) days after passage.

Ordinance 2024-9 now comes on for third reading. **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WAGES AND SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, APPOINTEES, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA.**

WHEREUPON, Board Member Eggleston moved that said Ordinance 2024-9 be approved by its third reading as presented and its title agreed to. Chairperson Rupe 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: Eggleston, Rupe, Custer, Ruble and Peterson. 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. 2024-9, the Chair declared Ordinance No. 2024-9 to have been duly passed and adopted as an Ordinance of the Village of Ceresco, Saunders County, Nebraska, and the Chair subscribed her 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. 2024-9 in the manner required by law, within fifteen (15) days after passage.

Rupe adjourned Sine Die.

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Rupe and Eggleston stepped down and newly elected Board Members Dave Burklund and Arsen Johnson took their seats at the Board table. Elected incumbent Shawn Ruble stayed seated.

All Board members and the Clerk/Treasurer took their oath of office.

Peterson moved to appoint Lindgren as Chair Pro Tem for purposes of electing a Chair. Ruble seconded the appointment. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Custer, Johnson, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Lindgren asked for nominations for Chair.

Custer nominated Scott Peterson for Chair. Ruble seconded. No further nominations were made. Voting Yeas: Custer, Ruble, Johnson, Burklund, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried. Lindgren announced Scott Peterson as Chair, and he took over the meeting.

Peterson asked for nominations for the Chair Pro Tem.

Peterson nominated Dave Burklund for Chair Pro Tem.

Peterson moved nominations cease. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Custer, Ruble, Johnson, and Burklund. Motion carried. Peterson announced Dave Burklund as Chair Pro Tem.

Peterson moved to appoint the following:

Village Clerk/Treasurer: Joan Lindgren

Zoning Administrator: Jody Anderson

Deputy Zoning Administrator: Joan Lindgren

Building Inspector: Randy Bower

Assistant Building Inspector: Brad Custer

Police Chief: Tony Hernandez

Fire Chief: Tyler Heyen

Assistant Chief-Fire: Cory Storm

Assistant Chief-Rescue: Ryan Tvrdy

Village Attorney: Maureen Freeman-Caddy

Ruble seconded the appointments. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Johnson, and Burklund. Abstain: Custer.

Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson moved to appoint the following:

Planning Commission (fill 3 year term 2023-2025): Kyle Stark

Planning Commission (3 year term 2025-2027): John Spader, Scott Ohle, Larry Wendt

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

Peterson moved to appoint the following:

Library Board (2 year term 2025-2026): Jodi Sousek, Patty Kettlehut. One vacancy remains. Ruble seconded the appointments. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Burklund, Johnson, and Custer. 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

Village Board of Trustees Department Liaisons:

Water: Ruble and Burklund

Sewer: Johnson and Ruble

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Police: Peterson and Custer
Parks: Custer and Peterson
Streets: Burkland and Johnson

Ruble seconded the appointments. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Burkland, Johnson, and Custer. Nays: none.
Motion carried.

Peterson moved to appoint the following:

Board of Health: Scott Peterson, Village Chair; Hernandez, Police Chief; and Frank Coughlin, MD.

Custer seconded the appointments. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Custer, Burkland, Johnson, and Ruble. Nays: none.
Motion carried.

Peterson moved to appoint the following:

Board of Health Alternative members: Dave Burkland, Pro Tem; Chilton Leedom, Assistant Police Chief; and Arnie Lowell, Planning Commission Chair.

Ruble seconded the appointments. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Custer, Burkland, and Johnson. Nays: none.
Motion carried.

Peterson moved to appoint Julie A. Ogden, #S-1407 Class A, E-9395, from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as the Village's Street Superintendent. Burkland questioned the date of the agreement. Ruble seconded the appointment. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Custer, Burkland, and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson moved to appoint JEO as the Village's Engineer. Ruble seconded the appointment. Burkland questioned
1) If the engineer is bidding what they are doing, or just billing for hours? 2) If the Village does a project, are we getting an estimate? 3) Is the fee on the contract? Lindgren noted there are contracts for each project. Johnson questioned if JEO charged for the estimate? Ruble noted when JEO takes on a project we get the contract with the amount. 4) If it doesn't go to contract what happens? Johnson questioned if we are liable to stick with them for a year? Peterson noted each year we can decide to go with someone else. 5) If there are problems, can the contract be busted in the middle of it? Discussion held. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Custer, Johnson, and Burkland. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson moved to designate the official three posting places at the Village Office, the Post Office and the CerescoBank lobby. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Custer, Johnson, and Burkland. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson moved to designate the Village depositories as CerescoBank and First Northeast Bank of Nebraska. Burkland seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Burkland, Custer, Johnson, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson moved to designate the official newspaper as the Wahoo Newspaper. Ruble seconded. Burkland questioned the use of the Waverly Newspaper, instead of Wahoo. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Johnson, Burkland, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson moved to have the advance time for Regular meetings the Friday prior to the Tuesday Regular meeting. Burkland seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Burkland, Custer, Johnson, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson moved to have the advance time for Special meetings at least 24 hours in advance of the Special meeting. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Custer, Burkland, and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Dog licensing was discussed and will be placed on the January agenda.

The Maintenance Subcommittee was discussed.

Peterson moved to set the Subcommittees as follows:

Maintenance Subcommittee: Peterson and Burkland

Technology Subcommittee: Ruble and Peterson

Community Property Rental Subcommittee: Custer and Burkland

Personnel Policy/Safety Subcommittee: Custer and Johnson

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Street Subcommittee: Burklund and Johnson

Walking Trail Subcommittee: Custer

It was noted that Justin Eggleston will help with the walking trail.

The Interlocal Agreement with Ceresco Rural Fire District was discussed.

Interlocal Agreement with Ceresco Rural Fire District: Johnson and Custer

The Liaison for Officer Ross Bartlett Insurance Claims was discussed and clarified this is for Village Insurance Claims regarding the accident. Peterson recommended Toni Rupe help since she has already been part of it. The Board agreed.

Liaison for Village Insurance Claims Regarding Officer Ross Bartlett Accident: Peterson

Burklund seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Burklund, Ruble, Johnson, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Celebrate Ceresco was discussed. The attorney recommends it be added to the Ordinances. A request for volunteers will be put out. Chair appointment tabled to January meeting.

Burklund moved to approve the Retainer Agreement with Bromm, Lindahl, Freeman-Caddy and Lausterer at \$850.00 per year due on or before December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2025. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Burklund, Custer, Johnson, Ruble, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A Memorandum of Understanding from Nextlink was reviewed. Per Section 8 of the agreement dated January 1, 2021, the decision to extend the Lease has lapsed. Nextlink is requesting to exercise the "Option to Extend" the Lease until December 31, 2025.

Ruble moved to accept the Nextlink agreement as presented. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Peterson, Custer, Johnson, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Final election results from the County were reviewed.

Lindgren reviewed the Sign Permit renewal with the State, and noted the Banner Permit through the State is also being renewed. Burklund noted the lights on the sign are not working and need to be checked.

A bid to repair and install new light pole outlets was reviewed. Another bid will be obtained.

Burklund commented on the school in Ceresco and noted it will only be K-2 next school year. He noted it is the second largest employer in town. Discussion held.

Brad Slaughter with Northland Securities was present to review the company, which does city and public finance around the state. He also noted that Jay Spearman, who has worked with the Village in the past, has left his previous job and has come to work for Northland Securities. He noted Northland Securities is a subsidiary of First National Bank of Omaha and they do work in Iowa, Kansas, Texas, Colorado, the Dakota's, Ohio, Minnesota, and Nebraska.

Lindgren noted with the Water Main Improvements bid award being tabled to January, the first payment may not be due until April/May, and the bond ordinance needs to be approved two months prior.

Burklund comments: 1) The sidewalk on Hunter's. Jody Anderson said it will be on the final plat, and they will request the Village help pay for it. 2) Asked to print one set of the packet for the public. Anderson asked if it could be streamed on the TV. Discussion held. A packet will be available for meetings. 3) Asked for a six month list of what is coming up on the agenda.

Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Custer, Johnson, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Scott Peterson, Chair
Joan Lindgren, Clerk

