

CERESCO VILLAGE BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2023

Opening prayer by Sophia Custer.

A meeting of the Village Board of Ceresco, Nebraska, was held at the Ceresco Community Room in said Village on the 17th day of January, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Rupe called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, CerescoBank and in the Wahoo Newspaper. Rupe pointed out the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall of the Community Room. Answering roll call: Rupe, Peterson, Custer, Ruble and Eggleston. Also present: Cory Storm, Leann Gillispie, Chad Gillispie, Joyce Lewis, Judy Baker, Sue Rousseau, Pat Jicka, Bobby Harris, Calvin Goudette, Jennifer Davison, Patty Kettlehut, Kim Hudson, Jody Anderson, Steven Sosnowski, Tony Hernandez, Brian Roland, Dustin Gushard, Lynn Maxson and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Rupe moved to open the Public Hearing at 6:02 PM for a Conditional Use Permit in the TA Transitional Agriculture District for: Extraction of clays for brick production. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, Custer and Peterson. Nays. None. Motion carried.

Bobby Harris and Calvin Goudette with Glen-Gery were present. Harris noted he and others attended the Planning Commission hearing to answer questions, which he feels they have addressed.

Ruble asked if they have reached out to any emergency services for a plan if anything would happen while at the site. Harris noted it is on the list, and they just filed for an ID with MSHA (Mine Safety and Health Administration).

Ruble asked if they are doing work at the site. Harris noted he will be taking another extraction for testing and will fill the hole back up. He had hoped the conditional use permit would have been issued so the mining could begin. A sediment basin will be put in.

Rupe questioned the review of the conditional use documents. Lindgren noted in the Regular meeting agenda there is a quote from the engineer for the review of these documents. If approved, the engineer plans to have results by the February 9th Planning Commission meeting.

Lindgren reviewed the Planning Commission Public Hearing was recessed and will reconvene on Thursday, February 9th at 6:00 pm to allow the engineer time to review the documents.

Ruble said he was unable to open the documents and asked if there is an environmental impact study included. Harris noted it is part of the documents, as well as a water impact study. Peterson noted there was also a Tiger Beetle study done.

Eggleston moved to recess the Public Hearing because the Planning Commission has not presented its report and recommendation to the Village Board and that the Conditional Use Permit Hearing of the Village Board be continued to February 21st, 6:00 PM for further evidence. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Custer, Ruble, Peterson and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe moved to the Regular meeting agenda items.

Ruble moved to approve the December 20th minutes. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Custer, Peterson, Eggleston and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Hernandez reviewed the Police Report and noted the training hours will be increasing.

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Consideration of no parking on South 2nd Street and a portion of Spruce Street was discussed. Judy Baker and Chad Gillespie both asked: Why now after all these years? Sue Rousseau shared concerns of the consideration. Discussion was held, including parking on the village right-of-way vs. the street, liability, obstructing the road lane, State Statute 60-6,166, emergency vehicles, safety concerns. Leann Gillespie and Pat Jicka asked to have the no parking on the west side where no one parks.

Peterson reviewed he and Gushard went around town and measured streets and the majority streets are already marked for one side of parking. He noted the road narrows and causes a safety issue when cars are parked on the street from Oak to the gravel road and should be no parking on one side. Oak to Pine is wide enough.

A permit for putting gravel down for right-of-way parking was questioned. Digging would require a call to digger's hotline. Also, the water shut-off shouldn't be covered.

Ruble moved to adjust Ordinance 2023-1, line 17 and 18 as outlined in the prohibited parking, changing those from two separate lines to one line of no parking on the west side of South 2nd Street from Oak Street South to the south city limits (the gravel road). Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Eggleston, Custer, Peterson and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Roland reviewed: 1) The PFAS Cost Recovery Program. Randy Hellbusch with Nebraska Rural Water is recommending all communities sign up for the free program. The Board agreed. 2) A water tower condition assessment was reviewed. The level indicator froze during the cold weather and is fixed. 3) White Castle is working with the insurance company on the wwtp roof claim. Also, part of the control box for the generator at the wwtp was damaged during the hailstorm and will need to be submitted to insurance. 4) The wwtp fence is almost done. 5) The current lead times for the well/tower radio system is 6-9 months. 6) The RAS VFD Panel bid was discussed.

Eggleston moved to approve the RAS VFD Panel bid from HOA Solutions in the amount of \$19,742.00. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Ruble, Custer, Peterson and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Eggleston reviewed we should have the well house generator in a month. Plans are to put a concrete pad down to place it on.

Roland will contact Progressive to hook up the generator at the Fire Department/Community Building.

Gushard reviewed: 1) The snow pusher for the bobcat has a couple significant cracks and a replacement is needed soon. The Maintenance Subcommittee will work with Gushard on purchasing a new one. 2) The Ventrac attachments have been received. 3) Scout Hall dividing wall has been removed. Steve Swanson was hired to repair the drywall. Lynn and Mary Maxson have volunteered to paint. Paint will be purchased. An electrician will be hired for the electrical work. 4) NMC completed an oil test on the backhoe and it looked gray. It will be sent in for testing. 5) Purchasing oil and fuel filters, etc. online was requested and approved.

Roland noted there have been issues with kids throwing things down the valve boxes. They had to dig up the street valve because of it. Different types of caps may be looked into. Discussion held.

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

Ruble moved to approve the JEO claim as presented for \$610.00. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Eggleston, Peterson and Custer. Nays: none. Abstain: Rupe. Motion carried.

Claims were reviewed. **Eggleston moved to approve the claims as presented. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Ruble, Custer, Peterson and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried. The approved claims are as follows: AFLAC \$327.12/ins; Ameritas Life \$31.44/ins; Aqua-Chem \$171.75/wat; BlackStrap**

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\$652.00/st; Blue Cross and Blue Shield \$3,487.67/ins; Bromm, Lindahl, ET AL \$850.00/gen; Card Services \$658.82/wat, sew, gen; Cash \$71.56/sew, st, wat; Ceresco 60+ \$164.00/gen; Cintas \$195.15/st, gen, sew; Fireguard \$415.95/pol, gen, st, sew, fire; Baker & Taylor \$10.78/lib; Bomgaars \$141.38/st, wat; Delta Dental \$158.19/ins; Erickson & Brooks \$9,800.00/gen, st, wat, sew; FES \$500.00/gen; First National Bank of Omaha \$1,060.74/lib, st; Frontier Coop \$2,717.37/fuel, propane; GE Landscape Supply \$64.83/wat; Hy-Electric \$679.15/fire; Hydro Optimization & Automation Solutions \$1,927.66/sew, wat; Jackson Services \$154.32/gen, sew, wat, fire, prk, st; Menards \$8.68/wat; Midwest Laboratories \$347.79/sew; Municipal Supply \$700.83/wat; Mutual of Omaha \$165.20/ins; Nebraska Snow Equipment 46.00/st; Office Depot \$364.12/gen, lib; One Call Concepts \$28.64/wat, sew; OPPD \$4,603.76/electric; Otte Oil \$1,098.71/propane; Pest Solutions \$60.00/gen; Sam's Club \$148.42/lib, pol, gen; Sandy Tvrdy \$325.00/gen; Saunders County Clerk \$153.74/gen; Simons Home Store \$10.58/st; Southeast Area Clerks \$20.00/gen; Standard Plumbing Supply \$24.03/sew; Ty's Outdoor Power \$9,222.00/st; U.S. Post Office \$412.00/postage; Verizon \$178.38/phones; Wahoo Newspaper \$18.98/gen; Waste Connections of NE \$5,875.44/trash; Windstream \$396.05/phones; Payroll Liabilities: American Funds Investment \$603.70; Payroll \$17,336.98, Nebraska Department of Revenue \$631.86; United States Treasury \$4,793.22

Maxson noted we won't know the condition of the new trees until spring.

Rupe reviewed a request from the Library Board to increase Esther Jonas' pay to \$15.50 while filling in for the old Librarian.

Rupe moved to approve the wage increase to \$15.50 for Esther Jonas as she is filling in for the old librarian. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Eggleston, Peterson, Custer and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe reviewed the Library Board reviewed Courtney Berry's application to fill in on an on-call basis as needed for \$10.50 an hour.

Rupe moved to approve the hire of Courtney Berry at \$10.50 an hour. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Custer, Ruble, Peterson and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Jennifer Davison, Patty Kettlehut and Kim Hudson were present to request additional information necessary before interviewing applicants for the Library Director. Davison noted there is a vacancy on the Library Board. Discussion held. Requiring a background check, probation time, hours and wage was also discussed. Rupe and Peterson will assist with the interviews and hiring process.

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

Custer reviewed the Daugherty Foundation grant has been applied for. Additional information was requested and provided. They will be coming out next week to look at the park. Custer and JEO are working on finalizing the Community Development Assistance Act. Rupe requested to be informed of meetings.

Ruble commented on Fire Department business.

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

Jody Anderson was present to discuss applying for the Library Director and splitting duties with the Village. This would give her full-time hours. Rupe and Custer recommended she apply.

Rupe moved to approve Lindgren to attend the 2023 Midwinter Conference for a cost up to \$447.00. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas; Rupe, Custer, Ruble, Eggleston and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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An agreement with JEO for permit review assistance for the Glen-Gery clay mine project was reviewed. This cost is the responsibility of Glen-Gery. Discussion held.

Custer moved to approve the Ceresco Permit Review Assistance for the Glen-Gery Clay Mine Project with JEO, to be paid for by Glen-Gery. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Eggleston, Peterson, Ruble and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

It was noted that Glen-Gery is also responsible for the attorney fees.

Ordinance 2023-1 was discussed and tabled to the February meeting.

Rupe noted she may not be at the March meeting.

Ruble mentioned the work being done by Glen-Gery. Peterson mentioned concerns of the land not being restored to its original state.

Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Custer, Ruble, Eggleston and Rupe. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Antonia Rupe, Chair
Joan Lindgren, Clerk