

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2022

Opening prayer by Sophia Custer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited as a group.

**Ubben called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 PM in the Ceresco Community Room. Board Members had been given the agenda and supporting documents, and notices were posted in the Village Office, Ceresco Post Office, CerescoBank and Wahoo Newspaper.**

**Ubben pointed out the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall of the Community Room. Answering roll call: Ubben, Ruble, Eggleston and Custer. Absent: Rupe. Also present: Joe Hanson, Bobby Harris, Ernesto Fuentes - representing the Glen-Gery Brick Co; also, Ceresco citizens present were Pat Jicka, Terry Miller, Toby Miller, and Toni Rupe by phone; Arnie Lowell was present, representing the Village Planning Commission.**

**Eggleston made a motion to open the public meeting at 6:04 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Ruble, Ubben, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Bobby Harris reviewed the Glen-Gery information, giving a comprehensive overview of their proposed clay mining operation. Pat Jicka (public input), Arnie Lowell, and Village board members, all asked several questions and had excellent input to Mr. Harris. The Glen-Gery representatives addressed all questions.

Pat Jicka gave concerns about truck travel. Harris explained how they would travel East from the mining area to County Road 17, then North to County Road A, then left (West) to Hwy 77, then right (North). Mr. Harris was unsure of the number of trucks per day at this time; he said that Glen-Gery would likely gravel the portion of County Road 17, North to County Road A. The mining operation won't run during the winter; Glen-Gery will fence off the operation near the roads on the South and East. Terracon takes care of any emergency spills of gasoline, oil, etc, from equipment; The operation will likely have 4 to 7 employees working at any given time; clean, sediment free water, is the only real byproduct from the operation; their mining process has been researched and approved by the appropriate Federal and State environmental agencies, including MSHA.

No public comment on the parking.

**Ubben made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:53 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Ubben, Ruble, Custer and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

The board discussed the mineral rights amendment and based on legal advice, decided to delay final decision on the provisional use amendment, referring the matter back to the planning commission for their recommendation which will consider Saunders County guidelines and legal input for such a mining operation.

The Village Board will consider the Planning Commission recommendation at a later date.

The Parking code amendment was tabled until the Board's February meeting.

Custer made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Ruble, Eggleston and Ubben. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Brian Ubben, Chair ProTempore  
Sophia Custer, Acting Clerk