

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEE
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021

Ubben called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM in the Ceresco Community Room. Board Members had been given the agenda and supporting documents. Notices were posted in the Village Office, Ceresco Post Office and CerescoBank. Ubben pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act posted on the wall of the Community Room. Answering roll call: Ubben, Custer, Eggleston and Ruble. Rupe was absent from the meeting, but listened on the phone as a citizen. Also present: Sara Sabatka, Terri Dolezal, Surge Deurn, Mark Masek, Arnie Lowell, Brian Roland, Steve Anderson and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ubben opened the public hearing at 6:03 PM to review a Conditional Use Permit request by the Evangelical Covenant Church for a new sign to be placed in Lots 1-5 and 21-22, Blk 6, Original Town, Ceresco. Sara Sabatka was present to review the request. The sign will be placed on the wall, as the old one. It will be slightly bigger, electric and red adjustable scrolling letters.

No one else from the public was present.

Eggleston moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:08 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yes: Eggleston, Ruble, Custer and Ubben. No: none. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission recommendation was to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Evangelical Covenant Church for a new 96" x 46" sign.

Ruble moved to approve the request for the Conditional Use Permit by the Evangelical Covenant Church for a new 96" x 46" sign to be placed in Lots 1-5 and 21-22, Blk 6, Original Town, Ceresco. Custer seconded. Voting Yes: Ruble, Custer, Eggleston and Ubben. No: none. Motion carried.

Eggleston moved to approve the May 18, 2021 minutes. Ruble seconded. Voting Yes: Eggleston, Ruble, Custer and Ubben. No: none. Motion carried.

Three sealed bids for the sale of the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor – VIN #2FAFP71W5XX184456 to be sold "as is" with no catalytic converters attached were received and given to Ubben to open. Bids received were 1) Shawn Ruble for \$400.00, 2) Randy Parde for \$353.00, and 3) Kenneth Kasten for \$300.00.

Ubben moved to accept the sealed bid from Shawn Ruble for \$400 for the police cruiser - 1999 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor – VIN #2FAFP71W5XX184456 to be sold "as is" with no catalytic converters attached. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yes: Ubben, Eggleston and Custer. No: none. Abstain: Ruble. Motion carried.

Nuisance dog breeds were discussed. An ordinance from Prague was reviewed. Ruble noted the American Kennel Club (AKC) is getting away from listing dangerous dog breeds. Discussion held.

Ubben moved to table the item of classification of nuisance dog breeds and dangerous dogs until we receive more information on how to construct the ordinance change. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yes: Ubben, Eggleston, Ruble and Custer. No: none. Motion carried.

Roland reviewed 1) Diffuser has been changed out at the wwtp. 2) Well #4 has been running good. 3). Clean up day. 4). Speed sign. 5). Sewer improvements.

The updated sewer rate study with the 12% increase was reviewed. Discussion held. Ubben noted the 12% increase for water and sewer is critical for the Village's infrastructure. The Board agreed to move forward on the water rate increases over a 2 year period, and the sewer rate increases over a 3 year period. An Ordinance will be prepared for the July meeting. A comparison of the increases will also be prepared.

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Anderson reviewed the Police Report, including: 1) Two stolen trailers with one recovered. 2) Ceresco Days coverage.

Ubben moved to accept the Building Inspector Report dated June 10, 2021. Ruble seconded. Voting Yes: Ubben, Ruble, Eggleston and Custer. No. None. Motion carried.

Surge Deurn with Golden Peak Homes was present. He is purchasing the property at 117 Edwin and plans to build a home. He is also looking at purchasing Lots 1-2 & 10-12 & Part of Lot 3 Block 4 Williams Addition to Ceresco, which is east of Archie Street, to put up two warehouses/shops for his business. Deurn builds homes. This type of business will need a conditional use permit in the zoned area of C-1. Deurn would like to utilize the 16' alley right of way to access the property. Arnie Lowell, President of the Planning Commission was present and spoke in favor of the project. Using the alley right of way was discussed. Lindgren noted an Administrative Subdivision is needed to combine the lots. The Board noted if the Planning Commission approves the conditional use, the Board should be ok with it.

Terri Dolezal with Verizon Wireless was present to discuss the placement of a temporary tower. Currently, Verizon is on the tower south of town. The company that represents Verizon and the landowner are negotiating a renewal. A conditional use permit is required for the tower. Lindgren noted that Verizon needs to prepare an agreement and put down \$400.00 for expenses the Village will incur. Mark Masek, landowner of where the current tower sets, was also present to address any concerns. Discussion held.

Ruble moved to go ahead with the conditional use hearings for Verizon and move forward on the temporary site. Ubben seconded.

Eggleston asked Dolezal what the Village will get for having the tower. Discussion held.

Ubben moved to amend the motion standing by Ruble to include: "and to require a \$400 down payment for costs from Verizon, and their attorney to prepare an agreement." Eggleston seconded. Voting Yes on the amendment: Ubben, Eggleston, Ruble and Custer. No: none. Motion carried.

Discussion held regarding the lease amount.

Voting Yes to the amended motion made by Ruble and seconded by Ubben: "to go ahead with the conditional use hearings for Verizon and move forward on the temporary site and to require a \$400 down payment for costs from Verizon, and their attorney to prepare an agreement." was Ubben, Ruble, Eggleston and Custer. No: none. Motion carried.

Discussion held regarding potential locations for a permanent tower.

A complaint regarding 105 Laura Lane not mowing the right-of-way along Main Street was reviewed. Discussion held. The Maintenance Subcommittee will meet with Gushard and Maxson to discuss. Maxson will be asked to mow as much as he can safely for now.

Ubben reviewed the foam jacking on the north bridge was done and there may be a void under the bridge. About 8 holes were drilled. The bridge came up maybe 1/4 to 3/8 of an inch, but there is still a 2" difference between the approach concrete and the bridge deck. The other option is to have a concrete company give us a bid for 4' back from the bridge to the east.

Ruble reviewed Matt Bower is swamped and cannot give a timeframe when he would be able to get to the women's restroom. Steve with Lee's Wallpaper and Painting will be contacted for an updated bid and timeframe. Ruble will also get a bid.

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The drainage at 300 W Beech Street was discussed. Property owner, Kyle Sabatka, will be asked to attend the next Board meeting.

Custer moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ubben seconded. Voting Yes: Custer, Ubben, Eggleston and Ruble. No: none. Motion carried.

Claims were reviewed. **Custer moved to approve the claims as presented plus the additional claims and the addition of Don's Pioneer Uniforms for \$126.90. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yes: Custer, Eggleston, Ruble and Ubben. No: None. Motion carried.**

The approved claims are as follows: AFLAC \$268.92/insurance; Ameritas Life \$24.35/ins; Aqua-Chem, Inc \$108.23/wat; Baker & Taylor \$132.92/lib; Bobcat of Omaha \$4,500.00/st, wat, sew; Cash \$35.74/sew, st; Midwest Fireworks Wholesalers \$1,500.00/gen; Bomgaars \$73.19/st; Delta Dental \$136.50/ins; Don's Pioneer Uniforms \$305.88/pol; Eakes Office Solutions \$168.61/gen; Fastenal \$18.57/st; FES \$500.00/gen; First Bankcard \$501.68/lib, st, gen, lib, wat; Frontier Coop \$660.51/fuel; Husker Electric Supply \$98.88/fire; Husker Lock \$323.50/prk, gen; Jackson Services \$133.87 uniforms & mats; Liberty Lawn & Landscape \$2,678.00/prk; M.E. Collins \$850.00/st; Menards \$433.83/st, prk, wat, sew; Menards \$18.11/st; Midwest Laboratories \$200.63/sew; Midwest Service and Sales \$19.15/st; Orkin \$80.00/prk; Ramada Inn Midtown \$1,594.45/fire; Municipal Supply of Omaha \$3,225.86/wat, sew; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$262.00/wat; OPPD \$4,118.49/electric; Sam's Club \$255.13/lib; Sandy Tvrdy \$290.00/gen, prk; Saunders County Clerk \$143.91/gen; Sunbelt Rentals \$80.26/sew; Terracon, Inc \$827.00/st; Tillotson \$750.00/st; Verizon \$173.43/phones; Wahoo/Waverly Adv \$185.58/gen; Wahoo Auto Parts \$36.09/st; Waste Connections \$5,332.78/trash; Windstream \$401.21/phones; Zee Medical \$41.50/gen, st; Chase NYC Bank \$12,758.75/bond interest; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$1665.43/sales tax; JEO \$1,556.25. Liabilities: American Funds Investment \$512.54; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$578.09; United States Treasury \$4,050.50; Payroll \$14,793.08

Custer moved to accept the Library Report as presented. Ubben seconded. Voting Yes: Custer, Ubben, Eggleston and Ruble. No. None. Motion carried.

Custer reported on Park/Rec. They are waiting for the right toilet paper to fit in the dispensers, and there is a ball tournament this weekend.

Eggleston moved to approve the minutes of Ceresco Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department from June 7th. Custer seconded. Voting Yes: Eggleston, Custer and Ubben. No: none. Abstain: Ruble. Motion carried.

Abstaining from motions was discussed.

Ubben reviewed Ceresco Strong and the scout hall project, replacement of the diffusers at the wwtp, a draft of the basic maintenance guide for water and wastewater, an automatic gate at the compost site.

Eggleston noted there is already an acknowledgement in the Personnel Policies and it doesn't need to be changed. He also noted the 404 permit has been submitted.

Ruble noted he and Rupe will be meeting with the engineer tomorrow regarding street projects.

Lindgren noted seven building permits have been issued in the Hunter Subdivision, and a preconstruction meeting is scheduled with OPPD tomorrow.

A budget engagement letter for \$3,100.00 from Erickson & Brooks was reviewed.

Eggleston moved to accept the agreement with the accountant from Erickson and Brooks as presented. Ruble seconded. Voting Yes: Eggleston, Ruble, Custer and Ubben. No: none. Motion carried.

Ruble noted he has had a couple people ask about a crosswalk on Main Street for the school kids.

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Custer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yes: Custer, Ruble, Eggleston and Ubben. No: none. Motion carried.

Brian Ubben, Chairman ProTempore
Joan Lindgren, Clerk