

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2021

Rupe called the meeting to order at 6:00 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. Rupe pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act posted on the wall of the Community Room. Answering roll call: Rupe, Ubben, Custer and Eggleston. Ruble entered the meeting at 6:02 PM. Also present: Pat Peterson, Mark Rezac, Lynn Maxson, Justin Maxson, Brian Roland, Steve Anderson and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Eggleston moved to approve the April 20, 2021 minutes. Ubben seconded. Voting Yes: Eggleston, Ubben, Custer and Rupe. No: none. Motion carried.

Rupe moved to approve the April 30, 2021 minutes as presented. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yes: Rupe, Eggleston, Custer and Ubben. No: none. Motion carried.

Nuisance dog breeds were discussed. The Board agreed to update the nuisance dog breed ordinance by removing the breeds and requiring a personality assessment for dogs that are deemed a dangerous dog breed per the American Kennel Club (AKC) need a personality assessment by a veterinarian. Also, mixed breeds will be required to have a personality assessment.

No sealed bids were received for the sale of the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor. The Board agreed to extend the sealed bids to the June 15th meeting and post an additional notice on Facebook.

Ubben moved to repost the sealed bid notice for the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria for the June meeting. Ruble seconded. Voting Yes: Ubben, Ruble, Eggleston, Custer and Rupe. No: none. Motion carried.

Roland reviewed his vacation time. Discussion held. Rupe asked Roland to get Gushard be trained, so he can take a full week off between now and the end of the year.

Rupe moved to allow Roland to carry over his vacation time with the caveat that he will get Dustin trained so he can take a week off in 2021. Ruble seconded. Voting Yes: Rupe, Ruble, Ubben, Custer and Eggleston. No: none. Motion carried.

Roland reviewed 1) Park restrooms are open. 2) Hydrant flushing. 3) Hydrant flushing will need to be started soon. 4) Ubben questioned the electricity increase at the wwtp.

Pat Peterson with Nebraska Rural Water was present to review the water rate study and the sewer rate study prepared by Randy Hellbusch. Recommendation for the first year water rates is to charge for every gallon, instead of giving the first 1,000 gallons free, and to increase rates .50 cents, just to meet the water expenses. The second year increase includes a 12% asset replacement reserve and a rate increase. Ceresco is below the average monthly fee (\$25 compared to \$28.27 average), and the fee per 1,000 gallons (\$1.75 compared to \$2.26 average). Discussion held.

Lindgren noted there was \$700 a month being saved for the sewer improvement fund, but has not been saved after 2014. Recommendation for the first year sewer rates is to increase the minimum by \$2.90, and the volume rate charge by .45 cents per thousand. The second year increase doesn't include an asset replacement reserve and increases the minimum by \$3.00 and the volume rate charge by .60 cents per thousand. Discussion held. The Board asked to have Hellbusch recalculate the rates to include a reserve.

Ubben noted we are waiting for a bid for the bridge repair.

Ruble noted he has spoken with Matt Bower on the women's restroom repairs, and will be meeting with him again.

Correspondence from Ogden regarding 712 W Spruce/Main Street repairs was reviewed. The estimated cost is \$128,000 and will be considered for the 2021/2022 budget.

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Drainage at 300 Beech Street was mentioned. We are waiting for the engineer to meet with VASA.

Anderson reviewed the Police Report, including: 1) Hiring of a new officer 2) Five year plan and grant funding for new radios with the County. 3) Update on a resident complaint on the property at 117 Edwin Street, as well as, correspondence from the property owner's daughter. Discussion held. 4) Properties that haven't mowed. 5) ATV's for Ceresco Days.

Ubben moved to set a time limit of June 1st to have the home at 117 Edwin Street listed by a real estate agency or by owner. Ruble seconded. Voting Yes: Ubben, Ruble, Custer, Rupe and Eggleston. No: none. Motion carried.

Ubben moved to accept the Building Inspector Report dated May 12, 2021. Rupe seconded. Voting Yes: Ubben, Rupe, Custer, Eggleston, and Ruble. No. None. Motion carried.

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

Ubben moved to approve the JEO claim for \$1,440.00. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yes: Ubben, Eggleston, Custer and Ruble. Abstain: Rupe. No: none. Motion carried.

Claims were reviewed. Rupe moved to approve the claims as presented with the additional, and with the change to the Orkin bill from \$160.00 to \$80.00. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yes: Rupe, Eggleston, Ubben, Custer and Ruble. No: None. Motion carried. The approved claims are as follows: AFLAC \$268.92/insurance; Ameritas Life \$24.35/ins; Aqua-Aerobic Systems \$2,573.04/sew; Baker & Taylor \$232.77/lib; Card Services \$813.42/lib, st; Cash \$84.45/sew, pol, gen, st; Carquest \$110.75/sew; Ceresco American Legion Post #244 \$85.00/gen, prk; Bomgaars \$26.98/st; Delta Dental \$136.50/ins; Eakes Office Solutions \$113.63/gen; First Bankcard \$944.17/lib, st, gen, pol, prk, wat, sew; First Wireless \$81.17/fire; Frontier Coop \$698.84/fuel; Gail Arp \$75.00/gen; Laura Isaac \$75.00/gen; Grainger \$352.50/st; Hamilton Equipment \$66.54/lib; Jackson Services \$133.87 uniforms & mats; Menards \$206.63/st, prk; Midwest Laboratories \$111.33/sew; Midwest Service and Sales \$111.15/st; Mumm Heating & Cooling \$85.00/fire; Municipal Supply of Omaha \$680.01/wat; OPPD \$4,549.27/electric; Orkin \$80.00/prk; Otte Oil & Propane \$352.33/propane; Pest Solutions 365 \$60.00/gen; Pomp's Tire Service \$740.80/sew, wat; Prague Insurance \$14.00/st; Sam's Club \$574.97/lib; Sandy Tvrdy \$215.00/gen; Sweet Pea \$42.57/sew/st; Todd Valley Farms \$150.00/wat; U.S. Post Office \$199.00/wat, sew, gen; Utility Service Co \$3,567.43/wat; Verizon \$173.39/phones; Wahoo/Waverly Adv \$132.45/gen; Waste Connections \$5,310.44/trash; Windstream \$400.35/phones; Liabilities: American Funds Investment \$753.86; Nebraska Department of Revenue \$887.03; United States Treasury \$6,327.16; Payroll \$15,031.28

Lynn Maxson, with the Tree Board, reviewed a Tulip tree and a shrub by the score board will need to be replaced.

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

Ball season was mentioned. Lynn Maxson recommended the ballfield be raised after this season. Responsibilities of coaches was mentioned. Discussion held.

Justin Maxson contacted the athletic director from Raymond Central and was told the Ceresco ballfield repairs needed are 1) The backstop overhang. 2) Left field is not enclosed. 3) Proximity to anhydrous.

Fire Chief Justin Maxson was present to discuss the department being part of a Rescue Task Force with Lancaster County. There will be additional training with the sheriff's office. The department is trying to raise money for more vests for the EMT's. He also reviewed 1) AED's are being made available to Lincoln Police, Lancaster County Sheriff, and Game & Parks to carry in their vehicles. 2) Lancaster County dispatching will be by automated voice

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starting Monday. 3) Upgrading two radios at \$5,200.00 each with the MFO money. The Rural Board has approved the purchase of two, and he would like the Village to purchase two, also. Communications is a shared 50/50 expense.

Custer moved to purchase 2 radios for \$5,200.00 each for the Fire Department. Rupe seconded. Voting Yes: Custer, Rupe, Ubben and Eggleston. Abstain: Ruble. No: none. Motion carried.

Custer moved to approve the Fire Department minutes. Ubben seconded. Voting Yes: Custer, Ubben, Rupe, Ruble and Eggleston. Motion carried.

Hiring part time help was discussed.

Eggleston moved to allow the Maintenance Subcommittee to make decisions on hiring part time personnel. Ruble seconded. Voting Yes: Eggleston, Ruble and Custer. Abstain: Ubben and Rupe. No: none. Motion carried.

Ceresco Strong and scout hall improvements were discussed. The west side of scout hall will be repaired for use at Ceresco Days.

The compost site schedule was mentioned.

The code of conduct was reviewed and based on the attorney's review, will not be added. Discussion held. The Personnel Policy was tabled to August.

A bid from the engineer for preparing easement for Hobson Branch cleanout was reviewed. Discussion held. The Board agreed to work off a gentleman's agreement and not obtain permanent easements.

Ubben noted a new lid for 1st & Main was purchased from Collins and will be installed by the maintenance department.

The entrance of 3rd & Hunter has been poured. Ubben noted the road is not in good shape.

Lindgren updated the Board on: 1) The Hunter Subdivision - survey pins were set, five more building permits will be coming in. 2) To attend a board meeting virtually, the whole Board needs to be virtual due to COVID-19, not just one member.

Mark Rezac with Prague Insurance Agency was present to review the Village's insurance for 2021/2022. The commercial property cost has increased due to the Board's request in December to increase the value of the maintenance building, fire training building and water tower. Worker's Compensation has decreased. Rezac mentioned Legislation being considered to increase life insurance for volunteer fire fighters from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Terrorism was reviewed and the Board agreed to continue the coverage.

Rupe moved to approve the purchase of the insurance for \$44,888.00. Ruble seconded. Voting Yes: Rupe, Ruble, Eggleston, Ubben and Custer. No: none. Motion carried.

A proposal from American Towers was reviewed. Discussion held. There was no interest in the proposal.

The wire transfer agreement with CerescoBank was reviewed.

Rupe moved to update the wire transfer agreement with CerescoBank. Eggleston seconded. Voting Yes: Rupe, Eggleston, Ruble, Custer and Ubben. No: none. Motion carried.

The Saunders County Visitors Promotion/Improvement Committee was reviewed. Custer was serving on the Committee, but her term is expired.

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Rupe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yes: Rupe, Ruble, Ubben, Custer and Eggleston. No: none. Motion carried.

Antonia Rupe, Chair
Joan Lindgren, Clerk