

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP  
AUGUST 9, 2022

Opening prayer by Sophia Custer.

**Rupe called the Special 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 at 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, Ruble and Eggleston. Also present: Kelsey White, Travis Edwards, April Edwards, Serge Derun, Justin Maxson and Joan Lindgren.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Rupe reviewed that she and Eggleston met with two Police Chief candidates. Discussion held.

**Rupe appointed Tony Hernandez as Police Chief. Approving the appointment of Tony Hernandez as Police Chief were Ubben, Custer, Ruble, Eggleston and Rupe.**

Custer reviewed Ceresco Days would like to provide a meet and greet for the new Police Chief. The Board agreed.

Travis and April Edwards were present to review a request for an Administrative Subdivision at 312 W Pine Street to add three new properties. The Planning Commission did meet on the request and moved that the Administrative Subdivision to move forward. There is currently no sewer or water that runs on Elm Street. The north houses would need to connect on Pine or 3<sup>rd</sup> Street for sewer. The north houses would need to connect to 4<sup>th</sup> or Pine for water. Footprints of the proposed Administrative Subdivision were reviewed. Travis noted the proposed north house on Elm may need a pump in the house for the sewer, and will be a slab on grade ADA home. The flow was questioned. The size of easement for the water way was questioned. Lindgren noted she mentioned the easement to Ogden and she said nothing should be placed in the easement. Travis noted the north house will have a driveway on Elm. The house at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Elm will face 3<sup>rd</sup>, with the driveway on Elm, and will be a walkout. The house on Pine will be a Cape Cod, similar to their current home. Maps will need to be accessed for Edwards to confirm water and sewer connections.

**Rupe moved to approve Edwards to move forward on the Administrative Subdivision request for 312 W Pine. Ruble seconded. Discussion held. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Custer, Eggleston and Ubben. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Serge Derun was present to request a variation for the front yard setback to construct a house at 117 W Edwin. The Planning Commission did approve the variation using the average of the adjacent houses, with the Saunders County website being used. Ubben reviewed that he and Dave Burklund had both measured the distance this morning and found that the adjacent houses sit 24 feet back from the sidewalk. Ubben recommended using the 24 foot setback. Derun said he will build the house in line exactly with the house on the left and right.

**Ruble moved to approve the variation for Serge's setback to be in line with the existing adjacent properties. Rupe seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Rupe, Ubben, Custer and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Ubben noted that he is waiting for the Department of Roads to get back to him on the drainage east of Highway 77. The Department is going to clean out the silt. Derun noted he will grade his property to drain north. He is also putting drain tile around his property.

Water use concerns were discussed. Ubben used his drone to fly the water line. A leak is not suspected. The Board agreed to put a voluntary water conservation notice out.

Budget worksheets for the 2022-2023 fiscal year were reviewed and discussed.

A. General:

- 1) Generator for the Fire Department and Community Building was discussed. Ubben and Ruble will get the needed information for Justin Maxson to apply for the Forestry grant.
- 2) Purchasing one Chromebook and one laptop was approved.
- 3) Potential Splashpad funds will be budgeted again of \$150,000.
- 4) Funds for a new printer

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- 5) Women's restroom remodeling was discussed. The Board budgeted up to \$5,000 for improvements.
  - 6) The Community Building flooring was discussed, and moved to the 2023-2024 budget.
  - 7) \$500 towards Christmas decorations.
  - 8) Kitchen lighting was discussed and needs to be changed to LED's in the 2021-2022 budget.
  - 9) Mosquito spraying was discussed and \$1,500 was budgeted.
- B. Fire: Justin Maxson was present to review the Fire Department budget.
- 1) The Forestry Grant was discussed.
  - 2) Purchasing a radio and helmets from the 2021-2022 budget.
  - 3) Ten year life expectancy of equipment coming to an end for air packs and helmets.
  - 4) The 2022-2023 budget will increase \$13,000 (SCBA payment to Rural Board and insurance.)
  - 5) Generator for the Fire Department and Community Building was discussed. Ubben and Ruble will get the needed information for Justin Maxson to apply for the Forestry grant.
- C. Park & Rec:
- 1) Stream Stabilization was discussed and will be budgeted in 2022-2023 again.
  - 2) Ventrac attachments were reviewed and the three-point hitch and kit were approved for \$2,107.60.
  - 3) Chemicals for the green spaces approved.
  - 4) \$3,000 for new trees.
  - 5) Friendship Park was discussed. At this time a new fence will not be constructed. The broken water fountain will be looked at. The Board budgeted \$500 to Friendship Park.
  - 6) Custer reviewed CYRA requests from Richard Novak for a concession stand expansion for storage, a building to enclose the batting cage and adding sales tax to go towards the parks and rec. Rupe requested Custer to find out Novak's priorities and what the end goal is.
  - 7) \$1,500 for fireworks.
  - 8) \$1,500 for a concrete slab at the park for the placement of a donated bench. A Fire Department memorial at the park is also being considered.
  - 9) Scout Hall was discussed. Lynn Maxson will be asked on involvement of the VFW.
- D. Library:
- 1) Budget documents from the Librarian were reviewed and a \$4,500 increase was approved.
- E. Police:
- 1) The Police budget remained the same, with the \$12,000 not used for a vehicle be carried over.
- F. Water:
- 1) Ubben noted the water tower will need to be painted. Lindgren will contact SUEZ to confirm if painting is included in the current maintenance program.
  - 2) A quote for a new handheld was requested.
  - 3) A new generator for the well house will be budgeted. Payment requirements will be researched. ARPA funds will be used.
  - 4) The Water budget was tabled.
- G. Sewer:
- 1) Manhole rehab is scheduled for next week and it was agreed to budget \$20,000. ARPA funds will be used.
  - 2) \$20,000 was budgeted for a new SCADA system. ARPA funds will be used.
- Rupe noted with all the funding opportunities available, the Village could look at contracting a grant writer. Discussion held. Rupe will look into further.
- H. Streets:
- 1) Street projects reviewed: 1) Concrete 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Main to Hunter \$400,000. 2) Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> to Precinct \$165,000, which may be completed in current budget. 3) Elm Street repairs. 4) Budgeting \$10,000 for crack sealing. 5) Attachments for the Ventrac of 12-volt switch/control front, broom and blades for \$7,858.40. 6) Gushard will be asked about the snowblower attachment and mowers.

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I. Compost :

- 1) Gate repair was mentioned.
- 2) Removal of the grass pile was discussed and will be looked into.

A meeting was scheduled for employee evaluations on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.

Two budget hearings and the 1 & 6 Year Street Plan Hearing will be held September 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 PM.

Rupe reviewed the Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance claim for July and August premium.

**Rupe moved to approve the claim to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska for \$6,975.34. Ruble seconded. Discussion held. Voting Yeas: Rupe, Ruble, Custer, Ubben and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Rupe moved to adjourn at 8:36 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yes: Rupe, Ruble, Eggleston, Ubben and Custer. No: none. Motion carried.**

Antonia Rupe, Chairperson  
Joan Lindgren, Clerk