

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP
AUGUST 8, 2023

Prayer by Custer.

Peterson 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. Peterson pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act posted on the wall of the Community Room. Answering roll call: Peterson, Custer, Ruble, and Eggleston. Absent: Rupe. Also present: Chilton Leedom, Cheryl Pester, and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Peterson moved to the budget workshop with Cheryl Pester from Erickson and Brooks.

Pester reviewed the current year budget needs to be amended because of calling the two BANS. The Public Hearing will be September 19th. Peterson noted he will be gone for the September meeting. Pester noted there needs to be a 75% vote of the Board members present at the meeting to increase the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1% for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

Pester reviewed the lid computation form and noted there is no unused budget authority. It was used last year to raise taxes in the general fund when the bond fund decreased.

The bond fund is increasing for 2023/2024 and the property tax ask for general is decreasing. General needed to be lowered because of the certified street amounts increased \$25,000. The bond fund will increase again for 2024/2025.

Pester reviewed the budget worksheets for the 2023-2024 fiscal year as follows:

A. General

- 1) Property tax ask decrease. Increase in motor vehicle tax, sales tax, and in lieu.
- 2) ARPA funds will be used up for the final payment on the radio system at the wwtp.
- 3) Capital outlay to spend down cash.
- 4) Professional services increased for possible subdivision.
- 5) Transfers out.

B. Streets:

- 1) Road taxes and motor vehicles sales tax increased. Highway allocation increased.
- 2) Bond proceeds and debt for street projects.
- 3) BAN breakout.
- 4) Decrease in wages from extra funds budgeted.
- 5) Capital Outlay includes Elm Street 1st to 2nd, spend down cash, and a truck.

C. Police:

- 1) Increase in transfer.
- 2) Increase in salaries.
- 3) Police garage door, which no longer needs to be replaced after Peterson repaired. Discussion held.
- 4) Captial outlay.
- 5) Budget numbers can still be changed after the August 15th meeting.

D. Fire:

- 1) Increase in transfer.
- 2) Generator costs.
- 3) Carry over of \$8,000 from communication budget, which wasn't used, for radios.

E. Library:

- 1) Increase in transfer.
- 2) Increase in salaries.

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- F. Park & Rec:
- 1) Transfer decreased.
 - 2) Decrease in wages from extra funds budgeted.
 - 3) Splash pad project.
 - 4) Stream stabilization project.
 - 5) The tax percentage doesn't affect the tax ask. If the valuations go up, the tax levy will go down.
 - 6) Increase in valuations affect the levy percentage. It doesn't affect the tax ask. If the valuations go up, the tax levy will go down. If the valuations go down, the tax levy will go up. The County will send the valuation statement by August 20th.
- G. Keno:
- 1) No change.
- H. Water:
- 1) New well project, and professional fees.
 - 2) New employee, and interlocal agreement.
 - 3) New hydrant project near Main & Archie.
- I. Sewer:
- 1) Sewer rate increase.
 - 2) Decrease in wages from extra funds budgeted.
 - 3) Insurance increase.
 - 4) Increase in outside services, and sewer jetting.
 - 5) Debt service.
 - 6) Restricted savings from rate increase needs to be confirmed.
- J. Compost :
- 1) Two and half hours will be charged to compost wages, instead of park, for Gushard.
- K. Debt Service:
- 1) New bond issuance.
 - 2) Bond payments.
 - 3) Future bonding payments.

Pester reviewed the summary of all funds and the ending cash balance for the 2023/2024 is \$724,326.00, which falls under the 50% requirement in the budget act.

Peterson moved to the Special meeting agenda items.

Street closing for the farmer's market was discussed and will be discussed when Rupe arrives.

A proposal to remove and replace two sections of sidewalk connected to the sewer drain on the south side of Beech Street, east of Laura Lane, from Applegarth Construction was reviewed.

Eggleston moved to approve the proposal from Applegarth Construction to replace two sections of sidewalk in the amount of \$200.00, giving the Maintenance Subcommittee the authority to make the decision with any cost adjustments. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Custer, Ruble, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

A request from Travis and April Edwards to amend the Administrative Subdivision was reviewed. Lindgren reviewed the approved plat with four lots has not been submitted for signatures yet, and Edwards are asking to make lots 1 and 2 along Pine Street into one lot, which changes four lots into three lots. Discussion held. A shipping container on Edwards property was questioned. Edwards will be contacted, as well as other property owners with containers.

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Eggleston moved to approve the Administrative Subdivision changes from four lots to three lots as presented, located at the Northwest ¼ of Section 32 Township 13 North Range 7 East. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Eggleston, Peterson, Custer, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Rupe was called for clarification and further discussion of the farmer's market. Concerns of safety and moving it to the park was shared. Discussion held.

Ruble moved to block off 2nd Street from the alleyway by the apartments to Elm for this Saturday the 12th for the farmer's market from 7 am to 11 am. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Peterson, Custer, and Eggleston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Shawn Manion and Gene Peterson will be contacted regarding the street closing.

Further budget discussion was held.

Custer moved to adjourn at 8:21 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yes: Custer, Ruble, Eggleston, and Peterson. No: none. Motion carried.

Antonia Rupe, Chairperson
Joan Lindgren, Clerk