

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP
AUGUST 4, 2026

A Special meeting of the Chairperson and Village Board of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, was held at the Ceresco Community Room in said Village on the 4th day of August, 2026 at 6:00 PM. Advance notice of the Special Meeting, along with supporting documents were given to the Chairperson and all members of the Board. Notices were posted at the Village Office, Ceresco Post Office and CerescoBank. Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:19 PM once a quorum was established. Peterson pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act posted on the wall. Answering roll call: Peterson, Burklund, and Ruble. Absent: Johnson and Custer. Also present: Shawn Manion, Erica Landis, Amy Reiner, Mike Eden, Jonathan Swanson, Chilton Leedom and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Amy Reiner and Erica Landis were present to review the Library budget: 1) Maintain 30 hours a week. Library Director 25 hours a week and assistants 5 hours a week. 3) Grant of \$10,000, may not be able to move forward. 4) Purchasing a new utility sink and faucet.

Discussion held. The \$10,000 grant in capital outlay was removed, leaving \$3,000 for capital outlay. Total 2026/2027 budget \$53,055.

Jonathan Swanson was present to review the Fire Department budget. Burklund questioned current budget expenses in outside services and they were reviewed.

Ruble questioned if the additional \$10,000 MFO money will still be available. Lindgren will double check.

Swanson noted they are getting bids to get everyone active with the department up to code on their bunker gear through NFPA standards. Discussion held. No change in the budget. Total 2026/2027 budget \$113,050.

Peterson, Burklund and Eden will plan to get together regarding the fire department.

The Police budget was reviewed. Lindgren noted Hernandez is asking for the same budget, except for wages.

Burklund questioned education and training, insurance costs, garage door in maintenance. Insurance costs will be double checked. Peterson noted it's the walk in door and parts of the wall.

Burklund noted he is not in favor of 37.5 hours a week, but 30.

Ruble requested a better breakdown of the 37.5 hours, where it's going and why, with more justification of why he wants it. He doesn't have an issue with 30 hours. He'd like to know how the hours are broken out.

Peterson noted he is not in favor of Ceresco Days paying for police coverage.

Burklund questioned the wage increase request, working hours, capital outlay.

Discussion held. The pay scale will need to be figured out first.

The General budget was reviewed, including wages, health insurance, community building floor, outside services and capital outlay. Health insurance will be reviewed for a decrease, and outside services will be decreased.

The Street budget was reviewed, including incentive, bobcat, equipment rental, office supplies, capital outlay, and professional fees. The Board agreed to move \$25,000 from professional and add it to capital outlay.

The Park budget was reviewed, including the memorial. Custer had asked to budget \$15,000. Ruble noted they talked about it, and Mike Eden wants to donate. They have a plan, but nothing will be spent out of this budget.

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The stream stabilization loan was reviewed. Health insurance, chemicals, and increasing fireworks to \$3,000. Friendship Park was discussed, including painting playground equipment. Speed bumps and inverted bumps will be looked into.

The Water budget was reviewed, including an estimated 10 houses in the new subdivision, and updating water, sewer and wellhead protection maps. Well #7 motor issues was discussed. Sargent will be contacted for further information. An insurance check for the issues with well #6 has been received. Equipment rental and potholing was discussed. Insurance, transportation, outside services, water tower maintenance, and capital outlay were reviewed. Insurance breakout will be checked.

The Sewer budget was reviewed. A past bid from JEO for sewer studies for: 1) For the condition of wwtp, \$5,000 to \$10,000. 2) A comprehensive study for long term improvements of the wwtp, and needs of the community, \$35,000. Burkland questions if these studies would address Roland's concerns. Peterson noted he would rather put the money towards fixing stuff instead of doing a study. Ruble said he wouldn't have a problem with doing an inspection to make sure everything is looked at and have a clear map to address things as we go along. Johnson will be contacted to work with Roland. Insurance breakout will be checked. Reviewed outside services and increased to \$40,000. Utilities reviewed and will be checked with OPPD. Lindgren noted when things aren't working right it may pull more electricity. Capital outlay was reviewed. Education and training was reviewed. Gushard's hours and wages for sewer and water were reviewed.

The Garbage budget was reviewed. Rock for the compost site was discussed. Johnson has asked for a Kerfer's charge account. Rock budget was changed to \$5,000. Income and expenses for garbage pickup was changed to reflect a 3% increase and 10 houses in the new subdivision.

Costs of a water treatment plant will be researched.

Bonds and Debt Service was reviewed. Burkland requested a copy of a breakout of bonds.

The Keno budget was reviewed. The Board agreed to use the funds and close it out. Ruble suggested using the funds for Friendship Park.

Police wages were discussed. The wage budget was set at \$51,550 for 30 hours a week.

Ordinance 2026-6 now comes on for second reading. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WAGES AND SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, APPOINTEES, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA

Discussion held with the following changes made: Remove Library Assistant more than 20 years of employment. Remove less than 20 years of employment for Library Assistant and only have one line for a Library Assistant. Remove Administrative and all *non-patrolling hours for Police Officers, Assistant Chief, and Chief. Remove Part-Time Critical Pay (example: snow removal). Change Part-Time Skilled Labor Pay (example: water main/sewer line break) to Part-Time Skilled Labor (example: snow removal/water main/sewer line breaks/concrete).

WHEREUPON, Board Member Peterson moved that said Ordinance 2026-6 be approved upon its second reading, with said changes and its title agreed to. Ruble seconded this motion.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll for the vote thereon. The Clerk called the roll, and the following was the vote on this motion. Yeas: Peterson, Ruble and Burkland. Nays: none.

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Ordinance 2026-6 be approved on its second reading and its title agreed to and that the third reading of Ordinance 2026-6 be on the next Agenda of a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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Burklund reviewed street projects. Plans are for 1st Street from Elm to Oak, and 2nd Street from Main to Park. Lindgren will contact the attorney to confirm limits. Documents will be prepared for the August meeting to go out for bid.

Peterson moved to enter executive session for personnel. Burklund seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Burklund, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson said the purpose of the closed session is for personnel and entered closed session at 9:17 PM.

Peterson resumed Regular Session at 10:00 PM from the closed session for personnel.

Burklund moved to adjourn at 10:01 PM. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Burklund, Ruble and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Scott Peterson, Chair
Joan Lindgren, Clerk