

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Opening prayer by Sophia Custer.

Peterson called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Ceresco Community Room. Board Members were given the agenda and supporting documents. Notices were posted at the Ceresco Post Office, CerescoBank and Village Office. Peterson pointed out the Open Meetings Act posted on the wall of the Community Room. Answering roll call: Peterson, Burklund, Custer, Ruble, and Johnson. Also present: Elienne Houchin, Anya Yashenko, Elizabeth Sklenar, Harv Mintzmeyer, Shawn Manion, Christina Jeppesen, Patricia Mischke, Marcene Sklenar, Chilton Leedom, Brian Roland, and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Peterson moved to approve the minutes from January 20th as presented. Ruble seconded. Discussion held. Burklund asked to add “as per the attorney” to the last paragraph of the minutes regarding Swanson Auto’s vehicles in the right of way. **Peterson moved to amend the motion by inserting the words “as per the attorney” after “Burklund questioned Swanson Auto’s vehicles in the right-of-way,” and approve the amended minutes with the changes. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Johnson, Custer, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

Burklund requested an emailed copy of the final audit.

Ruble moved to approve the fiscal year 2024/2025 audit. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Ruble, Custer, Burklund, Johnson, and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Chilton Leedom gave the Police Report, including solicitors without a peddler’s permit.

Peterson noted the three phase went out at the sewer plant. It was a jumper wire on the pole that went out. OPPD is fixing it right now. Will come back to Brian when he gets here.

No Building Inspector Report.

The Zoning Administrator Report was reviewed.

Peterson moved to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Burklund, Custer and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Burklund questioned why the electric for the community building is being billed to the street department in the monthly claims. Lindgren noted it is for street lights, even though it shows 217 S 2nd as the address.

Burklund moved to approve all claims. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Burklund, Ruble, Johnson, Custer and Peterson. Nays: none. Motion carried. Burklund moved to approve all claims. Ruble seconded. MC. Approved claims: ABPA Region 12 \$100.00/wat, sew; AFLAC \$355.68/ins; Ameritas Life \$26.21/ins; Aqua-Chem \$146.75/wat; Blue Cross and Blue Shield \$3,031.68/ins; Bromm, Lindahl, ET AL \$1,423.50/gen, st; Card Services \$18.09/gen, wat, sew; Chris Sabatka \$75.00/gen; Cornhusker Press \$184.70/gen; Delta Dental \$129.03/ins; Eakes Office Solutions \$215.04/gen; Federal Licensing \$119.00/fire; FNBO \$648.14/wat, sew, pol, gen, lib, st; Frontier Coop \$195.64/fuel; Guardian \$27.20/ins; Hergert Oil \$112.79/pol, sew; HOA \$550.00/wat; Jackson Services \$159.71/gen, sew, wat, fire; Lancaster Cnty Mutual Aid \$100.00/fire; Menards \$194.03/prk; Midwest Labs \$27.10/sew; NE Dept of Revenue \$1,416.67/sew; OPPD \$6,816.69/electric; Otte Oil \$2,742.76/fire, gen, st, lib; Progressive Electric \$10,341.26/gen, fire; Sam’s \$60.09/gen, lib; Sandy Tvrdy \$325.00/gen; Schutt Electrical \$829.97/gen; Sr Citizen 60+ \$114.00/gen; USPS \$156.00/wat, sew; Utility Services \$4,102.54/wat; Verizon \$169.86/phones; Wahoo Auto Parts \$178.90/prk, st; Waste Connections of NE \$8,074.98/trash; Windstream \$463.25/phones; Payroll Liabilities: American Funds Investment \$1,602.64; NE Dept of Labor \$31.94; NE Dept of Revenue \$945.62; Payroll \$26,227.11; United States Treasury \$4,783.18

Tree Board Report: Anderson is working on the Tree City USA application.

Library Report: Domonique Harris starts March 2nd, with new library hours.

Roland reviewed 1) A jumper wire on the pole broke between two phases at the WWTP. OPPD fixed it. 2) Generator was hooked up at the lift station. There was an issue with the generator being 208/240 and those pumps are 230. They called the company and they said 230 could be run on 208 as long as you had the right hertz help to cover. They ran it on OPPD power and generator power and had the phase monitor. All readings were the same, so we're good to go there. 3) The Tower is wired up we just need to get the generator for that we have the cord that came with the wiring job. 4) Looked at the batting cage wiring for a bid. 5) Waiting to have clarifier looked at for free when the company is in the area, but the leak is getting worse. The main gear drive that runs the sweep arm and everything inside the clarifier needs to be looked at. The seal is going out and dripping oil. Johnson will look at the clarifier. 6) A generator for the water tower was discussed. 7) NextLink put new equipment on the tower with new bands and clamps. There may be issues when Utility Services comes to paint. Roland will contact NextLink to see what wattage they need. Burklund suggested Roland take pictures of the bands and clamps to send to Utility Services now to see if it needs to change, instead of waiting to see if it's an issue. 8) Pest control for the moles was discussed. Burklund suggested we get traps and pellets and treat them ourselves. 9) The kitchen steps were discussed. Johnson was asked to get bids for a 4" cap. Discussion held. The Maintenance Subcommittee will review and approve bids. 10) Roland reviewed he received clarification on the lead & copper testing from last month and it has been completed. 11) Roland will be sampling the residential sites himself. 12) Progressive has submitted the insurance claim for the damages done during the generator install. The Progressive check for the generator installation, approved with the claims, will be held until the Village receives the insurance check.

Resolution 2025-5 was tabled.

WHEREUPON, the Chair announced that the introduction of ordinances was now in order.

Ordinance 2026-1 was introduced by Chairman Peterson and is set forth in full as follows, to wit: AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2020-2 OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, KNOWN AND CITED AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, BY REMOVING 5.05.03.15 AND 7.16 AND AMENDING SECTION 4.13 ACCESSORY BUILDING AND USES IN PARTICULAR SUBSECTION 4.13.02; AND SECTIONS 5.07.05 AND 5.08.05 HEIGHT AND LOT REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHAIR AND THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT, WHETHER ONE OR MORE, OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ANY SECTION, CLAUSE, PROVISION OR PORTION FOUND UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR INVALID; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE PUBLISHED WITHIN THE FIRST 15 DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL EITHER IN PAMPHLET FORM OR BY POSTING IN THREE PUBLIC PLACES IN THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, AND SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL, AND PUBLICATION, AS PROVIDED HEREIN; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME AND BE MADE A PART OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, AND THE SECTIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE MAY BE RENUMBERED TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH INTENTION.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2020-2 of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, is cited and known as the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission for the Village of Ceresco held a public hearing to consider a text amendment to Section 4.13 ACCESSORY BUILDING AND USES, in particular subsections 4.13.02 garages and outbuildings, and after a public hearing, made recommendation to the Board of Trustees to adopt and add said text amendments, and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission for the Village of Ceresco held a public hearing to consider a text amendment to Sections 5.07 R-2 AND 5.08 R-3 in particular 5.07.05 R-2 AND 5.08.05 R-3 accessory building

height and lot requirements, and after a public hearing, made recommendation to the Board of Trustees to adopt and add said text amendments, and,

That the Chair and the appropriate Department, whether one or more of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, are hereby authorized and directed to implement this Ordinance.

Section 3. That all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances passed and approved prior to the passage, approval, and publication of this Ordinance, in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Section 4. That should any section, paragraph, sentence of this Ordinance hereby adopted be declared for any reason be invalid, it is the intent of the Chair and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, that it would have passed all other portions of this Ordinance independent of the elimination here from of any such portion as may be declared invalid.

Section 5. That this Ordinance shall be published within the first 15 days after its passage and approval either in pamphlet form or by posting in three public places in the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, and shall be in full force and take effect on the 15th day from and after its passage, approval, and publication, as provided herein.

Section 6. That it is the intention of the Chair and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Ceresco, Nebraska, and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

This Ordinance passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

VILLAGE OF CERESCO

By: _____

Scott Peterson, Its Chair

ATTEST:

Joan Lindgren, Village Clerk

(SEAL)

The Chair thereupon read the aforesaid Ordinance No. 2026-1 of the Village of Ceresco by title.

WHEREUPON, Chairman Peterson moved that said Ordinance 2026-1 be approved on its first reading and its title agreed to. Board Member 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, Johnson, Custer, and Burklund. Nays: none.

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Ordinance 2026-1 be approved on its first reading and its title agreed to and that the second reading of Ordinance 2026-1 be on the next Agenda of a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Ordinance 2026-2, an Ordinance TO AMEND THE WAGES AND SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS, APPOINTEES, AND EMPLOYEES was discussed. No action taken.

Shawn Manion was present to discuss the Farmers' Market for 2026. She noted the street name on her request should be Elm Street, not Main Street - to block off a half block from Elm Street to the alley on 2nd Street. Street sweeping one time prior to the start was requested. Ruble noted he thinks it needs to be moved to the park, with the new splash pad. Ruble pointed out it is off the roadway and safer with shade. Peterson noted security and safety is listed #2 on the list. Manion noted they are just asking to borrow the roadblocks like they have every year.

Burklund moved to accept the Farmer's Market agreement as its written, with the correction of Elm Street. Johnson seconded. Discussion held. Ruble noted he doesn't disagree with the farmers' market, just the space could be utilized better. Having the market during Ceresco Days was discussed. Manion noted she is trying to promote downtown, and a percentage of taxes goes to the Village. Peterson questioned if promoting the town is also