

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2025

Custer opened with prayer.

Peterson called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Ceresco Community Room. Board Members had been given the agenda and supporting documents. Notice was given in advance thereof by posting at the Ceresco Post Office, CerescoBank and in the Village Office. Peterson pointed out the open meetings act posted on the wall of the Community Room. Answering roll call: Peterson, Burklund, Custer and Johnson. Ruble entered the meeting at 6:01 pm. Others in attendance were Ainslie Southard, Kinsley Taylor, Moya Windhorst, Savanna Benes, Brooklynn Benes, Malayna McFarling, Tyson Taylor, Tavion Johnson, Cindy Welsh, Jasmine Wells, Charles Hunt, Jesus Morales, Chilton, John Welsh, Lynn Maxson, Tony Hernandez, Brian Roland, Dustin Gushard and Joan Lindgren.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Custer moved to approve the October 21st minutes as presented. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Peterson, Burklund, and Johnson. Nays: none. Abstain: Ruble. Motion carried.

Peterson moved to approve the November 4th minutes as presented. Custer seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Custer, Johnson, and Burklund. Nays: none. Abstain: Ruble. Motion carried.

The NEXTLINK Access and Lease Agreement was discussed. Burklund questioned: 1) Fifteen years with three five year contracts with the Village never getting out of it until 15 years are up. They have a 60 day out. 2) If it was read by the attorney. 3) The Village needs an out. 4) Service for Churches. 5) Can transfer from firm to firm with no say by the Village. Lindgren will contact the attorney regarding an out for the Village.

Charles Hunt was present to request reimbursement for a broken back window in his car after the village was mowing across the street next to the Legion. He questioned if the mower guard was down. Burklund asked if he or anyone else saw it happen. Johnson asked if he filed it with the insurance. Peterson noted there is no way of knowing the Village did it. Hunt questioned why the mower guards are up every time he sees them mowing. Ruble questioned if he saw a rock on the trunk lid, and questioned the 45 feet distance a rock would have to travel to break the window. Morales noted he has had it happen before when mowing at home. Hernandez noted his son has a lawn care service and with his experience a rock will not travel that far and up, it will hit the ground in about 10-15 feet. Burklund noted that is a long way for a rock to go. Johnson noted it is not proven the village mower did it; it could be anything. Custer noted she has a crack in her windshield, but doesn't know who did it. Johnson noted there is liability in owning a vehicle. The village can't pay with no proof of what caused it.

Hernandez reviewed the police report. 1) TNR. 2) Dog ordinances. 3) Haven't received radios yet.

Updated dog ordinances were reviewed. Ruble shared concerns of language in 3-215: frightening passersby or neighbors. He suggests it be worded differently. Discussion held. Cindy Welsh shared concerns of the current dog issue. Peterson noted there is a 30 day timeline, and if a complaint is submitted, there needs to be more than one complaint within that 30 days to start the process. Discussion held. Further clarification is needed regarding an actual bite or attack.

Roland reviewed: 1) Well house has been painted. 2) Spoke with Andy Kahl from the State and a meeting will be scheduled regarding Lead and Copper. Lead and Copper test sites. 3) WWTP electrical and control panel nearing 19 years. Lift station pump. 4) Dustin helping. 5) Ruble questioned if harnesses for the go-pro were purchased. 6) Potholing. 7) Peterson questioned electrical bids. 8) Vrba coming to finish water taps. 9) Water maps. Burklund suggested starting the update on the water maps. 10) Brian's Village work truck needs new tires. 11) Peterson asked about the Rural Water donation.

Burklund moved to give \$100 to Nebraska Rural Water. Peterson seconded. Voting Yeas: Burklund, Peterson, Johnson, Custer, and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Gushard reviewed: 1) Received permission from Hunter, Sabatka and Heyen to put up snow fence. 2) Cleaned some of the water way through town. 3) Johnson questioned cleaning out the water way south of Ash and taking it to the compost site. 4) Burklund questioned culvert cleaning.

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

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

Peterson moved to pay the claims as presented with the additional claims. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Johnson, Custer, and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Approved claims: AFLAC \$355.68/ins; Amanda Ruble \$75.00/gen; Amazon Capital Services \$685.37/sew, wat, pol, prk, gen; Ameritas Life Insurance \$26.21/ins; BCBS of NE \$2,273.76/ins; Bromm, Lindahl, ET AL \$747.00/gen; Baker & Taylor \$27.90/lib; Bomgaars \$245.05/st, prk, gen, wat; Brian Roland \$443.10/wat, sew; Card Services \$21.59/gen, wat, sew; Cather & Sons Construction \$750.75/st; Cuda's Auto \$100.00/pol; Delta Dental \$129.03/ins; Fireguard \$697.60/gen, lib, st, sew, fire, pol; FNBO \$104.24/lib; Frontier Coop \$885.78/st, prk, wat, sew, pol; Goldstar Products \$485.04/sew; Great Plains Uniforms \$99.50/pol; Guardian \$27.20/ins; Hergert Oil \$65.47/pol, sew, wat; Husker Lock & Key \$88.75/pol, gen; INGRAM Library Services \$568.08/lib; Jackson Services \$160.23/gen, sew, wat, fire; James Enterprise \$1,187.79/st; JEO \$1,920.00/sew; Macqueen \$4,551.60/fire; Menards \$327.72/st; Midwest Labs \$31.55/sew; Municipal Supply \$382.74/wat; NE Public Health Env Lab \$252.00/wat; OPPD \$5,125.85/elec; Pulse \$375.00/wat; Rose Equipment \$185.00/st; Sam's Club \$453.57/pol, gen, lib; Sandy Tvrdy \$325.00/gen; Schutt Electric \$100.00/gen; Senior Citizen 60+ \$124.00/gen; Small Engine \$41.54/prk; USPS \$261.00/wat, sew; USA Blue Book \$599.30/sew; Utility Services \$4,102.54/wat; Verizon \$169.86/phones; Wahoo Auto Parts \$369.80/St; Waste Connections of NE \$8,069.78/trash; Windstream \$433.69/phones; Payroll Liabilities: Payroll \$19,844.67; United States Treasury \$5,430.46; American Funds \$1,052.46; NE Dept of Revenue \$780.80

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

The park and splash pad have been winterized.

Lighting bid for the fire department was reviewed. Johnson noted on smaller amounts it is almost impossible to get numerous bids.

Custer moved to accept the bid from Schutt Electric for \$1,830.00 for lights for the fire station. Johnson seconded. Voting Yeas: Custer, Johnson, Ruble, and Peterson. No: Burklund. Motion carried.

Discussion held on shutting down the street for a golf car light parade. The Board agreed it doesn't need to be shut down.

Peterson moved to approve the October 27th minutes for Celebrate Ceresco as presented. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Johnson, Custer and Burklund. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson moved to approve the November 13th minutes for Celebrate Ceresco. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Ruble, Johnson, Burklund and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Johnson reviewed towns contacted haven't gone out for their own street bid but used their engineer. Johnson asked if the Village could go out for bid and use the engineer to review documents. Peterson questioned if the engineer would review. Discussion held.

Johnson moved for the Village on Elm Street between 2nd and 1st Streets to go for bid without engineers, but with engineers to oversee the language of the bid. Burklund seconded. Voting Yeas: Johnson, Burklund, Custer, and Ruble. Nays: Peterson. Motion carried.

The Laura Lane Circle street repair was completed.

Lindgren noted audit is Tuesday.

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Ordinance 2025-6 now comes on for second reading. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 ARTICLE 4 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN BY PROVIDING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR STRUCTURES WITHIN THE FLOODPLAIN ZONING DISTRICT; BY CHANGING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS AS REQUIRED FOR A FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND RELATED MODIFICATIONS; TO RE-NUMBER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS REGARDING SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS IN THE FLOODPLAIN ZONE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Johnson questioned the ordinance.

WHEREUPON, Chair Peterson moved that said Ordinance 2025-6 be approved upon its second reading 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, Johnson, Burklund, and Custer. Nays: none.

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Ordinance 2025-6 be approved on its second reading and its title agreed to and that the third reading of Ordinance 2025-6 be on the next Agenda of a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Ordinance 2025-8 to set the wage ordinances was tabled until later in the meeting.

Resolution 2025-5 regarding fees was tabled.

NDOT Project S-77-2 (1802) Wahoo – Fremont South was mentioned.

The Clerk Academy in March was discussed. Actual cost is needed.

Christmas lighting was discussed.

Peterson moved to enter executive session for the purpose of employee reviews. Custer seconded. Peterson restated the Board will go into executive session for the purpose of employee reviews. Voting Yeas: Peterson, Custer, Burklund, Johnson and Ruble. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Peterson stated the Board is entering executive session at 8:06 PM for the purpose of employee reviews.

Peterson reconvened to Regular session at 9:57 PM from the executive session held for the purpose of employee reviews.

Employee evaluations were scheduled for December 3rd at 5:30 pm, with the employees turning in an evaluation they complete on themselves by December 2nd.

Burklund moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 pm. Ruble seconded. Voting Yeas: Burklund, Ruble, Peterson, Johnson, and Custer. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Scott Peterson, Chairman
Joan Lindgren, Clerk