PENDER, NEBRASKA

VILLAGE PROCEEDINGS

November 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held in the Village Board Room in said Village on the 12th day of November 2024 at 7:00 P.M. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting said notice in three public places: Pender Post Office, Thruston County Court House and Pender Village Office. Notice to the Chairperson and Board of Trustees was given by email and a copy of the acknowledgement of receipt is attached. The agenda was communicated in advance notice to the Chairman and Board of Trustees and available to the public at the Village Office. An agenda for the meeting was kept continuously current and available for public inspection during regular office hours at least three days prior to meeting. No changes may be made 24 hours prior to a meeting.

Present on the roll call: Chairman: Chris Reha, Trustees: Dr. David Hoelting, Robbie Welsh, Dave Powley and Terry Mailloux. Staff present: Glen Gralheer, Village Administrator, Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes and Kylee Riggs, Office personnel. Public attendance: Scott Pfeiffer, Ron Klein, Ryan Schulz, Bruce Wichman, Matt Torczon, Matthew Smith with Olsson and Jason Sturek with the Pender Times.   
Chairman Reha called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Reha notified that pursuant to Section 84-1412 (8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and was available to the public.   
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Hoelting to approve the minutes for the October 28th meeting. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Welsh, Powley and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bruce Wichman presented a letter to the board signed by residents of Valley Street and Valley Circle Drive, asking to consider a snow fence to be placed at the south end of the Roberts Addition to aid in the prevention of blowing snow that travels along Valley Street. The board agreed to assess placing one in the area. Matt Torczon asked when the decision on the wastewater increase was to be voted on. The board responded this meeting and proceeded to the resolution on the agenda.   
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Welsh to approve Resolution 2024-17, increase base rate of the wastewater service by $41.00 per class. Torczon voiced concerns that the rate increase would not be enough to cover the cost of the wastewater plant and the collection system improvement so the village would use another utility to make up for it. Gralheer stated the village is doing a state revolving fund through the Clean Water Drinking Act to finance the project. A thirty-year loan for up to $10.8 Million with $3 Million forgiveness and an interest rate of 0.57% plus administration fee charged yearly at 0.57%. Torczon is worried all the utilities will increase greatly and make it hard for some residents to make ends meet. The board agreed everything will need to go up but hopes to keep it reasonable and in line with the cost increase in the economy. The resolution will be effective November 25th. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Welsh, Powley and Raha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
  
OLD BUSINESS:   
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Hoelting to approve the building permit for JoAnn Luedert to install a chain link fence in the back yard if she is two feet off the property line at 308 South 3rd St. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Powley, Welsh, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.   
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Powley to approve Resolution 2024-14, Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent. This appointment of Matthew Smith with Olsson as the Village’s Street Superintendent and Engineer Service from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Smith is a Class A, with License S-1666 and Professional Engineer License E-17148 fulfills the requirements for the village to get Highway Allocation Funds from the state. Voting AYE: Powley, Hoelting, Mailloux, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Mailloux to approve the renewal of Agreement for Street Superintendent and Engineering Services with Olssons for the 2025 year. Voting YEA: Welsh, Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
  
NEW BUSINESS:  
A motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Powley to approve the building permit for Susan Urbanec. She will be replacing the deck at 201 Whitney Street. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Welsh, Powley and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Hoelting to approve the building permit for Tammy Nelson-Loveit. She will be installing a temporary shed in the back of the house at 404 Earl St. Voting AYE: Powley, Hoelting, Mailloux, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Hoelting to approve the change to a building permit for Schutlz that was approved the meeting on October 28th, 2024. Schultz would like to go 10 feet off the sidewalk to the west instead of the original agreement of in line with the front of the houses to the south. Voting AYE: Welsh, Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Hoelting to approve the Special Liquor License to Prairie Creek Vineyards for the Taste of the Holiday at the Community Center on November 22nd, 2024. They will be sampling and selling wine. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Powley, Welsh, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Hoelting to approve the Special Liquor License to Native 32 Winery for the Taste of the Holiday at the Community Center on November 22nd, 2024. They will be sampling and selling wine and beer. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Welsh, Powley and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Welsh to approve the Special Liquor License for No Shave Nebraska. The event will be held at the Community Center on December 7th, 2024. They will be serving beer, wine and spirits. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Powley, Welsh, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Powley to deny a refund of $20.00 for dump fees to Doc and Willy’s Restorations. Village employees had to let the company into the dump during no business hours and charged $20.00 per load. The business believed it to be $20.00 per day. It is $20.00 per load during no business hours so no refund was warranted. There was also a brief discussion about getting a key per truck, so the employees did not have to retrieve it from the shop to open it. Voting AYE: Powley, Hoelting, Mailloux, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Mailloux to approve Reha as the voting delegate for Rural Water Association and Gralheer as the alternate. Voting AYE: Welsh, Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:   
Ron Klein Handed out packets of what has happened the last two weeks at the wastewater plant and the light plant.   
Robbie Welsh None  
Dave Powley Mentioned the dump shack window and getting keys for the employees. Powley stated there should be a no parking sign in front of the Munderloh-Smith Funeral home due to it being a truck corner. The board compromised to put a funeral home parking only as the business had asked. Powley will stake out where the sign should go. Wants a street sweeper in next year’s budget due to the current one not running well.   
Terry Mailloux Mentioned the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) meeting this week in Kearney and asked if Gralheer was attending, yes, he is. The new ambulance will be $331,000.00 dollars as opposed to the amount of $289,000.00 three years ago. The squad is getting a 2025 Ford F550 4X4 Diesel.  
Chris Reha Inquired if the board wants to look into non-annexed utility rates, answer is yes.  
Dr. Hoelting None  
Office Tyrrell-Feltes asked the board if they are offering holiday pay to employees on Family Leave, no holiday pay if on leave. State may be here this week to get the speed signs up on the highway. Clerk school has been moved to South Sioux City so will commute instead of stay. Riggs reported the codification was back and is to be tested before adopting it. Working with Itron to get files to read correctly. Will be asking Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) for an extension for land acquisition for the Rattlesnake Creek project. Board member training is available in January at Lyons. Working on the Village Christmas party. Suggested adding page to the website to keep the public informed on the top programs the village is doing. Rewarded $5,000.00 in grant money from Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association (NSVFA) and Tallgrass.  
Glen Gralheer, Village Administrator Gave an update on the solar field project southwest of town. The village is upgrading the power lines and converting the well pumps from 240 volts to 480 volts. Only advertising for open positions has been ran in the Pender Times currently but want to get ads into other publications. Nitrates in the water are good. People Services will be in town this week for training. The water leak at 3rd and Willis has been fixed and the next leak is Carnes and Valley. Wastewater plant is good, just need to get Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) in. On November 26th, village will go through final drawing review of wastewater plant. Attended training at Farabee in Firth Nebraska and was a great experience. Need to replace one more water test station. Getting old meters replaced with new ones that are Automatic Meter Reading (AMR).  
A motion was made by Powley, seconded by Hoelting to approve the financial report. Voting AYE: Welsh, Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Hoelting to approve the budget, expenditure, claims, transfers and payroll. Voting AYE: Welsh, Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
 **CLAIMS AND PAYROLL** [Se=Services, R=Retirement, T=Taxes, Su=Supplies, I=Insurance, Re=Reimbursement, A=Advertisement, C=Contract Labor, Tr=Training, U=Utilities, RD=Refund Deposit]  
VILLAGE: Salaries, Se 20105.52, UIConnect, T 179.32, NE Dept of Revenue, T 1669.49, John Hancock, R 1166.13, EFTPS, T 4227.94, Mid-American Benefits, I 1245.08, Acco, Su 2304.10, Ann Bachman, Re 943.09, Appeara, Su 267.33, Blue Cross Blue Shield, I 4723.47, Charter West, HSA 120.00, Charter West, CD 2750.00, Charter West, CD 1750.00, Dregalla Dentistry (Health Plaza), RD 475.00, EMC Insurance, I 10646.25, Farabee Mechanical, Se 7045.74, Fastwyre Broadband, Se 1008.90, Frontier Bank, HSA 555.00, Hach Company, Su 167.88, Hydro Optimization, Se 6351.86, Hometown Leasing, Se 155.14, Ingram, Su 457.69, John Deere Financial, Su 1088.85, K&C Grain, Su 5631.15, Kory Koehlmoos, RD 325.00, Koons Gas Measurement, Su 123.94, Lamp Auto, Su 1240.62, Mel’s Small Engine, Se 44.25, Midwest Laboratories, Se 323.07, Mutual of Omaha, I 208.00, Northeast Nebraska Economic Development, Se 3930.00, Northwest Electric, Se 1529.54, Nebraska Rural Water Assoc, Dues 350.00, Olsson, Se 92630.00, One Call Concepts, Se 19.84, One Office Solutions, S 95.74, Pender Ace, Su 1642.56, Pender Community Center, Rent 1078.00, Port-A-John, Se 60.00, Power Manager, Se 8979.76, Principal Life Insurance, I 783.80, Ron Klein, C 1270.30, Resco, Su 791.80, S2 Roll Offs, Se 1662.25, The Apothecary Shop, Su 44.92, Thurston County Sheriff, Se 18208.32, US Dept of Energy, Se 4311.70, VOP, Utilities 10144.80, Visa, Su 1011.20, VOP-Petty Cash, Su 250.00, Wesco, Su 24199.15, Z Mart 2, Su 1194.00  
AIRPORT: EFTPS, T 107.10, NE Dept of Agriculture, Se 18.94, Northeast Power, Se 169.00, Visa, Su 1562.79  
LIBRARY: EMC Insurance, I 184.00  
RESCUE: UIConnect, T 9.08, EMC Insurance, I 351.08, Fastwyre, Se 107.88, Matheson Tri-Gas, Su 140.06, Quick Med Claims, Se 607.96, Verizon, Se 130.68  
  
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Hoelting to adjourn at 8:40 P.M. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Welsh, Powley and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

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Chris Reha, Chairman

Board of Trustees

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Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes

Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF PENDER

THURSTON COUNTY

STATE OF NEBRASKA

CERTIFICATE

I, THE UNDERSIGNED VILLAGE CLERK hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and current copy of the proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board of Trustees of this meeting. That all the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the said agenda for the meeting and kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Village clerk. Those subjects were contained in said agenda for twenty-four hours and prior to the next convened meeting of the said body. That at least one copy of the reproducible material discussed at the said meeting was available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk and within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of the said body. That all news media request notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at the said meeting.

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Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes

Village Clerk