PENDER, NEBRASKA

VILLAGE PROCEEDINGS

January 13, 2025

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held in the Village Board Room in said Village on the 13th day of January 2025 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: Bruce & Kay Meierdierks and Ron Klein.

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 Welsh, seconded by Hoelting to approve the minutes for the January 6th, 2025 meeting. Voting AYE: Welsh, Mailloux, Hoelting, Powley and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Welsh to approve Resolution 2025-1. The resolution authorizes the split of Lot 16, Block 15, Original Plat. It divides the north 56 feet into one tract and the remaining part of the lot into a separate tract. The current owner is interested in selling the lot but wants to maintain the rights to the two apartments at that location. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Powley, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Powley, seconded by Hoelting to approve the Easement Agreement with Georgia Munderloh. This agreement allows the village to use the field for underground power lines from the east to the wells. Voting AYE: Powley, Welsh, Mailloux, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Powley, seconded by Hoelting to approve the Easement Agreement with Georgia Munderloh. This agreement allows the village to use the easement along Old Mill Road. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Powley, Welsh, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Powley to approve the suspending of 3 readings for Ordinance 698. This allows the board to vote once. Voting AYE: Welsh, Mailloux, Hoelting, Powley and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Mailloux to approve the passing of Ordinance 698. Ordinance 698 is the adoption of the codification of village codes. Voting AYE: Powley, Welsh, Mailloux, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried. (Ordinance attached to this report.)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:
Chris Reha Asked for more information about the email breech and was wondering if the village shouldn’t provide six months of monitoring services for the employees. Gralheer went on to explain that the clerk email was breeched, and the hacker was posing as a vendor demanding ACH for bill payment. The village’s IT department has investigated this and is composing a plan to prevent this from repeating. There was a risk to the village full-time employees. Blake Hansen asked about solar panels on his property and if the village offered net metering and any programs. Reha is still researching but wanted to share with the board. Reha will compose a letter to the insurance company of a resident about the plan to upgrade the collection system due to the resident possibly being dropped because of sewer backups in the home.

Terry Mailloux None
Robbie Welsh None

Dave Powley Wants to remind the employees to utilize hard hats and hot gloves while in bucket truck dealing with electricity. Also to have a second person on the ground.

Ron Klein Handed out packets covering what was done at wastewater and electric plants the last two weeks. He is also researching if there is a cooling tower cleanser and conditioner for the generators at the light plant.

Office Riggs reminded the board about training on the 20th, there were a few high reads on this month’s bills and are tracking them, filing Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) quarterly reports, working with Federal Emergency management Agency (FEMA) to close out two flood report projects and reported Eric with Midwest Assistance is working on the village rate study. Tyrrell-Feltes informed the board that an email was received from the State Fire Marshal Energy accepting the village response and supporting documentation to the May 2024 deficiency and closing the action.

Dr. Hoelting The school sent emails to the staff inquiring if anyone was interested in being pool manager this summer. So far one person has expressed interest and Hoelting directed them to the office for information on training.

Glen Gralheer Things to complete the solar field are for Schmaders to drop overhead power lines along Old Mill Road, need to add third transformer to convert voltage back to 2400 watts to run pumps, inspector gave okay to energize and waiting on witness test with Sand Hills. Verizon still plans to be here on January 21st to discuss potential new tower at ball fields west end of town. The preliminary audit report came back, and the village saw a second year of increase financial net position for business unit, but the utility side is still breaking even. Will be attending the Municipal Energy Agency of NE (MEAN) board meeting next Wednesday and Thursday. Monitoring the gas service at Sunderman Service due to a gas smell reported by the inspectors taking cap of monitoring well. The village believes the gas is being stored at the monitoring well and causing the odor, this needs to be fixed but there is no danger currently. The team is completing the Operator Qualification Training for the gas pipeline and Rod from Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities will be here the 29th and 30th of January to conduct the in-person testing. Also attending the Flood Mitigation conference in Lincoln on January 14th and 15th. Hernandez and Grahleer will be attending the Pipeline Safety meeting on February 4th & 5th in Lincoln given by the State Fire Marshall. February 6th is the National Public Gas Agency (NPGA) board meeting but may be able to remote in.

A motion was made by Powley, seconded by Hoelting to approve the financial report. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Powley, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Mailloux to approve the budget, expenditure, claims, transfers and payroll. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Powley, Welsh 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 21543.73, EFTPS, T 4017.58, John Hancock, R 703.10, Point C, I 206.66, Acco, Su 483.08, Ann Bachman, Re 407.88, Appeara, Su 379.27, Blue Cross Blue Shield, I 5182.06, Burt County Public Power, Se 52.66, Leon & Mary Bruns, RD 125.00, BVH Architecture, Se 100.00, Cadwallader Construction, Se 3768.00, Charter West Bank, HSA 120.00, Cintas, Se 95.75, Core & Main, Su 1080.37, Dutton-Lainson Company, Su 407.20, EMC Insurance, I 10646.25, Farabee Mechanical, Se 5045.74, Fastwyre, Se 134.68, Follett School Solution, Se 733.74, Franklin Fendrick, C 585.00 , Frontier Bank, HSA 305.00, Couy & Rachel French, RD 325.00, Hach Company, Su 303.05, Harlequin Reader Service, Su 30.76, Heath Consultants, Se 573.43, Hometown, Se 155.14, David Hultquist, RD 325.00, John Deere Financial, Su 541.56, Joslynn Jewell, RD 325.00, Kings Disposal, Se 160.00, Lakeview Books Su 120.95, Larry’s Boiler Service, Se 2592.39, Lucy Larsen, RD 325.00, Lorensen Lumber, Su 1163.07, Andre Lombard, RD 325.00, Midwest Laboratories, Se 392.95, Mutual of Omaha, I 217.00, National Public Gas Agency, Se 52735.95, NE Dept of Environment & Energy, Se 1187.32, NE Public Health Environmental, Se 157.75, Northwest Electric, Se 583.56, Olsson, Se 83200.00, One Call Concept, Se 49.73, Pender Ace, Su 1086.98, Pender Community Center, Rent 1120.00, Pender Thurston Chamber, Dues 150.00, Penro, Se 4785.00, Pioneer Research Center, Su 1161.34, Port-A-John, Se 60.00, QLT Consumer Lease Service, Se 14.68, Ron Klein, C 1362.50, S2 Roll Offs, Se 10459.75, Siouxland District Health Dept, Se 15.00, Smith Farm Service, Su 160.50, Stingray Technology, Se 201.09, Sturek Media, A 1349.16, Sunderman, Se 1469.07, Michelle Schmitz, RD 300.00, Thurston County Sheriff, Se 18208.28, Verizon, Se 89.00, Village of Pender, U 12150.49, Visa, Su 969.98, VOP-Petty Cash, Su 260.00, Wenke, Se 138.25, Wesco, Su 12153.40

AIRPORT: Northeast Power, Se 412.00
LIBRARY: EMC Insurance, I 184.00
RESCUE: EFTPS, T 387.54, EMC Insurance, I 351.08, Fastwyre, Se 54.94, Kings Disposal, Se 15.00, Matheson Tri-Gas, Su 140.06, Midwest Diesel, Se 24450.76, Verizon, Se 125.68

A motion to go into executive session was made by Hoelting at 8:25 P.M. to discuss applicants for the Utility Superintendent and Utility worker positions, seconded by Powley. Powley, Mailloux, Gralheer, Hoelting, Welsh and Reha were in attendance. Chairman restated the reason to enter session was for discussing individual applications for hiring. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Powley, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion to exit executive session was made by Mailloux at 9:13 P.M., seconded by Hoelting. Voting AYE: Welsh, Mailloux, Hoelting, Powley and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Powley to deny the utility superintendent application for Gabe Tipton. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Powley, Welsh, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Mailloux to approve the utility worker application for Austin Fillipi. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Powley, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Welsh to approve the utility superintendent application of Matthew Smith. Voting AYE: Welsh, Mailloux, Hoelting, Powley and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Hoelting to deny the utility worker application for Kevin Parker. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Powley, Welsh, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Hoelting to deny the utility superintendent application for Mike Young. Voting AYE: Powley, Welsh, Mailloux, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Welsh to adjourn at 9:18 P.M. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Powley, Welsh, Hoelting 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