PENDER, NEBRASKA

VILLAGE PROCEEDINGS

September 23, 2024

A public hearing and regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held in the Village Board Room in said Village on the 23rd day of September 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, and Terry Mailloux. Staff present: Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes and Kylee Riggs, Office personnel. Public attendance: Ann Bachman, Mark Dunn, Mike Hastings, Scott Pfeiffer, Ron Klein, Matthew Smith with Olsson, Jason Sturek with the Pender Times and Amy Volk with Pender Community Development (PCD). ABSENT: Dave Powley.

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 Hoelting, seconded by Mailloux to open the public hearing at 7:01 PM. Reha reported total adopted budget would be 7.8 million, trimmed operating budget down 11%, property tax request has gone up 10% based on evaluations are up 14% and tax rate dropped 4%. No public comments. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Welsh to open the second public hearing at 7:02 PM. The tax levy rate was discussed. Reha explained that the tax request is down 4% but the village is getting 10% more from property tax due to the 14% increase in evaluations. No public comments. Voting AYE: Welsh, Hoelting, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Hoelting to approve the minutes of the September 9th meeting. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Hoelting, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Mailloux to approve the minutes of the September 13th meeting. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None  
NEW BUSINESS:  
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Welsh to approve the bid provided by Mark Dunn for 609 Main Street. Dunn’s bid was $1.00 and no other bids were presented. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.   
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Mailloux to approve Gabe Tipton’s 90-day review and increase of pay. Tipton’s wage will increase by $0.50, effective 9/23/2024. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Mailloux to approve the merit increase per Glen Gralheer, Village Administrator, recommendation. Raises are as follows: Scott Schmeckpeper (Utility), Gina Hernandez (Utility), Michael Young (Utility), Linda Renz (Mower), Gaylann McClain (Fire Hall), Kylee Riggs (Office) and Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes (Office) will increase by 3%. Lucy Larsen (Utility) will increase by 1%. The new pay will be effective 9/23/2024. Voting AYE: Welsh, Hoelting, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Welsh to close the public hearing concerning the 2024-2025 budget at 7:13 PM. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Mailloux to close the public hearing concerning the tax levy rate at 7:13 PM. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Welsh to approve Resolution 2024-07, 1% allowable growth. Voting AYE: Welsh, Hoelting, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Hoelting to approve Resolution 2024-08, property tax request. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Hoelting to approve Resolution 2024-09, Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Hoelting, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Mailloux to approve the transfer of $67,860.00 from infrastructure to O&M Electric. This is to pay River Underground for the work they did on the low voltage conversion project. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Hoelting, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Welsh to approve the transfer of $15,892.00 from infrastructure to O&M Sewer. This is to pay Penro for the work they did at 6th and Earl Street. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Hoelting to approve the transfer of $75,903.75 from Sales Tax Streets to General Streets. Payment to Penro for the work on the Valley Street drainage project. Voting AYE: Welsh, Hoelting, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Mailloux to approve the transfer of $91,813.00 from infrastructure to O&M Electric. This payment is for Maise Electric for the Robert’s Addition. It also includes items that cannot be returned. Volk with PCD mentioned they should hear from the grant committee for Rural Community Recover Program in October to see if money will be received to complete road in the Roberts Addition. If the grant is not approved, the board suggested selling items to other communities. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Welsh to approve applying for grants to build a new fire hall. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Mailloux. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Welsh to approve Resolution 2024-11, appointment of Municipal Energy Agency of NE (MEAN) board members. Gralheer will be primary and Mailloux will be alternate. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Hoelting to approve Frank Fendrick’s contract. This contract is between Fendrick and the village to assist the utility employees in coaching and a resource for an average of 15 hours a week at $30.00 an hour. The contract will be for 180 days. Voting AYE: Welsh, Hoelting, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Hoelting to approve a special liquor license for the Pender Community Betterment Association at the Pender Community Center for the Taste of the Holidays event. This will be held on November 22, 2024. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Mailloux to approve Resolution 2024-10, nuisance at 809 Slaughter Ave. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Hoelting, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
  
DEPARTMENT REPORTS:   
Office Riggs gave the members of the board a copy of the Open Meetings Act for reference. Riggs also reported that Verizon plans to move a tower closer to town. Tyrrell-Feltes asked to increase the petty cash the office keeps on hand, board said to add to next agenda. Also asked if the board wanted to move the first meeting in November to Tuesday the 12th. That will be voted on at the next meeting.  
Dr. Hoelting Attended the Community pool meeting early Monday. The public showed interest and wanted to get things started. The timeline is thought to be five years.  
Chris Reha None  
Terry Mailloux Spoke about the water plant issues last week and that some pictures need to be taken at the plant.  
Robbie Welsh Met with the Games and Parks to discuss pathway grant. There are a few concerns, such as electrical wires above the pathway. Asked about the plan for the electrical issue on the hill, will need to follow up with Gralheer because he has discussed a few options with Fendrick.  
Ron Klein Handed out packets of what he has done at wastewater plant and electrical plant the last two weeks. Was not able to do the generation last week as planned but plan to do it this Wednesday.  
  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Mailloux to approve the budget, expenditure, claims, transfers and payroll. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.  
**CLAIMS AND PAYROLL** [Se=Services, R=Retirement, T=Taxes, Su=Supplies, I=Insurance, Re=Reimbursement, A=Advertisement, C=Contract Labor, Tr=Training]  
VILLAGE: Salaries, Se 19150.66, NE Dept of Revenue, T 2637.35, John Hancock, R 2343.85, EFTPS, T 1111.78, Acco, Su 673.82, Alloy, Tr 3745.00, Allrecipes, Su 22.00, Ann Bachman, Su 1819.99, Appeara, Su 193.28, Birds & Bloom, Su 29.98, BVH Architecture, Se 1523.06, Cengage Learning, Su 123.16, Century Link, Se 750.24, Charter West, HSA 190.00, Charter West, TIF 16438.12, Cintas, Su 7.65, Colonial Life, I 414.83, Core & Main, Su 9730.00, Country Home, Su 30.00, Dutton-Lainson, Su 2994.20, EMC Insurance, I 500.00, Frontier Bank, HSA 195.00, Grainger, Su 135.12, Ingram, Su 1068.14, K&C Grain, Su 5570.70, Kings Disposal, Se 295.00, La Vista Public, Su 41.00, Loffler, Se 2699.00, Lori Dickes, Re 300.00, Love of Quilting, Su 22.95, Maise Electric, Se 93112.48, Maise Enterprises, Se 330.00, Midwest Laboratories, Se 245.65, MEAN, Se 113764.06, National Public Gas Agency, Se 1040.05, NE Library Commission, Su 1000.00, Northeast Power, Su 514.56, Olsson, Se 1047.00, Pender Ace, Su 187.63, Pender Community Center, Dues 250.00, Penro, Se 91795.75, Piper Mountain Webs, Su 350.00, Principle Life, I 868.42, Ranger Rick, Su 29.95, Ron Klein, C 1512.50, S2 Roll Offs, Se 9791.00, Schmader Electric, Se 1700.00, Seals and Service, Se 963.92, Siouxland District Health Dept, Se 30.00, Sunderman Service, Se 146.99, Taste of Home, Su 42.78, The Saturday Evening Post, Su 32.00, TJ Auto, Se 60.00, Tri-State Communications, Su 90.00, Trojan Technologies, Su 3959.90, Verizon, Se 80.94, Vipre Security Group, Su 357.30, VOP – Petty Cash, Su 220.00, Wesco, Su 556.00, Z Mart, Su 1911.84  
AIRPORT: Sturek Media, A 77.70, Century Link, Se 68.73, Maise Electric, Se 230.00  
RESCUE: NE Dept of Revenue, T 4.82, Kings Disposal, Se 15.00, Sunderman Service, Se 434.50, Z Mart, Su 39.51  
  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Welsh to adjourn at 7:54 P.M. Voting AYE: Welsh, Hoelting, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. 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