PENDER, NEBRASKA

VILLAGE PROCEEDINGS

October 14, 2024

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held in the Village Board Room in said Village on the 14th day of October 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: Michaela & Dylan Roth, Paul Powley, Ron Klein, 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 Welsh to approve the minutes for the September 23rd meeting. Voting AYE: Welsh, Powley, Hoelting, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A discussion with Paul Powley was held. Powley asked if the village could put gravel in the alley behind his residence and Reha replied with yes. Powley also asked if the village could put a curb in front of the house due to the lawn being washed out and the sidewalk settling. The board is going to look at it and determine what needs to be done.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Amber Sunderman addressed the board due to utilities being shut off at her establishment. The board agreed to turn utilities back on Tuesday, but she needed to come in and get paid up Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS: None  
  
NEW BUSINESS:  
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Hoelting to approve the building permit for Michaela & Dylan Roth. Roth wants to put a privacy fence in the back yard at 314 S. 3rd Street. Voting AYE: Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Powley, seconded by Hoelting to deny the building permit for Ryan & Emma Schulz due to no dimensions and how close to the sidewalk they want to go. Schulz wants to put a privacy fence on their property. The board asked that they resubmit with dimensions and try to attend the next meeting to discuss it. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Powley, Welsh, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Powley, seconded by Hoelting to approve using the future Fire Hall location for a fundraising consignment auction. Matthew Smith with Olssen asked the board to use the location for the fire hall fundraiser. Voting AYE: Powley, Hoelting, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Mailloux. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Hoelting to approve increasing the petty cash in the office from $300.00 to $350.00. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Powley, Welsh, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Hoelting to approve moving the first meeting of November to Tuesday the 12th. The second Monday of November lands on Veteran’s Day. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Powley, Mailloux, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Hoelting to approve a Special Liquor License for the Other Side. There will be a fundraiser for the Library at the Pender Community Center on November 9th from 3:00 PM till 2:00 AM. Voting AYE: Welsh, Powley, Hoelting, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Hoelting to approve the engagement letter from Ric Ortmeier & Associates. The company will do the audit for the fiscal year of 2023-2024. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Powley, Mailloux, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Powley to approve Resolution 2024-12, appointment to National Public Gas Agency (NPGA) Board. The primary will be Grahleer and Hoelting as the alternative. Voting AYE: Welsh, Powley, Hoelting, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Powley, seconded by Mailloux to approve Resolution 20424-13, Health Savings Account (HAS). For the employee to receive the village contribution to their HSA account, the employee must contribute a minimum of $10.00 twice a month. Voting AYE: Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Powley to approve the contract with People Services. People Services is a company that will cover the village’s licensing requirements and provide education on the water treatment plant and the wastewater plant. The proposed monthly cost is $4,063.00 for the water and wastewater plants. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Powley, Welsh, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.   
A discussion was held about state funding for the sewer project. The state has approved the village up to 10.8 million dollars. The village is locked in for the 4.5 million and if the village needs 10.8 million, the village will still get the 3 million forgiveness, but the interest rate will be adjusted to 0.65%. If the village takes the 10.8 million the increase of base rate would increase to $41.00 instead of the $35.00 proposed in July for the 10.2-million-dollar loan. The new rate will not go into effect until the new ordinance is approved by the board and printed in the newspaper. Due to unknowns, it was suggested that the board only increase the rate to $35.00 then increase if needed.   
A motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Hoelting to approve the Olsson Amendment #2 Letter Agreement. Smith informed the board that the letter is adding remove/replace of some sewer locations and the street on top of the area. This agreement only covers sewers and streets, does not include any water improvements. Voting AYE: Welsh, Powley, Hoelting, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A discussion was held on how the village wants to use the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) awarded to the village. These funds can only be used on water, wastewater or broadband. These funds need to be allocated by the end 2025 and used by the end of 2026. As of now, the plan is to use the funds on wastewater.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:   
Office Riggs reported the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District (LENRD) for the park trees grant was closed out. The fire department did not receive any funds from the Dinklage grant application. Some water meters are reading high, they are being looked into. Tyrrell-Feltes reminded the board to complete the training with the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) and the next bonds due are December 15th.   
Dr. Hoelting None  
Glen Gralheer, Village Administrator The last financial year has been closed and the village was unfavorable but came in under budget. The next deadline for the Rattlesnake Creek project is in November for land acquisition but can apply for 90-day extension. Also, in the planning and bidding phase. The office is working on the lead and copper survey due to Nebraska Department of Environment on October 16th. Need to update the state on the water plant. Wednesday October 16th will be the quarterly power generation test for Municipal Energy of Nebraska (MEAN). Sandhills Energy will start erecting the solar field around November 4th and be complete by December 13th, 2024. The village has some delinquent reports with the state water department and is researching if any gas department reports are overdue. Training for the office on October 17th and some training at Farabee for a few utility workers on October 31st.  
Chris Reha Reported the Dave Johnson requested the window at the dump shack be replaced due to cracking. It is on the list to do.  
Dave Powley Would like to budget for a new street sweep in 2025-2026.   
Robbie Welsh Asked where the village was with the nuisance reports. The one at McCabe was being served by the Sheriff Department, the one on Main was cleaned up and the dog barking nuisance will be on the next agenda to serve a resolution.   
Ron Klein Handed out packets of what has happened the last two weeks at the wastewater plant and the light plant. Reported everything is going smoothly and will continue to work on cleaning.   
Mailloux exited the meeting at 8:05 P.M.  
A motion was made by Powley, seconded by Welsh to approve the financial report. Voting AYE: Powley, Hoelting, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Mailloux. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Powley to approve the budget, expenditure, claims, transfers and payroll. Voting AYE: Powley, Welsh, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Mailloux. 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]  
VILLAGE: Salaries, Se 46827.72, EFTPS, T 9592.75, John Hancock, R 1742.53, Alpha Door, Se 953.50, American Legal Publishing, Se 2603.30, Ann Bachman, Re .69, Appeara, Su 616.11, Aqua-Chem Inc, Su 80.04, Blue Cross Blue Sheild, I 6099.24, Brad Meyer, C 1700.00, Burt County Public Power, Se 43.62, Aleina Siomara Caceres, Refund, 150.00, Charter West, HSA 980.00, Core & Main, Su 657.19, Duane Kubik Farms Su 150.00, EMC Insurance, I 10646.25, Farabee, Se 5045.74, Franklin Fendrick, C 2692.50, Frontier Bank, HSA 2040.00, Grainger, Su 127.78, Hach Company, Su 38.94, Hometown Leasing, Se 310.28, Hoppe Homes, Refund 150.18, Ingram Library Services, Su 449.87, Jerico, Se 250.00, Joe Strahm, Re 1075.32, John Deere, Su 10.41, Kings Disposal, Se 295.00, Koons Gas Measurement, Su 733.59, Kurita, Su 2265.47, Lamp Auto Parts, Su 416.30, MacQueen Equipment, Se 439.15, Mid-American Benefits, I 75.00, Midwest Lab, Se 251.15, Mutual Of Omaha, I 276.75, NE Public Health, Se 213.75, Olsson, Se 7636.00, One Call Concept, Se 37.13, One Office Solutions, Se 54.20, Papio-Missouri River NRD, Se 413.46, Pender Ace Hardware, Su 921.51, Pender Community Center, Rent 1078.00, Pender Veterinary Clinic, Se 175.00, Port-A-John, Se 60.00, QLT Consumer Lease Services, Se 14.68, Ric Ortmeier CPA, Audit 8000.00, Ron Klein, C 1087.50, S2 Roll Offs, Se 2070.00, State Treasurer, Fee 58.56, Sturek Media, Se 496.65, Thurston County Sheriff, Se 18208.32, US Dept of Energy, Se 5274.76, USA Bluebook, Su 557.46, Utility Equipment, Su 9710.02, VOP, U 11610.03, Visa, Su 64.40, VOP-Petty Cash, Su 310.00, Y&Y Lawn Service, Se 2720.00, Z Mart 2, Su 1581.94  
AIRPORT: Discount Furniture, Se 120.00, Northeast Power, Se 147.00  
LIBRARY: EMC Insurance, I 184.00  
RESCUE: EFTPS, T 98.80, Alpha Door, Se 953.50, Cubby’s, Su 115.38, EMC Insurance, I 351.08, Matheson Tri-Gas, Su 135.95, Quick Med Claims, Se 320.92, Verizon, Se 125.64, Kings Disposal, Se 15.00  
  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Welsh to adjourn at 8:40 P.M. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Powley, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Mailloux. 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