PENDER, NEBRASKA

VILLAGE PROCEEDINGS

July 16th, 2024

A special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held in the Event Hall at the Pender Community Center on the 16th day of July, 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, Pender Court House and Pender Village Office. Notice to the Chairman 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.

Present on the roll call: Trustees: Dr. David Hoelting, Terry Mailloux, Robbie Welsh and Dave Powley. Staff present: Glen Gralheer, Village Administrator, Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes and Kylee Riggs, Office personnel. Public attendance: Marv & Marilyn Kubik, Scott & Tara Peiffer, Tony Crippen, Lonnie & Linda Ford, Ron Klein, Susan Strahm, Brian & Michele Kent, Dennis & Nancy Zvacek, Don & Rae Heineman, Al Maul, Mert Christainsen, Keith & Dee Moeller, Craig & Donna Malmberg, Matt & Penny Bruns, Joel & Jolleen Splittgerber, Rodney Zvacek, Matthew Smith with Olsson, Amy Volk with Pender Community Development, and Jason Sturek with Pender Times.

Vice-Chairman Hoelting notified that pursuant to Section 84-1412 (8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was available to the public in pamphlet at the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Hoelting called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

A discussion was held with the public about the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and the collection system in the village of Pender. Grahleer started the presentation with the wastewater plant. He stated that two years ago, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) informed the village our wastewater plant was not in compliance. The new plant upgrades include new pumps, meters, a vertical screen, wash press and two new clarifiers. When the project was started, the village was able to obtain a loan with the NE Dept of Environment and Energy State Revolving Fund for 4.6 million dollars with a 45% forgiveness. Due to rising cost, the amount of the loan will increase, and the forgiveness will be 22% on new funds. The final blending forgiveness is 35%. Mert Christiansen asked if the village will be keeping the lagoons, Grahleer answered yes. Tony Crippen asked if the capacity will be the same, Grahleer answered it should be a little more. Mert Christiansen asked where the money was coming from, Grahleer answered from the NE Dept of Environment and Energy through the State Revolving Fund. To build the treatment plant, the cost will be 3.6 million dollars with a 30-year loan. Robbie Welsh joined the meeting at 7:35 P.M. Matthew Smith from Olssen discussed the collection system. A couple years ago the village sent a camera down the sewer lines and Smith shared some of the pictures from the scan. Was able to identify the negative slopes around the village. Whitney is a major concern so would be doing the whole system through town. Lonnie Ford asked where they would start on the west end of the village, Smith answered at Slaughter Street. The reasons pipes would need to be fixed are sloping, collapsed, holes or roots growing in the pipe. The ways to fix the pipes would be replaced, lined or patched. Tony Crippen asked if lining the pipes would cause a catch, Smith answered no it would make it smooth. Mert Christiansen asked if smoke testing was done, Smith reported that was down 3 to 4 years ago and the village has fixed 60-70% of the problems. Financing the project will be included with the wastewater treatment plant.

The public was presented with three different scope options for the wastewater treatment plant and collection system: (cost are an estimate)

1. WWTP only: $ 3.6 million, monthly customer increase $13.00
2. WWTP + lining: $6.4 million, monthly customer increase $22.00
3. WWTP + lining + replacing pipe + streets: $10.2 million, monthly customer increase $35.00

Smith ended with the closing comments of the village has invested half a million towards video, design and smoke testing over the last 4-5 years. The project will be complete in 2026, payments on loan will start after that.

The public did a straw vote and chose option 3.

A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Powley to approve the special liquor license for Other Side Bar. The event will take place 8/8/2024 at the Community Center. Voting AYE: Welsh, Powley, Mailloux and Hoelting. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Reha. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Powley to approve the special liquor license for Other Side Bar. The event will take place 8/16/2024 at the Community Center. Voting AYE: Powley, Mailloux, Welsh and Hoelting. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Reha. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Mailloux, second by Powley to adjourn the special meeting at 8:30 P.M. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Welsh, Powley and Hoelting. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Reha. Motion carried.

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 Dr. Dave Hoelting, Vice-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