PENDER, NEBRASKA

VILLAGE PROCEEDINGS

February 24, 2025

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held in the Village Board Room in said Village on the 24th day of February 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, Dave Powley, Robbie Welsh and Terry Mailloux. Staff present: Glen Gralheer, Village Administrator, Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes and Kylee Riggs, Office personnel. Public attendance: Scott Pfeiffer, Jody Davis, Ron Klein, Amy Volk with Pender Community Development, 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 Hoelting, seconded by Mailloux to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda was composed of the agenda, regular meeting minutes for 2/10/2025, budget, expenditure, claims transfers and payroll. Voting AYE: Welsh, Mailloux, Hoelting, Powley 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, BG=Big Give]  
VILLAGE: Salaries, Se 15036.45, John Hancock, R 403.00, EFTPS, T 3384.94, NE Dept of Revenue, T 16750.65, Point C, I 296.04, Appeara, Su 220.46, Betterment Group, BG 3750.00, Blue Cross Blue Shield, I 481.52, Century Link, Se 759.08, Chater West, HSA1270.00, Charter West, TIF 6593.41, Colonial Life, I 278.43, Dutton-Lainson, Su 915.72, EMC Insurance, I 10646.25, Engineering Unlimited, Su 369.23, Frank Fendrick, C 1050.00, Frontier Bank, HSA 105.00, Glen Gralheer, Re 718.96, GSB, I 2025.86, John Deere Financial, Su 541.56, Hach Company, Se 303.05, Hugo Plumbing, Su 8.95, K&C Grain, Su 5993.85, Kings Disposal, Se 160.00, Kurita America, Se 3940.72, Lamp Auto, Su 372.43, Maise Electric, Se 144.38, Midwest Lab, Se 490.57, Municipal Energy Agency of NE, Se 110437.29, Mutual of Omaha, I 217.50, NE Dept of Environment and Energy, Se 40.00, NE Public Health Environmental, Se 554.00, Northwest Electric, Se 1035.20, Pender Community Center, Rent 1120.00, People Service, Se 4063.00, Pender Beautification Committee, BG 2550.00, Pender Summer Rec, BG 1675.00, Pioneer Senior Citizen Center, BG 1290.00, Principal Life Insurance, I 642.80, PV Business Solutions, Tr 298.50, Ron Klein, C 1699.50, Sensit Technologies, Su 453.70, Smith Farm Service, Su 790.00, Stingray Technologies, Se 1450.82, VFW, BG 3700.00, VFW Aux, BG 1600.00, Z&Z Storage, Se 650.00, Thurston Co Rural Water, Se 90.50, Verizon, Se 90.76  
AIRPORT: Century Link, Se 72.03, Lamp Auto, Su 26.98  
LIBRARY: EMC Insurance, I 184.00  
RESCUE: EMC Insurance, I 351.08, GSB, I 1149.81, Kings Disposal, Se 15.00

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Powley to approve cashing the Rescue CD ending in 4968 at Charter West Bank maturing on March 22, 2025. The money will be deposited into the Fire/Rescue Savings account ending in 8950 at Frontier Bank and will be used towards the purchase of the new ambulance. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Powley, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Mailloux.  
  
A brief discussion was had on the fire tax. Hoelting reported that it would be separate from the rural fire tax, according to the county treasurer, and that it would need to be taken to a vote if not included in the current levy tax. Gralheer stated the tax has to be built into the budget and the levy so it may not need an election if the board does not want to increase the levy but will need to be confirmed with the audit company.

NEW BUSINESS:  
The discussion on the audit was postponed due to Ortmeier & Associates not being able to attend the meeting.

The discussion on a building permit for Quick Current-Nebraska LLC was postponed due to the representative being unable to attend.  
  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Welsh to approve the suspending the reading of three for ordinance 699. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Powley, Welsh, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Hoelting to approve Ordinance 699. The ordinance changes the due date for dog licensing from May 1st to June 1st. This is in line with the vet clinic’s vaccination month. Voting AYE: Powley, Welsh, Mailloux, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Hoelting to approve sending out the bidding of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. The advertisement will run for thirty days starting February 27th, 2025 and will be due first meeting in April. Voting AYE: Welsh, Mailloux, Hoelting, Powley and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
  
A motion was made by Powley, seconded by Mailloux to approve sending out the bidding of the Collection System Project pending the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) review. Will submit to NDEE the week of March 3rd and may take up to a month for a response. The advertisement will run in April and will be due at a May meeting. At the 90% review, it was found that sewer pipe is under the covert on Main. The optians to fix this are to create a syphon or rerouting the flow so the village wants the bidding to come in favorable to add this fix to the project. The village will also need to talk to Pender Public School and St. Mark’s Church due to their parking lots being affected by the paving machine. Also need to talk to Zvacek because some of the collection system work is in an area they farm. Voting AYE: Powley, Welsh, Mailloux, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Mailloux, seconded by Hoelting to approve the agreement for the Rattlesnake Creek Drainage Project Design. This is a 90/10 split for phase 1. 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 TIF check for SJKC, LLC in the amount of $18,545.76. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Powley, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Powley to approve the TIF check for Palace Lofts in the amount of $11,541.10. Voting AYE: Welsh, Mailloux, Hoelting, Powley and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
  
A motion was made by Powley, seconded by Mailloux to approve the TIF check for Pender Community Development (PCDI) in the amount of $9,753.92. Voting AYE: Powley, Welsh, Mailloux, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Welsh to deny the quotes for the gas and electric rate studies. The board decided that a rate increase was needed as soon as possible and the lead time on the studies is twelve weeks or more. It was determined to increase now then have the studies done later in the year to prepare for the next increase due to suppliers’ increase in the coming years. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Powley, Welsh, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:  
Office Riggs submitted fire hall grant to Gardner. Sent out survey for the board members and asked to respond as soon as they can. Reminded board that non-annexed rates need to be included in rate increases. Tyrrell-Feltes informed the board that the 911 addresses will go through Tom Perez and GWorks for any future addresses. Speed signs on highway will be installed on February 25th unless contacted by state to reschedule.  
Dr. Hoelting Advertising for pool help soon and will review the applications. Will contact the school again to see if any teachers are interested in being a pool manager.  
Chris Reha Asked when the next Verizon meeting is, Gralheer responded with no set date yet. Shared the passing of Ric Ortmeier from Ortmeier Associates (village accountant) with the board.  
Terry Mailloux None  
Robbie Welsh The Pender Vet does not want to kennel any stray dogs so they will be taken to 12 Hills until further noticed.   
Dave Powley Would like to see some street potholes patched during the warm week. Asked about the dump keys being changed? Gralheer stated that the board decided to change locks and give each employee a key, so they didn’t have to stop at shop. Powley said that Chris Samuelson needs a key to get the scrap metal.   
Ron Klein Turned in the packet of what he completed at the wastewater and light plant the last two weeks. Reported the generation during the week of February 10th went well.

Glen Gralheer The village did two generations the week of February 17th per Municipal Energy of Nebraska (MEAN) due to power consumption being needed. There was a total of five times for snow removal the week of February 10th and it went well. February 28th is the Live to Lead Seminar at the Community Center, presented by the Pender/Thurston Education Community Foundation Fund. Matthew Smith is the new utility superintendent and will start April 7th, 2025.

A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Powley to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. Voting AYE: Welsh, Mailloux, Hoelting, 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 Chairperson 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 included on 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