PENDER, NEBRASKA

VILLAGE PROCEEDINGS

October 28, 2024

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held in the Village Board Room in said Village on the 28th 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: Scott Pfeiffer, Ron Klein, Jody Davis and Ryan Schulz.   
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 Hoelting to approve the minutes for the October 14th meeting. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Welsh, Powley, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dave Johnson addressed the board with dump maintenance issues. Someone has been dumping trees and box springs after hours, approaching from the field. The fence needs to be finished. Powley suggested looking into some kind of camera surveillance. Johnson also added that the window at the shed needs to be replaced and change the window that holds the air unit to only a hole for the unit. He offered to fix these if given the supplies. Gralheer replied that those issues are on the list and want to get to them soon.

OLD BUSINESS: None  
  
NEW BUSINESS:  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Mailloux to approve the building permit for Emma and Ryan Schulz. Schulz wants to add a fence to 401 Whitney. The fence will need to be two feet off the property line on the south side of the house, two feet off sidewalk on the north and even with the front of the houses to the south to the east. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Powley, Mailloux, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Powley, seconded by Hoelting to approve the building permit for Bruce and Kay Meierdierks. The tenant at 407 Main Street would like to put a prebuilt garage in the open space west of the apartment, behind the fence on Main. The garage will move with the tenant when the time comes. Voting AYE: Welsh, Mailloux, Powley, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
The building permit for JoAnn Luedert’s was postponed till next meeting due to not enough time to look at request.  
The vote for Resolution 2024-14, Year-End Certification of Street Superintendent was postponed because Matthew Smith was not available for the meeting.   
The vote on renewal of Agreement for Street Superintendent and Engineering Services with Olssen’s was postponed because Smith was not available.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Welsh to approve the suspending of three for Ordinance 697. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Powley, Mailloux, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Welsh to approve Ordinance 697. AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE SALE OF A FRACTIONAL INTEREST IN CERTAIN REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF PENDER, NEBRASKA, AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Publish date of 10/31/2024 in The Pender Times. Voting AYE: Welsh, Mailloux, Powley, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Powley to approve the interlocal agreement with Thurston County Sheriff. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Powley, Mailloux, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Hoelting to approve Resolution 2024-16, Interlocal Agreement. Voting AYE: Welsh, Mailloux, Powley, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None Motion carried.  
A discussion about the new sewer rates was held. In July, the public was in favor of a $35.00 increase to support a state revolving fund loan of $10.2 million. With new engineering estimates increasing, the state has agreed to a $10.8 million loan, and it would increase the rate to $41.00. The board was asked if the village should increase to $41.00 one time or stay with the $35.00 increase and do it again in six months. The board agreed to the one-time increase.  
A discussion about the utility rates was held. In April, the village’s electricity invoice increased by 7% and the village has been absorbing that cost percentage. Should the village implement a yearly increase of 3 to 3.5% across the utilities? In rate surveys, the village has been in the middle of the comparisons aside from sewer, which is in the lower half. Reha suggested eliminating the 400 cubic feet included in the base rate of water and charge per unit used. Non-annexed customers need to be re-evaluated. The talk of selling our utilities and keeping the light plant to generate was mentioned. What are the pros and cons of that? Powley asked how we can increase rates with no village employees. Gralheer replied that if the village becomes more profitable, the village could hire experienced employees.  
A motion was made by Welsh, seconded by Hoelting to approve Resolution 2024-15, commit American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The village received funds in 2021 and 2022 to use towards water, wastewater or broadband. The funds will need to be used by the end of 2026. The board decided to allocate the funds towards the new wastewater plant. Voting AYE: Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Welsh to approve solar field transformer and transmission lines. Sand Hills ois already on site. The transformer and transmission lines that would connect to the field are not powerful enough to sustain the needs of the solar field. There could be up to an additional cost of $50,000.00 to fulfil our contract. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Powley, Mailloux, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
  
DEPARTMENT REPORTS:   
Office Riggs let the board know about the Christmas party invitations have gone out. Tyrrell-Feltes informed them that Tammy Maul-Bodlak has filed the dog complaint against Schumacher with the courts.  
Dr. Hoelting None  
Glen Gralheer, Village Administrator The lead and copper report was turned into the state on time but need to follow up. Placed an ad in Pender Times for utility superintendent and workers. AgriVision was being charged for two electric meters and has been refunded. Need to let the state know the village has contracted with People Services to serve as our license. Has started the process of filing the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR) at the wastewater plant with the state. The team is getting more efficient with the generation at the light plant. Will be attending a training workshop at Farabee in Firth this Thursday. The low voltage on Earl Street is being evaluated with Rich from Municipal Energy of Nebraska (MEAN) and is expecting to come from hospital to a dual transformer. Sunderman and Darling low voltage is due to only one wire running across highway so will run another wire soon. Low hanging wires are getting tightened, 3 out of 5 done as of today. Winter prep has started. The sprinkler system has been drained, ball fields done as well as park and started on equipment. Rattlesnake Creek project has 120 days for the land acquisition for retention ponds. Riggs has submitted first quarter report. Replacing water sample stations around town for when Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) takes over water in January. 25 water meters and 21 gas meters need to be replaced. New meters are not downloading to Power Manager, and it is believed to be file not reading correctly.   
Chris Reha None  
Terry Mailloux The generation for the village is better organized and improving with each test.  
Dave Powley Asked if the rock for the alley behind Paul Powley had been done yet. It is on the list. Powley suggested having Lorensen’s do it and Gralheer agreed to follow up with that.  
Ron Klein Handed out packets of what has happened the last two weeks at the wastewater plant and the light plant. The light plant cleanliness is improving.  
Robbie Welsh Asked where the village was with the new speed signs on highway, waiting on state. Thriftique requested the garland for the historic light poles be installed before their event on November 4th.

A motion was made by Powley, seconded by Hoelting to approve the budget, expenditure, claims, transfers and payroll. Voting AYE: Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting, 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 14538.22, NE Dept of Revenue, T 9073.42, Mid-American Benefits, I 93.59, EFTPS, T 3184.26, John Hancock, R 381.78, Appeara, Su 103.10, Nick Arlt, RD 275.00, Ann M Abiera, RD 325.00, Maranda Baker, RD 325.00, Benefits Plans, Se 580.00, Ashley Bessmer, RD 325.00, Gary & Pat Brehmer, RD 325.00, Matt & Shelley Buchholz, RD 100.00, Century Link, Se 753.61, Charter West, TIF 12410.21, Charter West, HSA 120.00, Cintas, Se 100.52, Colonial Life, I 414.83, Marcelo & Shiera Mae Canaya, RD 300.00, Jeff Cooper, RD 325.00, Pender Health Plaza, RD 475.00, David Duncan, RD 325.00, Gary & Jody Davis, RD 325.00, Vicki Davis-Hankins, RD 175.00, Gerhardus Engelbrecht, RD 325.00, Corey Eltman, RD 325.00, Dustin Evans, RD 125.00, Frontier Bank, HSA 105.00, Bev Frese, RD 125.00, Joshua & Madison Gray, RD 325.00, Marvin & Mary Greenfield, RD 325.00, Jose Martin Godin, RD 325.00, Emily Godinez, RD 325.00, Hoppe Homes, RD 175.00, Joan Hansen, RD 325.00, Nick & Andrea Hansen, RD 325.00, Brad & Lela Heineman, RD 125.00, Don Heineman, RD 325.00, Tanner & Lynna Heineman, RD 325.00, Crystal Henopp, RD 325.00, Luke & Elizabeth Hoffman, RD 300.00, Dylan Huber, RD 325.00, Marin Jetensky, RD 325.00, John Deere, Su 630.58, Justice Fire & Safety, Se 357.40, Kip & Jane Jacobsen, RD 125.00, Tri view Properties, RD 325.00, Jesse Johnson, RD 325.00, K&C Grain, Su 5691.60, Jenna Kubik, RD 325.00, Devan Kaup, RD 325.00, Maelynn Liewer, RD 325.00, Yesenia Lopez, RD 325.00, Jo Luedert, RD 325.00, Eric Lundahl, RD 325.00, Municipal Energy Agency of NE, Se 105106.35, Zenaida Magana, RD 325.00, Dave & Pam Meierdierks, RD 125.00 Joe & Chloe Murphy, RD 325.00, National Public Gas Agency, Se 11192.04, NE Public Health Envir Lab, Se 46.00, Northwest Electric, Su 111.28, Travis & Julie Nilges, RD 150.00, Sara Ortiz, RD 325.00, Principal Life Insurance, I 783.80, Adam Poley, RD 325.00, Derrick Reober, RD 325.00, Ron Klein, C 1287.50, Greg & Deanna Ray, RD 325.00, Steven & Kayci Ready, RD 325.00, Brent Recker, RD 325.00, Jade Pinugu Yambot & Reymondo Salvador, RD 175.00, Matthew Smith, RD 200.00, Candice Stacken, RD 300.00, Alex & Kristin Salmon, RD 325.00, Tim Schaefer, RD 325.00, Noah & Amy Sebade, RD 325.00, Jase Sorenson, RD 325.00, Chris Storm, RD 325.00, Sunderman Service, Se 3077.67, Thurston Co Rural Water, Se 298.51, Javen & Elizabeth Tierney, RD 325.00, Lee & Jane Tonjes, RD 325.00, Chandra Trimble, RD 325.00, Verizon, Se 89.00, Brody VandeBurg, RD 325.00, Wesco Receivables, Su 1282.00, Lauren White, RD 325.00, Joseph & Kristin Walsh, RD 325.00, Carol Webster, RD 125.00, June Wilhelm, RD 325.00, Sydney Williams, RD 300.00, Aaron Zeller, RD 300.00, Franklin Fendrick, C 1455.00  
AIRPORT: Century Link, Se 68.89, John Miller, RD 210.00, Mark Kinning, Re 256.75  
  
A motion was made by Hoelting, seconded by Welsh to adjourn at 9:03 P.M. Voting AYE: Powley Mailloux, Hoelting, Welsh 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