PENDER, NEBRASKA

VILLAGE PROCEEDINGS

August 28, 2023

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held in the Village Board Room in said Village on the 28th day of August, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting said notice in three public places; which are 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. 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 meeting.

Present on the roll call: Chairman: Chris Reha, Trustees: Dr. David Hoelting, Robbie Welsh, Dave Powley and Glen Gralheer. Staff present: Chris Brader, Utility Superintendent, Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes & Kylee Riggs, Office personal. Public attendance: Tara Pfeiffer, Scott Pfeiffer, Terry Mailloux, Matt Torczon and Ron Klein.

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 as made by Hoelting, second by Powley to approve the minutes for the August 14th meeting. Voting AYE: Gralheer, Powley, Hoelting and Welsh. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to approve the building permit for Trimble. They will be building an attached garage at their home. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Powley and Gralheer. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:  
A motion was made by Welsh, second by Hoelting to approve the special liquor license for the Other Side. The bar will be serving liquor at the Pender Community Center on September 29th for a library fundraiser from 3 P.M. - 2 A.M. Voting AYE: Gralheer, Welsh, Hoelting and Powley. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve the building permit for Torczon. They will be adding a deck to a backyard shed as well as a fence at their residence. Voting AYE: Powley, Gralheer, Welsh and Hoelting. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Powley to approve suspending the ruling of 3 readings for Ordinance 689. Voting AYE: Welsh, Powley, Hoelting and Gralheer. Voting NAY: None. Motin carried.

A motion was made by Powley, second by Hoelting to approve Ordinance 689. This ordinance now asks businesses and individuals that are applying for a peddler and hawker permit to provide proof of commercial liability insurance and proof of NE state sales tax permit to list a few changes. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Gralheer and Powley. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gralheer, second by Hoelting to approve a 0.05 cent raise per hour for Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes. The raise was due to the completion of obtaining a notary for the village. Voting AYE: Welsh, Powley, Hoelting and Gralheer. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was had about the low voltage electrical issues that are happening in areas of town and ideas to fix the problems were considered. A few residents were present for the conversation. The problems are due to end of the line and copper wiring that needs to be replace. This problem was brought to the board before after a hot week one summer and after it cooled off, the fix was pushed back but it needs to be resolved. To fix the area of Norris and Thurston an idea is to run new poles, wiring and transformers. To fix the Slaughter and Carns area, the plan is to run electrical wires in alley. Rich from Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) will be in town the first full week of September to help make a final decision on how to fix problem areas. The public was assured the problem will be fixed but it will take time due to getting material and Schmader’s availability.

The board discussed the current water rates. Pender blocks the first 400 cubic feet of water used in with the base pay of the service, no towns around the area do that. Pender is also in the middle cost wise compare to the state rate based on information from the state. Pender needs to look at taking the block out of the base charge and charge per 100 cubic feet. Most customers will not notice a big change in rate.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:  
Office The passing of the handbook ordinance was put on hold because it was suggested to reword the employee paid portion of health insurance in it and asked to add direct deposit for payroll for everyone by the end of this year. It was suggested to replace uniforms with a stipend as a way to cut cost. Currently the village gets uniform from Appeara and not many of the employees actually wear them. Wanted to let the board know that the park grant had some feedback and was asked to change a few things to make it a better candidate. Also let them know the narrative for the Pilot program has been complete. Kylee informed the board the summit she attended in Kearney was educational and that she learned a lot.

Dave Powley Requested the blue prints for the proposed Family Dollar Store and Fire Hall.

Robbie Welsh Shared with the board that the nuisance at 411 McCabe Street has been taken care of and looks nice. The next area of concern is behind Puckett’s greenhouse, which is owned by Habrock’s of Emerson. It was decided the office would type up a letter of concern and if nothing was done, then follow up with nuisance.

Chris Brader (Utility Superintendent) Informed the board that the slide in Lyons was no longer there. The village passed the emissions compliance test.

Dr. Hoelting None

Glen Gralheer Wants to be around when Rich from MEAN is in town. Is going to be meeting with Matthew Smith of Olsson’s for the 30% progress meeting for collection system next week. Also reminded everyone to keep working on their budget.

Chris Reha None

Ron Klein Provided packet of what he has done at plant since last report. Had a few options for a sump pump to purchase. The motor for pump #2 is set for mid-October arrival.

A motion was made by Powley, second by Hoelting to approve the budget, expenditure, claims, transfers and payroll. Voting AYE: Gralheer, Hoelting, Welsh and Powley. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

VILLAGE: Salaries, Se 16032.76, EFTPS, Taxes 4293.65, John Hancock, Retire 617.99, NE Dept Revenue, Taxes 8939.15, Acco, Su 825.52, Addison Maise, Reimb 200.00, Anastin Geisert, Reimb 200.00, Barco Municipal Products, Su 171.64, BCBS, Ins 1359.25, Brad Meyer, Cont 1700.00, Charter West, HSA 100.00, Colonial Life, Ins 351.68, Eakes, Su 353.10, Easton Dutcher, Reimb 200.00, Frontier Bank, HSA 105.00, Frontier Bank, Loan 17627.67, GPM Environmental Solutions, Se 551.00, Grainer, Su 167.79, Heiman Fire Equipment, Su 6791.50, John Deere, Su 2149.09, Jaxen Breitbarth, Reimb 200.00, K&C Grain, Su 5114.07, Kylee Riggs, Mileage 297.00, Kutak Rock, Se 6945.00, Municipal Energy Agency of NE, Se 104953.11, National Public Gas Agency, Se 11206.72, Ne Public Health Environmental, Se 656.6, Northeast NE Economic Development, Se 42.50, Papio-Missouri River NRD, Se 196.98, Pender Community Center, Rent 1008.00, Penro Construction, Se 35.00, Pioneer Research Corp, Se 574.90, Principal Life, Ins 638.42, Quinn Morgan, Reimb 100.00, Reese Heineman, Reimb, 200.00, Robertson Implement, Se52.60, Ron Klein, Cont 1340.39, Security Shredding, Se 35.00, Siouxland District Health, Se 15.00, Stephon Small, Reimb 100.00, Wesco, Su 3381.59, Verizon, Se 87.92

AIRPORT: Mark Kinning, Reimb 50.78

RESCUE: Heiman Fire, Su 464.62, Peterson Body & Paint, Se 99.95, Sandry Fire Supply, Su 188.50, Verizon, Se 117.18

A motion to adjourn was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to adjourn at 8:40 P.M. Voting AYE: Welsh, Gralheer, Powley and Hoelting. 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 were 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 requesting 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