PENDER, NEBRASKA

VILLAGE PROCEEDINGS

April 8th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held in the Village Board Room in said Village on the 8th day of April, 2024 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, 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 meeting.

Present on the roll call: Chairman: Chris Reha, Trustees: Dr. David Hoelting, Robbie Welsh, Dave Powley and Terry Mailloux. Staff present: Glen Gralheer, City Administrator; Kylee Riggs and Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes, Office personal. Public attendance: Ron Klein, Mark Jahde, Scott Pfeiffer, Jason Sturek with The Pender Times and Amy Volk with Pender Community Development, Inc (PDCI).

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, second by Welsh to approve the minutes for the March 25th meeting. Voting AYE: Welsh, Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mark Jahde shared some concerns with the board. 1) There is an animal digging holes at the cemetery and would like to see it taken care of. 2) Back in 2022 he asked for a new 200-amp service to be put in at 112 S 4th St and the state inspector found line coming in is not 200-amp and wants village to correct it. 3) Asked about the landlord deposit ordinance. 4) Feels maintenance around town is not getting done like it use to. From trimming trees around power lines to pot holes not being fixed. As well as a few alleys that need to be graded and filled in.

OLD BUSINESS:  
During March 22 call with Ironhorse Development, Gralheer and Reha had a call that resulted in an agreement on cost for street but nothing with drainage. The next week, Ironhorse said would pave apron and be done. The village offered to take more of drainage to offset paving cost and Ironhorse was open to idea. Village will pay Ironhorse $30,000.00 for paving, $30,000.00 for drainage and that will include their portion.   
A motion was made by Welsh, second by Hoelting to approve the paving of Valley Street pending state inspection. Voting AYE: Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve the drainage project of Vally Street and surrounding properties. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Hoelting, Welsh, Powley and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Welsh, second by Mailloux to approve the building permit for Mark Jahde. He will be replacing a parking pad and sidewalk at 112 S. 4th Street. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Powley, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mailloux, second by Hoelting to approve the building permit for Cody and Amy Volk. They will be extending an existing privacy fence at 602 McCabe St. Voting AYE: Welsh, Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Powley, second by Mailloux to approve the building permit for Marv and Mary Greenfield. They will be building an attached garage and driveway at 114 5th Street. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Hoelting, Welsh, Powley and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was had about what the board wanted the volunteers to do at the park for the 2nd annual Great Pender Clean Up on April 20th and 21st. At this time volunteers will be asked to come around 12:30 pm to focus on picking up sticks and garbage at the park and ball fields. It is hoped the ball players will attend to help at fields. Food will be offered to the volunteers through out the day.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve the burning of the house at 609 Main Street. The owner will have to take the trees out and let neighbors know beforehand. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Powley, Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Mailloux. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Powley, second by Hoelting to approve the Y & Y spraying of the village property. Voting AYE: Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Powley to approve the special liquor license for Other Side. There will be a wedding reception at the Community Center June 15th. Voting AYE: Welsh, Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Welsh, second by Mailloux to approve the special liquor license for Other Side. This event is an outdoor beer garden on main for June 28th. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Hoelting, Welsh, Powley and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Welsh, second by Hoelting to approve the special liquor license for Other Side. The event will be June 29th at the Pender Community Center and is the alumni banquet. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Powley, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Welsh, second by Hoelting to approve the special liquor license for Crippen’s 5th Quarter. This event is an outdoor beer garden on main for June 28th. Voting AYE: Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Powley, second by Mailloux to open a Fire Department Fundraising savings account with Chris Reha, Dr. David Hoelting, Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes and Kylee Riggs on signature card. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Powley, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mailloux, second by Powley to accept the cemetery mowing bid from Brad Meyer at $1,700.00 per mow. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Hoelting, Powley and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Welsh. Motion carried.

A discussion of the lifeguard wage was held then tabled till later in the meeting. There was a motion made by Hoelting to rehire the returning lifeguard at $12.50 but he rescinded after more discussion.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve advertising of a full-time utility employee. Gralheer will draw up an advertising of what the village is looking for including, but not limited to, a reliable, self-starting individual that can work on own and has mechanical skills and welding skills. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Powley, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mailloux, second by Powley to approve hiring lifeguards starting at $12.25 and returning at $12.75. Three returning lifeguards were hired. A motion was made by Mailloux, second by Hoelting to hire pool manager at $15.00 pending passing the manager’s test. Voting AYE: Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A discussion of the village attendance policy was held. One of the changes recommended was call ins needing to be done 30 minutes prior to shift and to the utility superintendent as well as the village administrator. Another is accumulating up to six occurrences and being let go after the seventh. Occurrences would be acquired as half for tardy and whole for all day.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Office Riggs gave an update on how Ponca got its cemetery paved through grants and donations. Updated the Verizon service in area saying another site pending due to no funding at this time. Krier will be in Friday to update storage on computer so they will be down during that time. Tyrrell-Feltes will be gone Friday so will be closing the office at noon.

Dr, Hoelting Made the board aware of two water leaks down by trailer park that need to be fixed.

Glen Gralheer This will be last payment on loan at Frontier Bank. Some of glass squares are broke at pool so need to be fixed. April 18th is the staking date for the voltage conversion project and would like to put something in paper to make residents aware as well as sending a letter or inviting them down to talk about project. Wants to put something in paper about Valley Street paving as well when time is right. The trip to Lincoln to see the waste water plant was informative. Inquired why the tornado siren at light plant does not work and wants to discuss at a later date. Gralheer will be gone Thursday and Friday.

Chris Reha nothing

Terry Mailloux Asked for the sidewalk ordinance.

Dave Powley Asked that the pot holes around town were fixed and to grade the road at the cemetery.

Ron Klein Handed out packets. UV system at waste water plant should be up and running this weekend to make sure there are no complications of making the May deadline. Also fencing needs to be fixed.

Robbie Welsh Requested the alley between the school parking lots be graded and filled.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve the financial report. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Hoelting, Welsh, Powley and Reha. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Powley, second by Hoelting to approve the budget, expenditure, claims, transfers and payroll. Voting AYE: Welsh, Powley, Mailloux, Hoelting 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]

VILLAGE: Salaries, Se 20662.40, John Hancock, R 1275.93, EFTPS, T 4181.58, Mid-American Benefits, I 263.01, American Legal Publishing, Se 4497.50, Ann Bachman, Re 247.41, Appeara, Se 425.23, Barco Municipal Products, Su 528.13, Blue Cross Blue Shield, I 5037.86, Charter West, HSA 90.00, Demco, Su 447.17, Electric Pump, Su 401.82, Ell Consulting, Se 138.00, EMC Insurance, I 21929.50, Farabee Mechanical, Se 5045.74, Fastwyre, Se 626.87, Frazeys, Su 1528.05, Frontier Bank, HSA 295.00, Gutzmann, Refund 6526.35, Heiman Fire Equipment, Su 1692.27, Hometown Leasing, Se 155.14, Hydro Optimization, Su 1239.06, Industrial Sales, Su 296.63, Ingram Library, Su 473.59, John Deere Financial, Su 1786.74, JR’s Construction, Se 839.75, K&C Grain, Su 5315.96, KGM, Su 10707.19, Kings Disposal, Se 485.00, Lorensen Lumber, Su 7258.46, Mutual of Omaha, I 175.75, Midwest Diesel, C 594.01, Myers Construction, Se 3634.22, NE Life Magazine, Su 52.00, Olsson, Se 115712.83, One Call Concept, Se 19.08, Pender Ace Hardware, Su 2223.52, Pender Community Center, Rent 1078.00, Pender Community Development, Se 5000.00, Pender Thurston Chamber, Dues 150.00, QLT Consumer, Se 14.68, Ron Klein, C 1100.00, S2 Roll Offs, Se 1874.40, Schmader Electric, Se 7296.40, Siouxland District Health, Se 30.00, Sturek Media, A 862.58, Sunderman Service, Se 302.05, Thurston County Sheriff, Se 18208.32, TJ Auto, Se 130.60, US Dep of Energy, Se 6821.17, VOP, Utilities 21363.16, VOP-Petty Cash, Postage 220.00, Wesco, Su 17541.20

AIRPORT: EFTPS, T 64.26, Smith Farm Service, Su 398.77, Stanley Petroleum, C .50  
LIBRARY: EMC Insurance, I 368.00  
RESCUE: EFTPS, T 148.24, EMC Insurance, I 702.16, Fastwyre, Se 52.94, Frazeys, Su 122.06, Matheson Tri-Gas, Su 151.05, The Apothecary Shop, Su 1480.44, Verizon, Se 121.54

A motion was made by Powley, second by Hoelting to adjourn at 9:30 P.M. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Powley, Mailloux 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 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