PENDER, NEBRASKA

VILLAGE PROCEEDINGS

September 25, 2023

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held in the Village Board Room in said Village on the 25th day of September, 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: Scott Darling, Candice Gardea, Amy Volk, Matthew Smith with Olsson, Tim Austin with Ironhorse Development, Scott Pfeiffer Terry Mailloux, Jody Davis, Anthony Kreja, Chase Morgon, Russ Briggs, Joe & Susan Strahm 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 Gralheer to approve the minutes for the September 11th meeting. Voting AYE: Welsh, Powley, Gralheer and Hoelting. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to approve the minutes for the September 20th meeting. Voting AYE: Powley, Hoelting, Gralheer and Welsh. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scott Darling presented a letter concerning the plan for Ironhorse Development for the street/drainage plan for the new Family Dollar Store, mainly the proposed detention basin. Matthew Smith from Olssons felt it was a solid plan but wanted more detail and will be working with everyone make sure it works for now and in the future. Tim Austin was aware the plans are just a starting point but wanted to make the cost was split in an acceptable way for everyone. Tammy Maul-Bodlak said that the paving districts have traditionally been the butting to pavement pay, square footage butting the road is how the cost is determined. Before the final plan is determined, Gralheer would like to make sure that the concrete flumes are not on top of sewer line and if the basin was decided on that it be six feet from water main. The next step is more detail for the final petition and for all parties to agree.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Scott Pfeiffer asked for an update on the low voltage problem in his area of town. Brader agreed to get the report from Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska to Pfeiffer and that it has been drawn out and submitted to engineers to make sure it will work. Ron Klein briefly shared his worksheets on sewer treatment plant clean up.

NEW BUSINESS:
Russ Briggs and Chase Morgan were present at the meeting to give the Sheriff’s budget for the board. There was $236,555.00 was budgeted for the 2022-2023 year, of that $191,344.19 was spent, leaving a balance of $45,210.81 thru August 2023. Also added that of August 2022 until January 2023 there was no payment due to no coverage for an amount of $54,348.00. The new budget will be $218,499.80. This number is based on two full time deputies. It came in lower due to dropping contractor price because the department will now do a rotating schedule with the county in hopes it will retain officers. The sheriff also explained the new sign at the intersection of Whitney and 4th Street to slow down traffic before and after school.

The nuisances for the following locations were tabled until the sheriff department could present pictures to the board to decide if any action should be taken; 512 Main Street, 107 N. 5th Street, 418 Main Street, alley between Maple and Logan Streets, property located at Norris and Ivan and alley between Main and Ivan Street.

Joe and Susan Strahm updated the board on the Nebraska Park Grant. Will give a 10 minute presentation via Zoom on Wednesday September 27th, 2023 and will hear if Pender receives grant in January. Also received a phone call for the Lower Elkhorn District in Norfolk about a tree grant. This grant would help pay to remove and replant trees in the park. After looking around the park, there are a few dead trees that could be replaced.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to approve the final payment to Myers Construction for the site improvements at Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership. Voting AYE: Gralheer, Welsh, Powley and Hoelting. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to approve the first payment to Maise Electric for the work in the Roberts Addition. Voting AYE; Hoelting, Welsh, Powley and Gralheer. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

There was a discussion on options for Park Street. Scott Darling is going to build a building on his lot and was inquiring about purchasing Park Street. Park is unpaved and not utilized north of the car wash so nothing would be effective if the village was to vacate it. If the village wants to vacate it, there must be a public hearing and the board must decide to let ownership be split between the owners on each side or retain and sell it.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve a special liquor license for Off The Rail Butchery of Blair. They will be a vendor at the Fall Festival hosted by Butler Beef on October 14th, 2023. Voting AYE: Powley, Gralheer, Hoelting and Welsh. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve a special liquor license for The Lazy Archer of Bancroft. They will be a vendor at the Fall Festival hosted by Butler Beef on October 14th, 2023. Voting AYE: Welsh, Gralheer, Powley and Hoelting. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve an increase to the price of a cemetery plot at Rose Hill. The price will be $400.00 for resident of Pender and $500.00 for a non-resident. Voting AYE: Gralheer, Powley, Welsh and Hoelting. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Winter dump hours were confirmed for the new season. The winter hours will start October 1 and run through March 30th from 3:00 P.M. till 6:00 P.M. on Wednesdays and 1:00 P.M. till 4:00 P.M. on Saturdays. An ad will run in the paper on September 28th & October 5th.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve the transfer of $45,000.00 from the infrastructure fund to the electric fund. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Powley, Welsh and Gralheer. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:
Chris Brader (Utility Superintendent) None

Dr. Hoelting None
Glen Gralheer Is still waiting on the detailed line-item budget from the auditors, office will email in morning. Wants to speak with Rich from Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska about the demand charge for the courthouse and will follow up as soon as possible.

Office Kylee shared a new grant she received via email for electric improvements. The village Christmas party will be December 8th at 6 P.M. at the bowling alley. Also wanted to remind board to think about a fee for non-annexed customers that utilize our services.

Chris Reha Would like the board to come to October 9th meeting with ideas on cutting cost for the up coming budget year. A few examples were limiting overtime, on call person taking two hours off during week and switching to salaried instead of hourly.

Dave Powley The fire department will be testing fire hoses and would like to block off Thurston between Main and Whitney, testing will take 3-4 hours. The “blue” street lights need to be switched out and are still under warranty.

Robbie Welsh Will not be attending October 2nd meeting due to prior engagement. Asked how long the hole is expected to be there on Whitney and Norris, answer is at least till October 9th. Asked if all drinking water comes from same place because there was a rumor about CDIF cases in Pender from the water. The village’s water samples are coming back good so it is not a source of CDIF.

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

VILLAGE: Salaries, Se 16587.42, Acco, Su 634.42, Allrecipes, Su 24.00, Ann Bachman, Su 2243.57, Burt County Public Power, Se 38.47, Cengage Learning Inc, Se 123.00, Century Link, Se 1444.93, Charter West, HAS 80.00, Charter West, TIF 12766.32, Cubby’s, Su 47.61, Credit Management Services, Se 262.96, Eakes/Hometown Leasing, Su 49.99, EMC Insurance, Ins 12047.61, Frontier Bank, HSA 105.00, Frontier Bank, Loan 17627.67, Grainger, Su 102.28, Harlequin Reader Service, Su 83.88, HTM Sales, Su 800.00, Industrial Sales, Su 287.62, Ingram Library, Su 786.71, Janke Auto, Se 1339.00, John Deer Financial, Su 1083.12, K&C Grain, Su 4982.94, Loffler, Se 667.04, Maise Electric, Su 26430.00, Mid-American Benefits, Ins 64.00, Midwest Laboratories, Su 568.72, Midwest Living, Su 30.00, Municipal Energy Agency of NE, Se 109288.72, Myers Constrution, Se 78184.33, Nancy Tyrrell, Ref 10.00, National Wildfire Federation, Su 34.95, National Public Gas Agency, Se 11610.05, NE Public Health Environmental, Se 805.00, Olsson, Se 2544.48, One Office Solution, Su 200.57, Papio-Missouri River NRD, Se 229.65, Pender Ace Hardware, Su 23.24, Pender Grain, Su 515.00, People, Su 40.00 Piper Mountain Webs, Se 350.00, Port-A-John, Se 180.00, Power Plant Compliance, Se 90.41, Prevention, Su 96.00, Principle Life, Ins 360.47, Readers Digest, Su 29.96, Southern Living, Su 17.00, Sunset, Su 44.95, Taste of Home, Su 41.71, Ron Klein, Cont 1100.00, SE Municipal Portfolio, Su 45000.00, Stan House Equipment Co, Se 744.35, USA Blue Book, Su 49.39, Utility Equipment, Su 949.30, Verizon, Se 86.84, Visa, Su 1514.40, VOP – Petty Cash, Su 230.01, Wesco, Su 746.00

AIRPORT: Century Link, Se 126.64, Maise Electric, Se 22140.00, Olsson, Se 37454.36, Stanley Petroleum, Se 25498.80

LIBRARY: EMC Insurance, Ins 184.00

RESCUE: Debbie Von Seggern, Train 200.00, EMC Insurance, Ins 351.08, Janke Auto, Se 144.25, Quick Med Claims, Se 0.14

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