PENDER, NEBRASKA

VILLAGE PROCEEDINGS

February 12th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held in the Village Board Room in said Village on the 12th day of February, 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, Glen Gralheer, Dave Powley and Robbie Welsh. Staff present: Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes, Office personal. Public attendance: Scott Pfeiffer, Ron Klein, Kylee Riggs, Rich Suhr, Jason Sturek with The Pender Times, Matthew Smith with Olsson 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 as made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to approve the minutes for the January 22nd meeting. Voting AYE: Powley, Hoelting, Welsh and Gralheer. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Amotion was made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to approve the minutes for the February 8th meeting. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Gralheer and Powley. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:  
A discussion was had about the plan for the expansion of Valley Street. The way it is set up currently is the cost would be split between two Family Dollar lots and two village owned lots. A paving district was mentioned. Matthew Smith from Olsson advised the board to talk to Family Dollar and inquire about helping pay for the street.

NEW BUSINESS:  
A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to approve the sale of Park Street. The winning bid was from SJKC, LLC in the amount of $1.00 and in-kind exchange of Lots 3 & 4, Block 11 Osgoods addition. Voting AYE: Gralheer, Powley, Hoelting and Welsh. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.   
A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Powley to approve the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Collection System Improvements Geotech Amendment. This amendment is because some additional testing must be done for the building of the new plant per the Corp of Engineers. Voting AYE: Welsh, Gralheer, Powley and Hoelting. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A discussion of the 1- & 6-year street plan was held. The thought was to work some of the streets that need to be excavated for the sewer project and doing them at the same time over the next six years to help cut cost with the waste water plant. The board also wanted to add the extension of Valley Street to the plan.

The building permit for Cody Gibbs was postponed to find out if the land owner was okay with the structure being put on his property. Gibbs asked to install a single car garage.

A motion was made by Powley, second by Hoelting to approve the special designed liquor license for the Betterment Group on 3/16/2024 at the Pender Community Center for a banquet. Beer, wine and liquor will be served. Voting AYE: Powley, Hoelting, Welsh and Gralheer. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to approve the ordering of four transformers for the low voltage project this spring. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Gralheer and Powley. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

The decision of transferring $19,042.65 from infrastructure to O&M to pay Schmader was postponed until Brader could explain how much of the bill Family Dollar is responsible for work done at their site.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Powley to approve combining the two saving accounts for Bonds at Frontier Bank. Voting AYE: Powley, Hoelting, Welsh and Gralheer. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Powley to approve closing the one saving account for Bonds at Frontier Bank after transfer is made. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Gralheer and Powley. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve the opening a savings account for the fire hall building fund. This money will be for the money raised to build a new fire hall. Voting AYE: Welsh, Gralheer, Powley and Hoelting. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve the hiring of the Village Administrator position. Glen Gralheer was offered the position and accepted. With that, Gralheer also submitted his resignation from the board effective 2/13/2023 and the board accepted. Voting AYE: Powley, Hoelting and Welsh. Voting NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Gralheer. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Dr, Hoelting None

Glen Gralheer Advised the board the next step for the low voltage project was to get the boring company lined up. Most of the parts that are needed are on the shelf but for a few items that have a lead time of 14 weeks, putting them available around spring.

Office Informed the board the Williams & Company have agreed to settle bill for $750.00 for helping new auditors get up to speed. Mentioned a complaint for trash cans on the street instead of curbs on trash day. Let the board know they needed a 5th member for the Redevelopment Committee Authority board. Audit is close to being finished.

Chris Reha Advised board there would be a meeting with Rural Fire on Friday, February 16th.

Public Comment – Richard Suhr Mr. Suhr reminded the board that most of the surrounding areas received grants for new fire halls and the board at that time dropped the ball. He went on to say he hoped the new administrator was able to motivate the village staff to start getting things done around town. He and other elderly citizens feel there is too much driving around. He also added that he hopes the village looks into getting a lineman and a mechanic. He did compliment the snow removal in January.

Dave Powley Asked if the gas line at Norris and Ivan was fixed. The parts are still on order but should be here soon.  
Ron Klein Handed out packets.

Robbie Welsh Asked about the summer rec budget and Gralheer said it would have to be revisited but there is money in the budget for parks, including summer rec. The park committee would like to mulch around the new trees the park will be getting through a grant so ask the village to use the mulcher and provide this. The village plans to do so as long as the committee is okay with the mulch not matching and knows it may be a limited amount. Chris Buchholz is unhappy with how the village fixed where his yard was dug up. The spot is very uneven and would like something done about it. With summer approaching, Welsh would like the north bathroom in the park to be available and in working order.

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

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

**CLAIMS AND PAYROLL** [Se=Services, R=Retirement, T=Taxes, Su=Supplies, I=Insurance, Re=Reimbursement, A=Advertisement, C=Contract Work]

VILLAGE: Salaries, Se 19888.47, John Hancock, R 1523.45, EFTPS, T 3363.39, NE Dept of Revenue, T 1529.64, Acco, Su 727.52, Agrivision, Se 215.81, Ann Bachman, Re 101.48, Appeara, Su 398.67, Atco International, Su 185.60, BCBS, I 5455.94, Betterment Group, Se 2945.00, CenturyLink, Su 1290.69, Charter West, HSA 100.00, Chris Brader, Re 150.75, Colonial Life, I 798.32, Cubby’s, Su 79.45, Darling Oil, Su 81.45, Electric Pump, Su 1335.50, EMC Insurance, I 10646.25, Farabee Mechanical, Se 5045.74, Fastwyre, Se 130.89, Frazeys Food & Fuel, Su 2426.53, Frontier Bank, HSA 555.00, GSB, I 1590.32, Harlequin Reader, Su 350.41, Hometown Leasing, Su 55.14, Ingram Library Services, Su 834.76, John Deere Financial, Su 8.35, K&C Grain, Su 5361.26, Kevin Griffin, Se 550.00, Lamp Auto, Su 571.76, Matts Plumbing, Se 106.50, Midwest Lab, Su 573.22, Midwest Service & Sales, Su 290.15, Municipal Supply, Su 3539.13, Mutual of Omaha, I 184.75, Myers Construction, Se 125988.10, National Public Gas Agency, Se 78904.10, NE Dept of Environment & Energy, Se 40.00, NE Public Health Environment Lab, Se 64.00, Northeast NE Economic Development, Se 1763.75, Olsson, Se 338.75, One Call Concept, Se 27.01, Pender Ace Hardware, Su 1352.36, Pender Beautification Committee, Se 5183.00, Pender Community Center, Rent 1078.00, Pender Community Development, Se 5000.00, Pender Summer Rec, Se 6475.00, Pioneer Research, Su 574.90, Pioneer Senior Citizens, Se 1700.00, Port-A-John, Se 120.00, Principal Life Ins, I 457.78, Quick & Easy Quilts, Su 24.95, Stan Houston Equipment, Su 412.50, Sturek, A 302.33, Sons of American Legion, Se 3483.79, Renz Electric, Su 500.00, Ron Klein, C 862.50, S2 Roll Off, Se 10308.00, Schmader Electric, Se 19342.65, Thurston Co Sheriff, Se 18208.32, VFW, Se 4928.00 VFW Aux, Se 1547.75, UCI Testing, Se 75.00, US Dept of Energy, Se 11453.99, Verizon, Se 162.75, VOP, Utilities 15791.11, VOP – Petty Cash, Su 230.00, Wenke Manufacturing, Su 114.18, Wiese Electric, Se 645.00, Williams & Co, Se 750.00   
AIRPORT: C & J Auto Service, Su 4211.60, CenturyLink, Se 119.16, Darling Oil, Su 284.86, Maise Electric, Se 11335.00, Olsson, Se 6456.72, Stanley Petroleum, Se 2833.20, Northeast Power, Se 524.00  
RESCUE: NE Dept of Revenue, T 0.67, Bound Tree Medical, Su 19.78, Darling Oil, Su 81.44, EMC Insurance, I 351.08, Frazeys Food & Fuel, Su 123.08, GSB, I 1590.31, Lamp Auto, Su 30.97, Matheson Tri-Gas, Su 151.05, Verizon, Se 126.54

LIBRARY: EMC Insurance, I 184.00

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to adjourn at 9:52 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