PENDER, NEBRASKA

VILLAGE PROCEEDINGS

March 25th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held in the Village Board Room in said Village on the 25th day of March, 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 and Terry Mailloux. Staff present: Glen Gralheer, City Administrator; and Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes, Office personal. Public attendance: Ron Klein, Maureen Wenke and Susan Strahm with Pender Greenspace Committee, Mark Dunn, Scott Pfeiffer, Matthew Smith with Olssen and Amy Volk with Pender Community Development, Inc (PDCI). ABSENT: Trustee Dave Powley

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 11th meeting. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Welsh, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mark Dunn was present to ask what needed to be done to get a permit to burn a house in town. Informed the board the fire department had an interest in smoking it out for training and then Mark would like to burn it down after pushing into the basement. Terry Mailloux, fire chief, asked if trees would be taken out and if neighbors have been asked. The board felt it was okay to put on a future agenda as long as trees were taken down and neighbors were informed. Dunn also asked about the eighth of ownership of the village in the lot next door. If he is able to get everyone to sign off on it, would the village sell.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Greenspace Committee reported to the board that they are waiting on school approve for the mural on Hyne Field wall. They are going to put a flier up to see if there is any interest from the high school to paint ornaments for the gable of the shelters in a contest. The committee also submitted a grant through the Lower Elkhorn NRD with matching funds from the Big Give for three light poles, two new grills, a bench with concrete pad and a saucer swing for park. Asked who would be providing the list of clean up for the park during the Community clean up weekend, it was decided to see how many shows up then go from there.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve the hiring of Linda Renz for the summer mowing. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Welsh, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mailloux, second by Hoelting to approve the spraying of the ball fields, cemetery and Veteran’s Park bid from Y&Y Lawn Service. The board is asking for a bid on spraying the park. The village would take care of the fire hall, water plant and water tower locations. Voting AYE: Welsh, Hoelting, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motin carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Mailloux to approve the temporary applicators lease at the airport pending airport board approval. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mailloux, second by Hoelting to approve the ongoing electrical engineering service contract with RVW out of Columbus. RVW will be helping with the low conversion project this spring. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Welsh, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:  
The Village is working with the Family Dollar / Dollar Tree Developer, Iron Horse, on 2 remaining projects:

1. Valley Street paving project
   1. The Developer would like to get the street in very soon.
   2. The Developer willing to be the general contractor.
   3. Village requirement: Concrete with curb and gutter.
   4. Developer reviewing bids.
2. Drainage project
   1. Running on a separate timeline than the street.
   2. Must meet NDOT requirements.
   3. 3 Stakeholders: Iron Horse, Village and Darling.

The vote on paving Valley Street was postpone. The village needs to advertise it for one week and accept bids.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve suspending the rules for three readings of Ordinance 691. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Mailloux, Welsh and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve Ordinance 691. The ordinance is approving the transfer of land that was Park Street to SJKC, Inc. Voting AYE: Mailloux, Welsh, Hoelting and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried. Ordinance is attached to minutes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Glen Gralheer Spoke on the low voltage conversion project and that the big pieces are here and hope to start within the next four weeks. The project should take a month or so to finish up, hope to be done by end of May. The waste water treatment plant will get its 90% review in April to lock down specifications. A group of four will be going to Lincoln to see how the plant will work. The pool received a grant from the Pender/Thurston Education Foundation and will get new chairs, a slide and basketball hoop. The money raised for the new fire hall will be going to Frontier, CD and savings account. Rattlesnake Creek flood control project’s next step is due April 25th.

Dr, Hoelting Talked about pool manager getting certifications and the cemetery budget to get the pot holes filled this year.

Office Spoke about clerk school and reminded board that bonds will be due in June.

Chris Reha Aked for cemetery bids, pool hiring and utility workers advertising on next board meeting agenda.

Terry Mailloux Wants to review attendance policy for village employees and asked about flags down at the baseball field.

Robbie Welsh Nothing

Ron Klein Handed out packets. The generator ran for six hours while the electric pole was placed at plant and it was successful. Belt was changed but now confident if plant loses power, the generator will take over and run fine.

The discussion on the 2022-2023 audit was postpone due to Ric Ortmeier and Associates was unavailable.

The discussion with the Pender Beautification Committee was postponed due to no one available.

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

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

VILLAGE: Salary, Se 15903.31, NE Dept of Revenue, T 14359.95, John Hancock, R 931.68, EFTPS, T 5832.70, Appeara, Su 602.03, Barco Municipal Products, Su 1046.59, CenturyLink, Se 792.35, Colonial Life, I 446.64, Frontier Bank, Loan 7627.67, Grainger, Su 737.56, Grunwald Mechanical, C 3437.73, Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities, Dues 500.00, Itron, Se 1762.25, John Deere Financial, Su 541.56, Mid-American Benefits, I 951.37, Municipal Energy of Nebraska, Se 91855.64, National Public Gas Agency, Se 82702.38, NE Public Health Environmental, Se 289.00, Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes, Re 139.46, Northeast NE Economic Devel, Se 340.00, Papio-Missouri River NRD, Se 166.45, Pender Community Center, Rent 1078.00, Pioneer Research Corp, Su 574.90, Principal Life Insurance, I 674.00, Ric Ortmeier CPA, Se 34000.00, Ron Klein, C 1237.50, S2 Roll Offs, Se 18803.00, Wesco Receivables, Su 15617.20, Wiese Electric Se 1450.00

AIRPORT: CenturyLink, Se 72.09

A motion was made by Mailloux, second by Hoelting to adjourn at 8:50 P.M. Voting AYE: Welsh, Hoelting, Mailloux and Reha. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. 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