PENDER, NEBRASKA

VILLAGE PROCEEDINGS

November 27, 2023

A regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held in the Village Board Room in said Village on the 27th day of November, 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, Thruston County 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: Dave Powley, Dr. David Hoelting, Glen Gralheer and Robbie Welsh. Staff present: Chris Brader, Utility Superintendent, Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes & Kylee Riggs, Office personal. Public attendance: Jody Davis, Scott Pfeiffer, Ron Klein, Terry Mailloux and Amy Volk with Pender Community Development, Inc.

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 November 13th meeting. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh and Gralheer. Voting NAY: None. ABSENT: Powley. Motion carried.

Powley joined the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:  
Scott Pfeiffer inquired how the fix for the low voltage in his neighborhood was going since phase one of the plan has not been executed. Brader replied that Rich from Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska still needs to sign off on the plans so they can be submitted to Schmader. The board will stay on MEAN and then Schmader’s to get the problem resolved by spring.

Jody Davis let the board know that she turned in hours for the transfer personal on November 6th and that Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes denied Davis doing that. Tyrrell-Feltes apologized and said at the time she confused that date with another but now the payroll is current.

OLD BUSINESS:  
Family Dollar update: On November 10th, a plan was submitted by Family Dollar for the drainage plan and after sitting down with Scott Darling, Family Dollar was asked to reconfigure higher percentage of drainage for the area. On November 16th, the plan was submitted again. There will be a meeting with Scott, Matthew from Olsson, Gralheer, Reha and Jake from the Iron Horse engineering company on November 29th. There is also a possible meeting with Tim from Family Dollar and Tammy Maul-Bodlak on Friday or Monday.

NEW BUSINESS:  
A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve the building permit for Whitney Hansen at 305 5th Street. The home owner wants to take out cement steps and replace with wooden deck for front entry. Voting AYE: Gralheer, Powley, Hoelting and Welsh. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve the Comprehensive Annual Banner Application and Banner Permit. This permit is issued by the state and allows the village to hang decorations and signs on the highway. Voting AYE: Powley, Hoelting, Welsh and Gralheer. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Powley to approve the transfer of $323.75 from Operation and Maintenance fund to Bond fund. This will pay the General Obligation Water Bond Series 2016 that is due the 15th of December. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Welsh, Gralheer and Powley. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to approve the transfer of $558.75 from the General fund to the Bond fund to cover the Certifications of Participation Bond Series 2021 due December 15th. Voting AYE: Gralheer, Hoelting, Welsh and Powley. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Powley to approve the transfer of $9,322.50 from Highway Allocations to the Bond fund for the General Obligation Highway Allocations Bond Series 2021 due December 15th. Voting AYE: Welsh, Gralheer, Powley and Hoelting.

A motion was made by Powley, second by Hoelting to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Thurton County Sheriff, including Resolution 2023-13. This agreement was approved by Thurston County on November 21, 2023. Voting AYE: Powley, Hoelting, Gralheer and Welsh. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve the quote from Iowa Pump Works for the lift station at the Roberts Addition at $1,906.38. This amount will only be paid if one or more of the duplexes are purchased before the electrical is ran to the sub-division. Voting AYE: Gralheer, Welsh, Hoelting and Powley. Voting NAY: None. Motion carried.

Voting on the deposit refund for customer 1603 was postponed.

A short discussion on utility rates was held. Information of cost and income is still be compiled for all utilities.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:  
Chris Brader (Utility Superintendent) The waste water pump that was sent was incorrect so the new pump will be shipped to Electric Pump to be sure it is correct but due to the holiday week there is no update on when they will receive it. Brader would like to send Gina and Lucy to water class on December 14th in Wahoo to maintain their licenses, board agreed. After the MEAN conference, they will be sending an updated service schedule for electrical sometime in February. As well as a rate change in the near future.

Dr. Hoelting Inquired about if any meters were changed out and if there was a goal in mind. At this time, no new meters were installed but with weather turning cold should be able to get some complete.

Glen Gralheer Followed up with the audit for 2021-2022 that was filed with the state. Tyrrell-Feltes will send it out in the morning via email.

Robbie Welsh Relayed to Brader that there was a post on social media about a member of the community cleaning up the leaves along Main Street then bagging them up as city workers drove by and did not stop to help. That is an example of the employees missing the opportunity to help.

Dave Powley Thanked the village workers for filling in the pot hole on Main next to the Catholic Church.

Office Riggs requested ideas for menu at the Christmas party next week. Informed the board that we are now using services orders in Power Manager. Shared the shut off notice that Emerson uses and suggested Pender goes to something similar. The new shut off policy will eliminate the reminder and shut off notice being mailed out after the 1st of the month following the due date. Followed up on the nuisances from last meeting and if there would be follow up, Powley is going to take a look again and speak with owners if needed. Tyrrell-Feltes reminded board that the village health insurance expense has decreased by $3,000.00 a month with the new program that was approved to start in July.

Chris Reha Wanted to know if the board wanted to run an ad for a new city administrator. It was decided that more research should be done to get a clear description of what the position would entail and go from there.

Ron Klein Turned in papers on what had been done the last two weeks at the waste water plant. Pump 1 was leaking so the new pump was used there, currently have 2 good pumps (2 good motors) and with motor coming in will put third pump there so no back up after that. Scum sucker Klein built is working great so will building another one.

Amy Volk with PCDI gave a brief summary of what the budget was for the 2023-2024 year. Volk also commented that she is learning a great deal and excited to continue to work with the village.

Voting on the annual PCDI payment of $40,000.00 was postponed until the next meeting to look closer at the budget.

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

VILLAGE: Salaries, Se 21030.25, NE Dept of Rev, Taxes 9615.38, John Hancock, Retire 1059.04, EFTPS, Taxes 4260.87, Acco, Su 781.96, Anna Bachman, Reimb 206.93, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Ins 5455.94, Broderick Brader, Refund 175.00, Century Link, Se 786.85, Chris Brader, Reimb 22.77, Colonial Life, Ins 341.68, Consumer Reports, Su 34.24, Country Home, Su 25.00, Daktech, Se 748.72, EMC Insurance, Ins 10646.25, Frontier Bank, Load 17627.67, Glen Gralheer, Reimb 22.84, Groebner, Su 127.47,Industrial Sales, Su 698.97, Ingram Library Service, Su 430.13, IA Association of Municipal Utilities, Se 2651.50, John Deere Financial, Se 541.56, Mid-America Benefits, Ins 104.00, Municipal Energy Agency of NE, Se 94886.57, National Geographic, Su 2.25, National Public Gas Agency, Se 15633.91, NE Public Health Environmental, Se 48.00, Newton Diesel, Se 145.36, Orkin, Se 86.66, Papio-Missouri River NRD, Se 74.00, Pender Ace Hardware, Su 1171.28, Pender Body & Glass, Su 79.95, Pender Community Center, Rent 2016.00, Pender Thurston Chamber Bucks, Su 3900.00, Pioneer Research Corp, Se 574.90, Power Manager, Se 1285.22, Principal Life Insurance, Ins 716.31, Ron Klein, Contr 1025.00, Schmader Electric, Se 2690.00, Siouxland District Health Dept, Se 15.00, Charter West Bank, HSA 100.00, Frontier Bank, HSA 305.00, Olsson, Se 1056.80, Verizon Se 69.82, VOP-Petty Case, Donation 850.00

BOND: Bokf, NA, Bond 558.75, Frontier Bank, Bond 9646.25

AIRPORT: Century Link, Se 69.87, Pender Ace Hardware, Su 11.78, Pender Thurston Chamber Bucks, 60.00, Smith Farm Service, Su 5651.30

LIBRARY: EMC Insurance, Ins 184.00

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to adjourn at 8:39 P.M. Voting AYE: Gralheer, Powley, Hoelting and Welsh. 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