PENDER, NEBRASKA

VILLAGE PROCEEDINGS

February 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 February, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting was given in advance notice hereby posting notice attached to these minutes. Notice to the Chairman and Board of Trustees and a copy of the acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda was communicated in advance notice to the Chairman and Board of Trustees of this meeting and was open to the attendance of the public.

Present at the meeting were Clerk: Nicole Tyrrell-Feltes and Chairman: Chris Reha. Trustees: Dr. David Hoelting, Robbie Welsh, Dave Powley and Glen Gralheer. Also present at the meeting was Chris Brader, Kylee Riggs, Tammy Maul-Bodlak, Pete Rizzo, Bruce Wichman, Derwin Roberts, Jody Davis, Jason Sturek, Mark Lorensen, Kellie Wageman, Ryan Kinning, Brian Kent, Michele Kent, Lela Heineman and Mike Hastings.

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.

Chairman Reha called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Powley to approve the minutes from the February 13th meeting. Voting AYE: All. Motion carried.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to approve the new fire hall rental fee of $100.00 and a late fee of $25.00 for key if not returned within 24 hours of event ending. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Gralheer & Welsh. Abstain: Powley. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to approve the hiring of Ric Ortmeier and Associates as the village auditor. Voting AYE: All.

Voting on the employee handbook was tabled until more changes were made.

After a brief presentation by the Pender Community Development group; a motion was made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to approve the second payment of $5,000.00 to the PCDI. Voting AYE: All. Motion carried.

No public comments.

A representative from the Heritage Museum of Thurston County came in front of the board to ask if the blue museum signs could get put up as soon as possible. This project was started a while back and wanted to know where the city was with the process. The city is waiting on the state to get back to us on if we can put the signs up and where since they are on the state highway. The city submitted paperwork a few weeks ago in a third attempt to get state approval.

A motion was made by Welsh, second by Hoelting to increase the Fire/Rescue transfer pay to $17.00 an hour effective 3/1/2023. Voting AYE: Welsh, Hoelting & Gralheer. Abstain: Powley. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Welsh to approve continuing life insurance for honorary fire fighters after a minimum of 20 years of service. Voting AYE: Hoelting, Gralheer & Welsh. Abstain: Powley.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Powley to suspend the rule of three readings for Ordinance 681. Voting AYE: All. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Powley to approve the final reading of Ordinance 681. Voting AYE: All. Motion carried.

 (Insert Ordinance 681)

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to approve a special liquor license for The Other Side at the Community Center. Voting AYE: All. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to approve a special liquor license for the Betterment Group at the Community Center. Voting AYE: All. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to approve the transferring $5642.00 of Highway Allocation funds to the Bond Checking. Voting AYE: All. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Gralheer to approve combining the meter fund account and the O&M checking (Combined Public Utility account). Voting AYE: All. Motion carried.

A short discussion was had about the Overtime policy the village has for the employees to clarify when overtime hours take effect.

Department Monthly Reports:

City administrator commented on a meeting to see about getting some grants for the park, TIF reporting and the gas cost study he is doing. Utility Superintendent gave a well update and getting the regeneration engine meters replaced. Dump hours while be changed to Wednesday from 3-6 P.M. for a trial basis. Also mentioned changing summer hours. Pool checked to make sure help wanted ad was in paper. Insurance may have found a carrier to cover mechanical issues for generators. The new park equipment placement was brought up. The chair person will be attending a water meeting in the city of Wayne. The office suggested that late notices be mailed to any customer that has not paid account in full by the due date and that shut off notices be sent 30 days after if account is still delinquent. Board agreed. Also, would like to come up with a new payment plan since the current one is not effective.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Powley to approve the financial report. Voting AYE: All. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Powley to approve budget and expenditure reports. Voting AYE: All. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second Powley to approve claims, transfers and payroll. Voting AYE: All. Motion carried.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Salaries, payroll 13752.85, EFTPS, taxes 3424.74, John Hancock, Ret. 573.01, NE Dept of Revenue, taxes 1314.06, NE Dept of Revenue, sales tax, 11654.74, American Test Center, Se 1443.00, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins 4693.27, Charter West, HSA 80.00, Colonial Life, Ins 136.40, Core & Main, Su 6396.40, Dunn’s Plumbing, Se 570.00, Farabee Mechanical, Se 5045.74, Frontier Bank, HSA 20.00, Frontier, Loan 17264.17, Kurita America, Se 1171.14, Layne Christensen, Se 22373.87, Mid-America Benefits, Ins 28.00, Municipal Energy Agency Of Ne, Se 101172.63, National Public Gas Agency, Se 154104.04, NE Dept of Environment & Energy, Se 115.00, NE Public Health Environmental, Se 221.00, NE State Fire Marshall, Se 128.00, Olsson, Se 6200.00, Papio-Missouri River NRD, Se 79.00, Pioneer Research, Se 578.20, Principal, Ins 1011.96, Utility Equipment, Se 575.87, Verizon, Se 87.96, Wesco, Su 940.00

GENERAL

EFTPS, taxes 783.69, John Hancock, Ret 127.13, NE Dept of Revenue, tax 420.16, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ins 4613.79, Charter West Bank, HSA 20.00, Colonial Life, Ins 109.41, Eakes, Su 155.14, Frontier Bank, HSA 50.00, Mid-American Benefit, Ins 47.00, NE Dept of Environment & Energy, Se 40.00, Northeast NE Economic Development, Se 3058.51, Principle Life, Ins 256.59, Sunderman, Se 2344.42

RESCUE UNIT

Steve Benne, Reim 550.00

A motion was made by Powley, second by Hoelting to go into executive meeting at 8:20 P.M. Voting AYE: All. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoelting, second by Hoelting to exit executive meeting at 10:21 P.M. Voting AYE: All. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Welsh, second by Powley at 10:23 P.M. Voting AYE: All. 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