

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of Coleridge, Nebraska was held at the Coleridge Community Building in said Village beginning at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 11, 2022. Present were Trustees George R Hefner, Kelly Hammer, Roger Anderson, Jeremy Bruning and Leroy Cautrell. Others present were Mary Biltoft, David and Rachel Gewock, Seth Malcom, Mandy Bruning and Sharon Anderson.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on April 6, 2022. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to all trustees and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice is in permanent record. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Village Clerk and a copy was given to each member of the Board prior to the meeting. All proceedings thereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Chairman Hefner called the meeting to order and welcomed those present; he stated a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of a copy posted in the meeting room.

The Chairman stated if there are no additions or corrections the agenda will stand as printed. Hearing none, the agenda stands as printed.

Mary Biltoft handed out maps and discussed the 1 mile and 5K runs scheduled for the July 2, 2022 All Class Reunion.

Comments from the Public: David and Rachel Gewock asked permission to have chickens inside the Village limits. The current code does not allow it however the Board will explore the possibility and discuss at the May meeting.

Consent agenda items were discussed as follows; previous month regular meeting minutes, financial reports, claims, the Economic Development report, agency reports, and nitrate report of 4.36 ppm for well 81-1. Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hammer, to approve. By roll call vote: Anderson, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Seth Malcom gave an update on repairs at the sewer plant, including those qualifying for ARPA funds; street gutters and storm drain cleanouts; getting an estimate for street sweeper repairs; tree removal; skid loader pricing and options.

Chairman Hefner gave reports on behalf of EMS and Fire. The Coleridge EMT's recently held a skills training night with their medical director. They also hosted a three day 20-hour refresher course from NECC attended by several Coleridge and Laurel EMT's. The Ambulance squad currently has eight licensed EMT's, more are needed. The fire department has replaced approximately 75% of their turnout gear over the last three years, at a cost of about \$2,500 per set. They hope to replace the rest this summer with donations and budgeted tax funds. 12 air packs and 24 carbon fiber air cylinders are nearing end-of-life (15 years) this fall and fall of 2023. The department plans to apply to FEMA for AFG funds. A new thermal imaging camera was recently purchased with donated funds. NIMS training was discussed. There are currently 24 members on the Fire Department including two members also serving as EMT's.

Motion by Bruning seconded by Hammer to approve Jorgen Rovey as a member of the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department pending results from the required background check. By roll call vote: Cautrell, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

By general consensus, the Board approved rebuilding the Community Building outdoor brick sign as discussed.

Discussions for Park: Restrooms will be open as soon water lines are repaired and weather allows; placing of signs at entrances to both ball fields cautioning pet owners that dogs are not allowed inside the fenced area; additional camper and RV pads; progress on sand volleyball courts; picnic table condition and painting. All Class Reunion; WW1 monument maintenance and shrubs.

Recommendations from Village Attorney Bruce Curtiss for a prosecuting attorney were reviewed. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Bruning, to proceed with recommendations. By roll call vote: Hammer, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Updates or other business matters with no formal action taken; Police Chief position is still open. Animal control, dangerous dogs; building permits; condemned housing at 216 South Elm and five other properties.

Reaching the end of the agenda, the Chairman asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

ATTEST: Sharon Anderson
Sharon Anderson, Village Clerk

APPROVED: George R. Hefner
George R. Hefner, Village Board Chairman

