

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, November 14, 2022. Present were Trustees George R Hefner, Kelly Hammer, Jeremy Bruning and Leroy Cautrell. Absent: Trustee Roger Anderson. Others present were Roger Protzman, Jeff Hansen, Chad Frerichs. Dennis Naslund, Seth Malcom, Mandy Bruning and Sharon Anderson.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on November 9, 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 that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of the copy posted in the meeting room.

Cautrell, seconded by Hammer, made a motion to approve the agenda. Hearing no objections, the Chairman declared the agenda approved as printed.

The Board discussed consent agenda items as follows; previous month regular meeting minutes, financial reports, claims, Economic Development report, agency reports, Wau-Col RWS report, nitrate report of 8.73 ppm for well 2000-1 and safety report. Motion by Bruning seconded by Hammer to approve. By roll call vote: Cautrell, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Absent, Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

EMS President and Fire Chief Jeff Hansen told the Board of a grant opportunity through the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). "The Rural Ambulance Replacement and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Equipment Grant" will support rural emergency services in Nebraska. Of the \$25 million grant, \$20 million is for ambulance replacement and \$5 million for EMS Equipment. Coleridge Ambulance Service plans to apply for both grants. If awarded the EMS Equipment grant can go towards purchase of a power load cot system and a monitor/defibrillator. The Rural Ambulance Replacement grant, if awarded, can go towards purchase of a four-wheel drive ambulance. Chief Hansen and Board Chairman Hefner also reported the Volunteer Fire Department recently purchased 4 portable radios using donated funds.

Village Engineer Roger Protzman, of JEO Counseling Group, presented three options for repairs to the aeration tank at the sewer plant. He also provided information about future repairs and upgrades. Motion by Bruning second by Hammer to accept the proposal from Aero-Mod Inc. By roll call vote: Cautrell, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Absent, Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Leroy Cautrell, Wau-Col RWS Representative, discussed water rates with the Board for next year. Motion by Cautrell seconded by Bruning to raise rates by \$0.15 per 1000 gallons, to \$2.70 per 1000 gallons, beginning January 1, 2023. By roll call vote: Bruning, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Absent, Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Hammer introduced Resolution 22-09, Signing of the Year-End Certification of Village Street Superintendent Form 2022, and moved for its passage. Seconded by Cautrell. By roll call vote: Hammer, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Absent, Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Recommendations from Village Attorney Bruce D. Curtiss, regarding Bulwark Protection Services, was discussed. No decision was made, more information will be gathered.

Resolution 22-10 introduced by Bruning, seconded by Cautrell, to approve changes to sale of lots in the Corona Addition. By roll call vote: Cautrell, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Absent, Anderson. Motion carried 4-0.

Updates on other business matters with no formal action taken or required, Police Chief position is still open; dilapidated housing; downtown buildings; storm sewer clean out is done; vandal-resistant lighting was selected for the main shelter house at the park; estimates for a fire fill valve replacement and bathroom updates at the Fire Hall. Consider fee schedule resolution. Chairman Hefner recognized Trustee Kelly Hammer and thanked him for serving on the Village Board the last four years.

Hammer moved to adjourn, Cautrell seconded. Hearing no objections, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

ATTEST: *Sharon Anderson*
Sharon Anderson, Village Clerk



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