

## 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 6:30 p.m., Monday, November 13, 2023. Present were Trustees George R Hefner, Jeremy Bruning, Leroy Cautrell, Chad Frerichs and Brenda Lage. Others present were Roger Protzman, Samantha Handrock, Annette Sudbeck, Melissa Lordemann, Dale Engleman, Mandy Bruning and Sharon Anderson.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on November 8, 2023. 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 requested amending the agenda to include the Ambulance ARPA Grant and Coleridge Area Memorial Plaza. Bruning motioned to approve seconded by Lage. Hearing no objections, the Chairman declared the agenda approved as amended.

Annette Sudbeck, Coleridge Area Fund President, gave an update on progress of the Park Project. Request for Proposals were sent out. Bids are due by 4:00 pm on November 27, 2023 and will be presented at the December Board meeting.

Dale Engleman spoke about improvements to be made at the Coleridge Area Memorial Plaza and donations were discussed. Estimated cost of the improvements is \$67,000.00 and Legion Post 114 has started raising funds.

Melissa Lordemann, on behalf of the Coleridge Ambulance Service, provided estimates, specs and a Request For Proposal document for a new ambulance, to include a power lift/power load cot, as discussed at the October Village Board meeting. To receive the \$75,000.00 grant, a purchase order must be in place by December 31, 2023, with delivery no later than September 2026. Chairman Hefner explained the grant and donations coming in will allow the Village to budget for the balance of the purchase price at a more manageable cost and ahead of the current replacement schedule. Motion by Cautrell seconded by Bruning to proceed with the bid process. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Village Engineer Roger Protzman, Sr PE, and Samantha Handrock, PE, of JEO Consulting Group, presented a Wastewater Facility Plan Report. The report provides an extensive evaluation of the Village's wastewater collection and treatment systems regarding their existing condition and viability for the future.

The Board discussed consent agenda items as follows; previous month regular meeting minutes, financial reports, claims, agency reports, Wau-Col RWS report, safety report and nitrate report of 7.70 ppm for well 2000-1. Motion by Bruning seconded by Cautrell to approve. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Current operational issues at the wastewater treatment facility were discussed. Repairs have been completed to the travel lift, grinder cleaned and a new flow meter installed.

Bruning introduced Resolution 23-09, Signing of the Year-End Certification of Village Street Superintendent and moved for passage. Second by Cautrell. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Lage, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Updates or other business matters with no formal action taken; Police Chief position is still open; Code Enforcement; Dilapidated housing; Corona Lot and 105 East Broadway was deeded back to the Village; Storm sewer inlet at the intersection of Madison and Town & Country Drive is resolved; VFD Radio Grant was awarded; Park View Haven/The Embers financing; 2001- Well heater; Utility Superintendent position is still open.

At 9:53 p.m. Trustee Cautrell made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of any individuals. Lage made a second. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Lage, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Hefner restated the reason for the closed session is to discuss personnel and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of any individuals.

At 10:30 p.m. Frerichs made a motion to come out of closed session. Cautrell seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

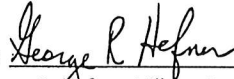
The Chairman restated the reason for the closed session was to discuss personnel and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of any individuals. He also stated no formal action was taken while in closed session.

Cautrell moved to adjourn, Lage seconded. Hearing no objections Chairman Hefner adjourned the meeting at 10:31 p.m.

ATTEST:   
Sharon Anderson, Village Clerk

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APPROVED:



George R. Hefner, Village Board Chairman

