

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, April 8, 2024. Present were Trustees George R Hefner, Jeremy Bruning, Leroy Cautrell, Chad Frerichs and Brenda Lage. Others present were Annette Sudbeck, Mandy Bruning and Sharon Anderson.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on April 3, 2024. 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; he stated 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.

Bruning seconded by Lage made a motion to approve the agenda. Hearing no objections, Chairman Hefner declared the agenda approved as printed.

There were no comments by the public.

Consent agenda items were reviewed as follows; previous month regular meeting minutes, financial reports, claims, agency reports. Motion by Bruning seconded by Lage to approve. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Other options for upgrades to the sewer plant were discussed and will be revisited at the May Board meeting.

Coleridge Area Fund (CAF) president Annette Sudbeck gave an update on the park playground project. Equipment is built and ready for pick up in Wisconsin. The old equipment has been auctioned through Big Iron and is being removed. Tentative installation date is set for June 2024. Start to finish of the project is 6-8 weeks.

Gill Hauling gave notification they are raising rates for sanitation services, as allowed in the April 1, 2022 contract. The contract allows for an annual increase of 3% or the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is greater, for the contract term. Resolution 24-01 Sanitation Rates, was introduced and moved for passage by Bruning and seconded by Frerichs. It reflects the new rate and maintains the \$1.00 per month over contract rate added by the Village for all residential carts. By roll call vote: Cautrell, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0. The new cart rates will be \$19.10 for residential carts and \$4.20 for each additional cart. The smaller 35-gallon carts are being phased out; new ones are no longer provided. Motion by Bruning, second by Lage to keep the existing 35 gallon senior citizen cart price at \$13.50 while they are being phased out. By roll call vote: Bruning, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Ridge View Housing Authority Executive Director Melissa Lordemann submitted a request to waive Payments In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, for the Coleridge Housing Authority. The 2023 FYE PILOT is \$5,046.19. The amount is 10% of the dwelling rents received, less utilities that are paid. Motion by Lage, seconded by Bruning to waive the PILOT for FYE 2023. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Nay; Lage, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 4-1.

Updates or other business matters with no formal action taken; Street repairs; Corona Lot; Police Chief and Utility Superintendent positions still open; Code Enforcement; Dana Cole & Company yearly audit is complete and submitted to the State.

Reaching the end of the agenda, the Chairman asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Sharon Anderson, Village Clerk



APPROVED: 
George R. Hefner, Village Board Chairman