

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, July 8, 2024. Present were Trustees George R Hefner, Jeremy Bruning, Leroy Cautrell, Chad Frerichs and Brenda Lage. Others present were Regg Pehrson, Baylor Bestgen, Bob Yost, Mandy Bruning and Sharon Anderson.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on July 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 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 Bruning, made a motion to approve the agenda. Hearing no objections, Chairman Hefner declared the agenda approved as printed.

Public Comments: Bob Yost expressed concern about dilapidated premises and rodent control in the Village. The Village has been and continues to work on this.

Baylor Bestgen, with JEO Consulting Group Inc., discussed the One & Six Year Street Program and the Lane Mile Report, including funding and requirements.

Regg Pehrson of the Northeast Nebraska Insurance Agency was present to go over the insurance policy annual renewal. He presented separate policies this year; one for the Village of Coleridge only; and one for Fire and Ambulance, listing as co-insured the Village of Coleridge and Coleridge Rural Fire Protection District. He explained increases in premiums and Replacement Cost coverages, Liability and Workers Comp rates and deductibles. A list of all properties and equipment was reviewed. Coverage was adjusted as necessary. Motion by Bruning seconded by Frerichs to approve the insurance renewal with changes as discussed. By roll call vote: Bruning, Aye; Lage, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

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

An estimate from Bader's Highway and Street for crack sealing was discussed. The Village will also contact Barkley Asphalt for an estimate to do both crack sealing and repairs.

In the big park, at Portland St. and 875 Rd, work began on the new playground structure. Rain has slowed the process. Old concrete has been removed and preliminary dirt work is done. Alternate locations for a sidewalk to the main shelter house and handicap parking pads will be discussed with the Construction Company as part of the project.

Motion by Frerichs seconded by Cautrell to approve an Eagle Scout Project for Aric Hall of Boy Scout Troop 208, for landscaping work around the WWI monument area of the park, landscaping and site work around the new playground and other related projects, if any. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Bruning submitted an application for the Utility Superintendent position. Motion by Frerichs seconded by Cautrell to hire Jeremy Bruning as the Utility Superintendent beginning approximately August 5. His term on the Village Board of Trustees will end at that time. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Bruning, Abstain; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 4-0.

The Village is working on demolition of dilapidated properties. Some inspections have been completed and contact made with Nolan Rine, Health Industrial Hygiene Specialist for the NDHHS Asbestos Program. He made a recommendation for

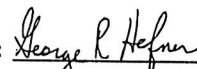
demolition in place, given the deterioration of one building. The debris must be hauled to an asbestos approved land fill and an individual with an Asbestos License must oversee demolition. Motion by Bruning seconded by Lage to hire Schmitt Construction, Inc. to tear down the building at 105 East Broadway and haul to an approved landfill. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Lage, Aye; Cautrell, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The 2024-2025 FY budget was discussed. Motion by Cautrell to approve Dana F. Cole & Company to prepare the budget. Seconded by Bruning. By roll call vote: Cautrell, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Lage, Aye; Frerichs, 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; Downtown upkeep; Building permits.

Reaching the end of the agenda, Chairman Hefner asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

ATTEST:  Seal
Sharon Anderson CMC, Village Clerk

APPROVED: 
George R. Hefner, Village Board Chairman

