

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 13, 2026. Present were Trustees George R Hefner, Brenda Lage, Chad Frerichs, and Tony Kalin. Others present were Terry Lich, Dean Lich, Jason Miller, Ross Olsen, Craig Lordemann, Jeremy Bruning, Sharon Anderson and Mandy Bruning.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on April 8, 2026. 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.

The Chairman asked if there are any additions or corrections to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda stands as printed.

There were no comments by the public.

Village Clerk Mandy Bruning administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Trustee Terry Lich.

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

The Coleridge Community Club, represented by Jason Miller, President, and members Ross Olsen and Craig Lordemann, want to replace the worn out rolling community message board that sits in the street intersection, with the digital sign board on the Community Building. They propose relocating it to the northeast corner of the Veterans Memorial Plaza. Originally, at the March Board meeting, permission was given to install a stationary community message board by the pergola at Main and Broadway Streets. Questions were asked by the Board. More information will be gathered for discussion at the May Board meeting.

Utility Superintendent, Jeremy Bruning, reported a drain snake was purchased for use at the sewer plant; the drinking water fluoridation usage was explained; a list of streets in need of repair was assembled and prioritized, he will get estimates. In the Park; one report of vandalism; water will be turned on and restrooms opened in early May.

Prices were received to replace the refrigerator at the Fire and Rescue Station. Motion by Frerichs second by Kalin to purchase a 19.3 cubic foot refrigerator from ACE Hardware in Hartington. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Lich, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

A letter was read from Ridge View Housing Authority Executive Director, Melissa Lordemann. She requested the Village waive the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for the Coleridge Housing Authority Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2025. The 2025 FYE PILOT amount is \$7,035.07. The annual PILOT amount is 10% of the dwelling rents received, less utilities, that are paid during the fiscal year. Motion by Kalin seconded by Lage to approve. By roll call vote: Kalin, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lage, Aye; Lich, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Costs related to relocating the Office of the Village Clerk were reviewed. By general consensus it was decided to keep the office at its current location.

Updates and other business matters in progress or with no formal action taken; Police Chief vacancy; code enforcement violations; Condemned properties progress; Dilapidated housing; Corona Addition; FFA Sign Location along Highway 57; yearly audit is completed and has been submitted to the state.

At 8:12 p.m. Trustee Kalin made a motion to go into closed session to discuss Park View Haven personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of any individuals. Frerichs made a second. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Hefner restated the reason for the closed session was to discuss Park View Haven personnel matters and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of any individuals.

At 9:42 p.m. Kalin made a motion to come out of closed session. Frerichs seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Lich, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Hefner restated the reason for the closed session was to discuss Park View Haven personnel matters 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.

Reaching the end of the agenda, Chairman Hefner asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

ATTEST: Mandy Bruning

Mandy Bruning, Village Clerk



APPROVED: George R. Hefner

George R. Hefner, Village Board Chairman