

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, August 10, 2026. Present were Trustees George R Hefner, Brenda Lage, Chad Frerichs, Tony Kalin and Terry Lich. Others present were Regg Pehrson, Jeremy Bruning, Mandy Bruning and Sharon Anderson.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on August 5, 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.

Consent agenda items were discussed as follows; previous month regular meeting minutes, financial reports, claims; claims amended to add Plumbing & Electric for storm sewer repair, agency reports, Wau-Col RWS report, and nitrate report of 8.48 ppm for well 2000-1. Motion by Kalin, seconded by Frerichs, to approve. By roll call vote: Lich, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Regg Pehrson with Northeast Nebraska Insurance, reviewed and discussed the annual renewal of the Village insurance policy for the upcoming year. Motion by Kalin, seconded by Lage, to approve. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Lage, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Jeremy Bruning, Utility Superintendent, informed the Board the alternator in the water tower is not working properly. He has been working with Sargent Drilling to resolve the issue; Street Repairs on the corner of East Broadway and Chambers have been completed.

An estimate from CL Electric was received to install more camping spots in the park. Motion by Frerichs, second by Kalin to move forward with the installation. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Lage introduced resolution 26-02, second by Lich, to declare the 2003 Freightliner Truck, VIN 4UZAANBW83CL93695, and the 2000 Ford Ambulance, VIN 1FDXE45FXYHA81280, as excess property. The two vehicles will be offered to the public through sealed bids. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Lage, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Resolution 26-02 passed 5-0

The FY2026-2027 Budget was discussed.

Motion by Kalin, second by Lich, to approve tuition for two EMT candidates. By roll call vote, Frerichs, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Lage, Aye; Lich, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

New financing options for a LIFEPAK35 from Stryker Corporation, initially discussed at the July Board meeting, were reviewed and discussed (the LIFEPAK35 would replace the old vitals monitor and AED with an all-in-one future-ready monitor/defibrillator). The Coleridge Ambulance Service Volunteers have raised donations to put towards the cost of the new device. Motion by Frerichs, second by Kalin to pay the remaining estimated balance of \$18,000. By roll call vote: Lich, Aye; Lage, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

At 8:35 p.m. Trustee Kalin made a motion to go into closed session to discuss employee performance and wages for the upcoming fiscal year, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of any individuals. Lage made a second. By roll call vote: Kalin, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Hefner restated the reason for the closed session is to discuss employee performance and wages for the upcoming fiscal year, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of any individuals.

At 9:05 p.m. Kalin made a motion to come out of closed session. Lage seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Kalin, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Hefner restated the reason for the closed session was to discuss employee performance and wages for the upcoming fiscal year, 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.

The Board offered the following wages to Village employees for FY 2026-2027: Mandy Bruning, Clerk/Treasurer, \$23.66 per hour; Sharon Anderson, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer \$23.66 per hour; Jeremy Bruning Maintenance Supervisor, \$28.81 per hour; Mallorie Steinhoff, Housekeeping, \$18.50 per hour; Don Schultz, Mowing, \$18.50. Lage motioned, seconded by Kalin, to approve wages as proposed. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Updates and other business matters in progress or with no formal action taken; Police Chief vacancy; code enforcement violations; nuisance properties progress; dilapidated housing; Corona Addition; The Heart of Coleridge Walking Trail; increasing camping rates; Coleridge Area Fund; Park View Haven.

Arriving at 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 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST: Mandy Bruning
Mandy Bruning, Village Clerk



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