

BUDGET & TAX REQUEST HEARINGS - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Budget Hearing and the Special Hearing to set the final tax request for the Village of Coleridge, Nebraska was held at the Coleridge Community Building in said Village, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 14, 2026. Present were Chairman George R. Hefner and Trustees, Brenda Lage, Chad Frerichs, Terry Lich and Tony Kalin. Also present were Jeremy Bruning, Mandy Bruning and Sharon Anderson.

Hearing notices were given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on September 9, 2026. Notice of the Hearings were 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.

At 6:30 p.m., the Chairman opened the Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. 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.

Budget items and figures, compiled in part by Certified Public Accountants Dana F. Cole and Company, were open for public discussion. There were no public comments. Motion by Kalin seconded by Frerichs to close the Budget Hearing. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0. The Budget Hearing closed at 6:31 p.m.

A Special Hearing to set the final tax request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, at an amount different than last year, was opened at 6:32 p.m. There were no public comments. Motion by Kalin, seconded by Frerichs to close the tax request hearing. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0. This hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

At 6:36 p.m., a motion was made by Frerichs and seconded by Kalin to adjourn the Budget Hearing and the Special Hearing to set the final tax request. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of Coleridge, Nebraska was held at the Coleridge Community Building in said Village beginning at 6:37 p.m., Monday, September 14, 2026. Present were Trustees George Hefner, Brenda Lage, Chad Frerichs, Terry Lich and Tony Kalin. Others present were Jeremy Bruning, Mandy Bruning and Sharon Anderson.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on September 9, 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 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 Regular 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 the copy posted in the meeting room.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda stands as printed. There were no comments by the public.

The Chairman called the Budget Meeting to order. The proposed budget for FY 2026-2027 was reviewed.

Motion by Lage, seconded by Frerichs to approve the budget for FY 2026-2027 as proposed. By roll call vote: Lich, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution 26-03 was introduced by Kalin and seconded by Lich to set the property tax request and tax levies for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 at an amount different than the tax request of the previous year. By roll call vote: Lich, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Lage, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Resolution 26-03 passed 5-0.

Motion by Kalin, seconded by Frerich to approve budget transfers as recommended by Dana F. Cole & Company. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Lage, seconded by Frerichs, to close the Budget Meeting. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent agenda items were discussed as follows; previous month regular meeting minutes, financial reports, claims, with an adjusted amount to Tri-State Communication, Inc, agency reports and the Wau-Col RWS report. Motion by Frerichs seconded by Kalin to approve. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Utility Superintendent, Jeremy Bruning, updated the Board on the well alternator issue at the water tower; sewer lift station repair; a space for scrap metal has been designated at the Community Burn site and will be closely monitored. The Board also reviewed what items are allowed into the community burn site; specifically grass clippings, brush and trees. Items not allowed include construction debris, lumber and furniture. Concrete is allowed, with prior approval.

Motion by Frerichs to purchase a Boss 9'2" Power V-XT (Steel) snow blade and a 2026 GMC 3500HD Sierra: Regular Cab Long Box, 4WD V-8 truck from Peitz GMC, as quoted and budgeted; snow blade to be ordered with delivery and payment in FY25-26; pickup truck to be ordered, then purchased in FY26-27. Seconded by Kalin. By Roll call vote: Lich, Aye; Lage, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Notice of the One and Six Year Hearing was given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on September 2, 2026, and posted in three locations: Coleridge Post Office, Security Bank-Coleridge and Office of the Village Clerk on September 2, 2026.

The Chairman opened a Public Hearing on the One and Six Year Street Program Plan at 7:29 p.m. The plan is to maintain existing streets by crack sealing and repairs as needed and prepare for future street projects. The Public Hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

Kalin introduced Resolution 26-04 for the One and Six Year Street Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance and moved for its passage. Seconded by Frerichs. By roll call vote: Kalin, Aye; Lage, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion passed 5-0. Resolution 26-04 passed.

Motion by Lage, seconded by Lich, to approve Francesca Grijalva to join Coleridge Ambulance Service. By roll call vote: Kalin, Aye; Lich, Aye; Lage, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Three sealed bids were received for the sale of excess property; the 2000 Ford Ambulance and the 2003 Freightliner Van. Motion by Kalin, seconded by Lich, to reject all bids and advertise vehicles for sale on Big Iron Auctions. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Lage, Aye; Lich, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Update on camper pads installation at the park; water lines are done; electrical service installation is in progress.

The family of Dale Bartling donated a replica model of the old Holmquist Elevator made by Dale. Chairman Hefner, on behalf of the Board, thanked the family for their donation. The replica will be displayed at the Community Building.

A resignation was received from Bill Hefner, President of the Housing Authority Board. Executive Director Melissa Lordemann, on behalf of the Coleridge Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, submitted Dave Sudbeck for consideration to fill the position. Lage, seconded by Kalin, made a motion to appoint Dave Sudbeck to the Coleridge Housing Authority Board. By roll call vote: Lich, Aye; Lage, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Kalin, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Updates on and/or other business matters in progress; Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer vacancy; dilapidated housing; condemned housing progress; nuisance properties; notices sent to select home owners for excessive weeds & trees violations; declaring the Chevy police car as excess property; Corona Addition; Park View Haven finances; water tower maintenance; Policies and procedures for estimates and conflicts of interest.

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 8:53 p.m.

ATTEST: Mandy Bruning
Mandy Bruning, Village Clerk



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