

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, October 12, 2026. Present were Trustees George R Hefner, Brenda Lage, Chad Frerichs, and Terry Lich. Absent, Trustee Tony Kalin. Others present were Sharon Anderson.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Laurel Advocate on October 7, 2026. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to all trustees and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice is in the 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 to all in attendance 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 were 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, agency reports, and special meeting minutes. Motion by Frerichs, seconded by Lich, to approve consent agenda except claim #5913. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Kalin, Absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Lich motioned, seconded by Lage, to approve payment of claim #5913. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Hefner, Abstain; Kalin, Absent. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed 3E Electrical Engineering and Equipment Company's estimate for maintenance of the generator in the 81-1 Well House. Motion by Frerichs, seconded by Lage to approve. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Kalin, Absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Hefner reported a PM service contract quote for the Stryker Power-load cot system will be coming soon. It was pending when the new ambulance was purchased. He shared that the EMT's applied for and were awarded a \$10,000 grant from South Bow Corporation towards purchase of the LifePak 35 monitor/defibrillator. Since a portion of the Keystone Pipeline System traverses the Coleridge Rural Fire Protection District, we were eligible to apply. He also reported the Village is arranging for overhead door maintenance and repairs at the Fire and Rescue Station.

Frerichs introduced resolution 26-05, seconded by Lage, to declare the 2006 Chevrolet Impala four door sedan, police car, VIN 2G1WS551869343875 as excess property. By roll call vote: Lich, Nay; Frerichs, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Kalin, Absent. Resolution 26-05 passed 3-1.

Policies and Procedures were discussed. Motion by Lich, seconded by Hefner to have Village Attorney Carter Scott draw up an Ordinance for regulations regarding any vendor(s) who are also Board members. By roll call vote: Lage, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Kalin, Absent. Motion carried 4-0. The Chairman stated the correct procedure has always been followed, but an ordinance will serve as a written guideline. The Board discussed allowable spending limits without full Board approval, for the Chair and department heads. Chairman Hefner stated the current spending limits are more than thirty years old. A resolution for regulations will be drawn up and rates can be set or changed by resolution.

Sale of Village-owned vacant lots was discussed. By consensus, the Board will have Village Attorney Carter Scott draw up a resolution, declaring the lots as excess property. Once that's completed, the properties can be offered for sale.

Motion by Lage, seconded by Lich to approve Great Plains Appraisal, Inc. to do an appraisal of Park View Haven and The Embers. By roll call vote: Frerichs, Aye; Lich, Aye; Lage, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Kalin, Absent. Motion carried 4-0.

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.

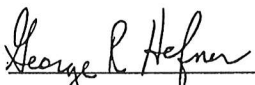
At 7:48 p.m. Lage made a motion to go into closed session to discuss Park View Haven confidential financial data and proprietary business strategies. Hefner made a second. By roll call vote: Lich, Aye; Lage, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Kalin, Absent. Motion carried 4-0. Chairman Hefner restated the reason for the closed session was to discuss Park View Haven confidential financial data and proprietary business strategies.

At 8:33 p.m. Frerichs made a motion to come out of closed session. Lich seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Lich, Aye; Lage, Aye; Frerichs, Aye; Hefner, Aye; Kalin, Absent. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Hefner restated the reason for the closed session was to discuss Park View Haven confidential financial data and proprietary business strategies. 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 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST:  Seal
Sharon Anderson CMC, Assistant Village Clerk

APPROVED: 
George R. Hefner, Village Board Chairman

