

REORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Reorganizational/Regular Monthly Meeting of the Village of Coleridge Board of Trustees was held at the Coleridge Community Building in said Village beginning at 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 13, 2021. Present were Trustees George R Hefner, Jessie Jackson, Kelly Hammer, Roger Anderson and Jeremy Bruning. Others present were Dennis Naslund, Mandy Bruning and Sharon Anderson.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in The Laurel Advocate on December 8, 2021. 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 proceeds thereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

Village Clerk Sharon Anderson opened the reorganizational meeting at 7:05 p.m., stating 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.

Anderson asked for nominations for Chairman Pro Tempore. Hammer was nominated by Bruning. Hefner moved that nominations cease, seconded by Jackson. Hammer elected as Chairman Pro Tempore by acclamation.

Chairman Pro Tempore Hammer then asked for nominations for Chairman. Hefner was nominated by Jackson. A motion was made by Bruning that nominations cease, seconded by Anderson. Hefner elected as Chairman for 2022 by acclamation.

Chairman Hefner asked for nominations for Chairperson of Park View Haven/The Embers Board. Bruning nominated Anderson. Jackson moved that nominations cease, seconded by Bruning. Roger Anderson elected as chair for 2022 by acclamation.

Bruning made a motion to appoint the following entities or individuals for 2022; The Laurel Advocate as the official newspaper; Bruce Curtiss of Plainview as Village Attorney; JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as the Village Engineer; Terry Mead, from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as Village Street Superintendent. Hammer seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Hammer, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Jackson, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hammer seconded by Jackson to name the following as Village Employees for 2022: Dennis Naslund, Maintenance Supervisor; Sharon Anderson, Village Clerk/Treasurer; Mandy Bruning Assistant Clerk & Economic Development Coordinator; Tina Naslund as Housekeeper. By roll call vote: Bruning, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Jackson, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Hammer to name the following individuals for 2022: Dennis Naslund, Alisha Stone and Chairman Hefner as members of the **Health Board**; Trustee Hammer as **Building Inspector**; Trustee Bruning and Sharon Anderson as members of the **Safety Committee**; Jon Polak, Bill Hefner, Jeff Wemhoff, Jeremy Bruning and Dennis Naslund as members of the **Tree Board**; Jim Fish, Nick Sovereign, Dennis Naslund, Roby Bowman and Chad Frerichs as members of the **Zoning and Planning Commission**; Mandy Bruning as representative to the **Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District**; Leroy Cautrell as representative on the **Wau-Col Rural Water System Advisory Board**; Chad Frerichs, Nick Puppe, Leroy Cautrell, Mandy Bruning and Dennis Naslund to the **Community Development Block Grant Board**; Bill Hefner, Mary Jo Hansen, Dale Scott, Jon Milander and Ida Thorndyke as members of the **Housing Authority Board**. By roll call vote: Anderson, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Jackson, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Carried 5-0.

At 7:15 PM a motion was made by Bruning, seconded by Jackson that the Reorganizational Meeting be adjourned, to be followed by the regular December meeting. By roll call vote: Jackson, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Hefner called the Regular Monthly Meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. He welcome guests and stated a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review, indicating the location of a copy in the meeting room.

The Chairman asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. A motion was made by Jackson seconded by Bruning to amend the agenda to include Deano's Mini Mart change of manager form. By roll call vote: Hammer, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Jackson, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0. The agenda was approved as amended.

At 7:21 p.m. Chairman Hefner made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of any individuals. Anderson made a second. By roll call vote: Bruning, Aye; Jackson, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The Chairman restated the reason for the closed session is to discuss personnel issues and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of any individuals.

At 7:40 p.m. Jackson made a motion to come out of closed session. Anderson seconded the motion. By roll call vote: Anderson, Aye; Jackson, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Hefner restated the reason for the closed session was to discuss personnel issues, 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 discussed consent agenda items; previous month regular meeting minutes, claims, financial, Economic Development and Wau-Col RWS reports. Motion by Bruning seconded by Hammer to approve consent agenda items. By roll call vote: Hammer, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Jackson, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Utility Superintendent Dennis Naslund presented cost and efficiency reports on water pumping for the Village wells.

Jackson introduced Resolution 21-10 Water Rates, and Resolution 21-11 Sewer Rates, for an increase of \$0.10 per thousand gallon each for water and sewer and moved for their passage. Seconded by Anderson. Resolution 21-10 sets the water usage rate at \$3.30 per thousand gallons. Resolution 21-11 sets the sewer rate at \$3.05 per thousand gallons, based on winter water usage. By roll call vote: Hammer, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Jackson, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Jackson introduced Resolution 21-12 for Signing of the Year-End Certification of Village Street Superintendent Form 2021 and moved for its passage, seconded by Bruning. By roll call vote: Bruning, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Jackson, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Bruning introduced Resolution 21-13 authorizing full participation by the Village of Coleridge in the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD) through the execution of an Intergovernmental agreement and moved for its passage, seconded by Hammer. By roll call vote: Hammer, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Jackson, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Village Attorney Bruce Curtiss submitted a letter regarding dangerous dogs. The Village continues to work with Attorney Curtiss and the Cedar County Sheriff's Office on the matter.

Trustees Bruning and Hammer conducted interviews for Utility Superintendent and gave recommendations. Current Utility Superintendent Dennis Naslund agreed to stay on part time until the position is filled, or as needed to train his replacement.

By general consensus approval was given for Dennis Naslund to attend the upcoming Utilities/Public Works Section Annual Conference.

Bruning motioned, seconded by Anderson, to approve Deano's Mini Mart liquor license application for a change of management. By roll call vote: Jackson, Aye; Hammer, Aye; Anderson, Aye; Bruning, Aye; Hefner, Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Other business with no formal action taken; Condemned Housing; security cameras installed at sewer plant.

Jackson moved that the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Anderson. Hearing no objections, Chairman Hefner declared the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Sharon Anderson Village Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED: _____
George R Hefner Village Board Chairman

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