Official proceedings of Platte Center Board of Trustees- October 10th 2023

The regular meeting of the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Platte Center, Nebraska was convened in open and public session at the Auditorium. Notification was given thereof by publication and a copy of that proof of publication is on file. Chairman Hake called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and informed the public of the location of a current and complete copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Present by roll call were Trustees: Hake, Sliva, Coble, Wolff, Pillen Absent:

Chairman Hake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sliva moved to accept the Consent Agenda which included October 10th, 2023 Agenda & Meeting Minutes for September 12th, 2023 meeting. Coble second the motion. Roll Call, Ayes: Hake, Sliva, Wolff, Pillen, Coble Nays: None. Motion carried.

No Building Permits Submitted

Bernie Greisen was present at the meeting. Bernie advised she has safety concerns as the neighbors to the North of her have trees and a sign in their yard that are obstructing her view from her driveway and requested that they be removed. Bernie advised she had a land surveyor come to determine lot lines. She advised that her neighbors sign and trees/landscaping is technically on the Village right of way. The Board members advised they would need proof of documentation from the surveyor. The board members advised they would look into the situation before making any determinations. The Board advised they did not believe there was an ordinance about landscaping in the community members yards that are in the Village right of way. Bernie advised she has not communicated her concerns with her neighbor.

Klint Arnold was present and representing Stealth Broadband. Arnold advised that Stealth has been in town setting the community members up with fiber optic communication lines and internet. He advised that the State of Nebraska received grant funds to ensure all rural communities had access to high-speed internet. He advised that Stealth broadband won the bid for Platte County. He advised Stealth would be sending over a franchise agreement for the Board to review and decide on. He advised that customers will have access to the fiber optic in the beginning of November.

Joe Hanson was present at the meeting with concerns with Ordinance# 5-403-A12. Hanson advised that he has concerns with the Village Board members. He advised that he feels that he was targeted because his truck was parked on 4th street during a road closure for a small amount of time and then a sign was put on the vehicle that there was no parking. Hanson advised that prior to his vehicle being parked there, there was a grain hauler that had been parked there for weeks that the board did not have concern with. Hanson advised nothing was done about this situation. Greisen advised he attempted to communicate with the owner of the hauler and had no luck. Hanson advised that the garbage at the campground had not been picked up for 3 weeks. Hanson advised that he talked to the maintenance worker, Andrew Greisen about this, and then Chairman Hake and she did not know anything about it. He advised he has concerns that the board does not communicate with each other. Hanson advised there is a trailer that has been parked near Engel’s Detailing, and is still parked there but nothing has been done about it. Hanson advised that he has concerns that Chairman Hake removed a no parking sign out of her yard without the consent of the other Board members. Hake advised she did remove the sign due to the Pilakowski benefit to allow for reasonable parking. Hake advised she has not put the sign back up and that she will not put the sign back up. Hanson advised that he will file a complaint about the Board of Trustees with the state. Hake did advise that she put a sign on Hanson’s truck/trailer to show Mr. Hanson that she was working to fix the problem that trucks/trailers were being parked on 4th Street. Hanson advised that there needs to be better communication with the board members and the public. Hanson advised that he wants better leadership and better communication.

The board members discussed the water tower funding. Coble made a motion to use and transfer $25,000 from the water savings account and $12,750 from the general account to pay for the first payment of $37,750 for the water tower re-construction. Wolff second the motion. Roll Call, Ayes: Hake, Sliva, Wolff, Pillen, Coble Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board discussed the need to change the Garbage rates as the rates from Bud’s Sanitation increased $2.25 per active water meter. The board discussed that the need to have some income from the garbage utility is necessary to continue providing funds to the Village. Wolf made a motion to increase the Garbage rate to $20.25 to continue an equal amount of revenue to the Village. Sliva second the motion. Roll Call, Ayes: Hake, Sliva, Wolff, Pillen, Coble Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chris Miller with Miller & Associates was present to present the 1&6 year hearing. Miller advised the Village is on track to receive $60,000 in street funds if the 1&6 year hearing is complete. Miller presented a map which was completed in 2022. Coble made a motion to accept Resolution 23-09 with the following changes. Include Platte County road re-construction on 1st street from the city limits to F street on the west side of town on the 1 year plan and add G street from 1st to 4th street on the 6 year plan for any Maintaince needing done. Pillen second the motion. Roll Call, Ayes: Hake, Sliva, Wolff, Pillen, Coble Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board then discussed paying Invoice #562252 from Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easeland. Included in the invoice is a telephone conference with Bernie Greisen. The board agreed to pay the current bill but to advise the Village attorney to no longer take her call and bill to the village. No action required.

Committee Reports: Wolf advised the park and maintenance building look good. Greisen advised the parks & ballfield have been fertilized. Greisen advised the Lakeview baseball/softball discussed with him using the field in Spring 2024 therefore he will be focusing on making the ballfield manageable again. Greisen advised he is almost done mowing for the year and that the mower needs an oil change.

Public Comments: Lori Woosely-Uden was present and advised she has 4 people interested in the neighborhood watch program and she will continue to move forward with the project.

October 1st, 2023 Utility Report/ Treasurers report. Bank Balances: Checking $127,311.09,, Grant Account $515.55 Auditorium Donations $10,158.80, Water Savings $63,390.10, Sales Tax Savings $167,344.14 Splash Pad Acct $ 9991.20

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Sliva made moved to accept reports and pay submitted bills. Pillen 2nd the motion. Roll Call, Ayes: Hake, Sliva, Wolff, Pillen, Coble Nays: None. Motion carried.

Pillen made a motion & Sliva 2nd the motion to adjourn regular business meeting at 8:55pm. Roll Call, Ayes: Hake, Sliva, Wolff, Pillen, Coble Nays: None. Motion carried.

Village Clerk

Nicolette Coble