

Official proceedings of Platte Center Board of Trustees- January 16th, 2024

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 Pillen 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, Pillen, Barber Absent:

Chairman Pillen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sliva moved to accept the Consent Agenda which included January 16th, 2024 Agenda & Meeting Minutes for December 12th 2023 meeting with the exception of adding snow removal pay to the agenda and correcting a bill to \$525.31 in the minutes. Coble second the motion. Roll Call, Ayes: Hake, Sliva, Pillen, Coble, Barber. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Building Permits-None

Flood zone permits-None

Coble made a motion to pay Matthew Hoffmeister & Tyler Arndt for their assistance in snow removal during the winter storm. Hake second the motion. Roll Call, Ayes: Hake, Sliva, Pillen, Coble Nays: None. Motion carried.

Sliva made a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy and the Village of Platte Center to continue with the Source Water Protection Grant. Barber second the motion. Roll Call, Ayes: Hake, Sliva, Pillen, Coble, Barber. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Hake made a motion to approve the hiring of LRE Water to complete the ground study/Wellhead protection study for the prior mentioned grant. Sliva second the motion. Roll Call, Ayes: Hake, Sliva, Pillen, Coble, Barber. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Sliva discussed the need to have employee contracts signed. Clerk Coble questioned why the contracts were not ready to the present meeting as the agenda item was discussed at the December 2023 meeting. Sliva advised the snow storm delayed and they were not ready yet. Clerk Coble advised that this would delay raises for the employees. Barber made a motion to provide employees with 3.5 percent raises and Resolution 2024-1 which equates Andrew Greisen pay to \$31.93 per hour, plus \$1,000 health insurance stipend per month and 3% 401B. Clerk Coble to equate to \$31,751.73 per year for part time, \$1,500 for chairman plus \$100 per meeting and \$15 per special meeting and board of trustees \$100 per meeting and \$15 per special meeting and \$20 an hour for part time help from Board Members. Roll Call, Ayes: Hake, Sliva, Pillen, Barber Nays: None. Absent from vote: Coble. Motion carried.

Employee contracts tabled until next month.

Clerk Coble discussed the need for the Village of Platte Center to have a safety committee separate from the town board for insurance purposes. The board discussed to advertise for the safety committee and request a short resume. The safety committee may meet as often as needed, but only required once per year. Meetings must be documented.

The Village board discussed attorney inquiries. No decision made. Tabled until next month.

Stealth Broadband switch from Vyve, Tabled until next month.

Tractor Rental was discussed. The board discussed to have current tractor rental contract at the next meeting and to have potential new contracts at the next meeting. Tabled until next month.

On behalf of the fire committee Barber questioned if the maintenance worker could help plow roads in an emergency situation outside of town. Barber also questioned if the Village of Platte Center would pay 50% of the cost of neon flags for fire hydrants during winter months for safety purposes during snow storms. The board discussed the need for proper safety equipment.

On behalf of the Street & Ally committee Barber discussed that he could create a hot iron plate and that the maintenance worker could fix cracks in town instead of hiring out for the job. Barber also discussed that he could make a de-icer mechanism to help de-ice the streets.

Hake discussed the possibility of fixing manholes by getting manhole covers. She advised that Creston & Humphrey have Manhole covers. The board to look further into the manhole covers.

Barber discussed that the Bison blade on the back of the tractor needs repaired. He stated the bit could be ripped off. He advised to send to Matt Hoffmeister at Westhill Welding to fix the issue.

Hake discussed the donation made to the Splash Pad account in the amount of \$100 from Carrie Loseke.

Hake discussed that her son should not receive \$27 an hour to clean the auditorium. The board discussed that \$15 an hour would be appropriate.

Hake questioned the status of the private audit by the village. Clerk Coble advised it was not complete and will continue to question the status of the audit.

Clerk Coble discussed the need to change sales tax percentages to make sure the water tower payment will be sufficient in October. To be added to the next agenda.

December 1st, 2023 Utility Report/ Treasurers report. Bank Balances: Checking \$95,057.57, Grant Account \$515.55 Auditorium Donations \$10,158.80, Water Savings \$27,715.30, Sales Tax Savings \$202,145.52 Splash Pad Acct \$10,089.20

Amazon	51.34	Bug Zapper & Legal Note pads
Awards & Engravings	150.00	Dog Tags
Bank of Valley-Savings	4,000.00	Water Savings (Transfer Online)
Barco Municipal Products	657.34	Truck & School Signs
Buds Sanitation	3,100.75	Garbage Contract, December 2023
Colonial Research	603.19	Cleaning Chemicals
Cornerstone Insurance	100.00	Insurance Bond
Cornhusker Public Power	202.33	Well Power
Humphrey Democrat	246.58	Legal Notices
Intuit	39.57	Tax Forms
IRS	3,129.28	Payroll taxes
J & L General Store	163.50	Fuel
Jackson Services	50.08	Aud. Cleaning
Loup Power District	2,625.97	Village Power
Menards	216.94	Supplies
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	521.00	Water Tests
Payroll	\$13,813.83	12/1/2023, Includes Board Members
Platte River Builders	\$6,856.20	Main St. Culvert Repair
		December 2023 Tractor Rental & Parts
Platte Valley Equipment	939.89	Sale
Nebraska Department of Revenue.	228.54	Online (Prepaid)
Nebraska Department of Revenue.	1,207.46	Quarterly Income Tax
Schiefer Signs	45.00	ATV Tags
Stamp Warehouse	73.50	Bank & Address Stamp
US Cellular	113.58	Cell Phones (online payment
Vyve Broadband	217.41	Internet & Phone Service

Zieglers Oil Company

535.01 Propane, Auditorium

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

Barber made a motion & Coble 2nd the motion to adjourn regular business meeting at 8:51pm. Roll Call, Ayes: Hake, Sliva, Pillen, Coble, Barber Nays: None. Motion carried.