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Chairman Blanchard called the general meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Board Members had been given agenda and supporting documents, and notices were posted. Blanchard, Bower, Jones, Leedom, and Lindgren were present. Others present: Larry Hall, Marv & Ilene Anderson, Robert & Ray Sousek, Sam Gaston, Justin Maxson, Don Newsham and Sheri Skeahan.

Blanchard moved that the Board go into executive session for the purposes of conducting Don Newsham's employee evaluation, Jones seconded; all members voted in favor. The Board entered executive session at 7:07 PM. Lindgren moved to leave executive session at 8:13 PM, Leedom seconded, all members in favor, motion carried.

Blanchard introduced ORDINANCE 2002-10 AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX 2 PARCELS OF REAL ESTATE, PARCEL 1: THE WEST PORTION OF PRECINCT ROAD LYING BETWEEN PINE STREET AND MAIN STREET, ADJACENT TO THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, AND PARCEL 2 (ADJACENT TO THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO BEING THE 8.937 ACRES LYING TO THE EAST OF THE GAS STATION ON THE EAST SIDE OF HIGHWAY 77) AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 139 PG. 733, BOOK 153 PG. 623, BOOK 124 PG. 147, BOOK 154 PG. 1004. Bower moved to **approve Ordinance 2002-10 for the first reading, Jones seconded.** Upon roll-call vote, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Robert and Ray Sousek were present to discuss annexation of the property behind the Squeegee Station on Hwy 77. The Board reviewed the cost estimations for water and sewer extensions Holly Johnson had prepared. The estimations did not clearly denote the agreement that the Village pays 100% to the property line and costs beyond that are to be split 50-50 with the landowners. The Board also opted for a wet-cut to be done on the water extension rather than a tapping sleeve, to use the existing manhole for the sewer connection, and to take out the costs for reseeding. The Board asked the Clerk to have Johnson break out the costs for the Village vs. the restaurant's costs more definitively. The Souseks said they may be able to do the grading if they had the elevations for the street height to work with and would be willing to do the concrete work on the street. The Board asked the Clerk to have Louie Austin to shoot the elevations of the proposed street extension.

Johnson had passed on the bid from General Excavation to construct a concrete flume at the NE corner of 2nd and Pine. The bid amount was \$883.33. Jones moved to approve the bid from GE, Leedom seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried. Johnson also asked the Clerk to ask if the Board wanted the re-seeding from the water improvement projects to be done yet this month or to wait until next spring. Due to the water restriction and drought conditions the Board decided to wait until spring.

Bower and Jones shared information about the meeting that they had with Johnson and John Olsson from Olsson Associates regarding the drainage problems at 1st and Main. Part of the improvements would include construction of a new storm sewer south of the 1st street driveway, grading and additional aggregate. Darrel Swanson did not attend the meeting. The Clerk had the estimate of cost for the proposed improvements the group had discussed. The Board reviewed this and the total cost of construction at \$22,875.00. The Board considered some modifications to the cost estimate and asked the Clerk to contact Holly Johnson about them as well as to invite her and John Olsson to attend the next meeting. Darrel Swanson is also to be invited to the next meeting to discuss this issue and interest on the 1st Street Assessments.

No one was in attendance from Ross Engineering, but the Clerk passed along Change Order #3 that reduces the amount of the contract by \$1,090.47 due to the fact that the main across Marhlon Brown's driveway was trenched rather than bored. Jones moved to approve the change order, Bower seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried. There will also be a Pay Request (#3) and engineering expenses to be submitted to the NDOR for payment. **Bower moved to approve the submittal of the Pay Requests to the NDOR for payment, Jones seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.** Dorsey from Ross Engineering and the Contractor will both be at the next meeting to discuss completion of the project.

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ORDINANCE 2002-8 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, SAUNDERS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND SECTION 335, ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 6, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, BY THE ADDITION THERETO OF A SECTION PROHIBITING THE USE OF SIDEWALKS IN THE COMMERCIALY ZONED DISTRICTS OF THE VILLAGE OF CERESCO, NEBRASKA, FOR STREET GAMES, RIDING A BICYCLE, SKATEBOARD, OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICE was brought up for 1st Reading again. The Board discussed changes to the text of the Ordinance. Bower moved to approve ORDINANCE 2002-8 on the first reading with the following amendments: to remove bicycles, tricycles, express wagons, and sleds from the list of prohibited items and to include roller blades and in-line skates in that list. Leedom seconded, all members voted in favor. Police Chief Gaston was present to discuss the on-going problems related to skateboarding down town, especially at the Post Office since it is a federal business and due to the heightened security since 9-11 this type of activity cannot be tolerated. Gaston said, and the Village Attorney agrees, that the dock area of the Post Office is on private property. Any prosecution of vandals, trespassers, etc. would have to be done by complaints from the Post Office to be sent to the County Attorney. A discussion was also had about where kids could go for this type of activity. The Ordinance does provide that the Village could close down a designated area for a period of time, but the Board would want to see parental involvement for the supervision of that type of activity. The Village also needs someone to pursue the idea of a skateboard park, but at this time there have not been any volunteers. Gaston also suggested checking with Loren to be sure there is a provision for penalties for the violation of Ordinance 2002-8. Resolution 10-2002 was brought up for discussion. It provides for the Village of Ceresco Police Dept. to be a member of the Rural Apprehension Program. Gaston stated that he did not feel the group responded well when he had contacted them for assistance and he felt that the money for membership could be better spent elsewhere. The Board accepted his recommendation and declined to approve Resolution 10-2002.

Propane bids for the 2002-2003 season were offered by Frontier Co-op for \$.598/gallon and Otte Oil and propane for \$.589. Bower moved to grant the contract for propane service to Otte Oil, Jones seconded. All members voted in favor, motion carried.

Complaints had been received about no parking on the east side of 4th Street. One of the problems is that when attempting to park on the west side of 4th St. south of Pine St., the embankment is so steep that passengers cannot get out of vehicles unless the vehicle is parked into the street. The Board felt this was a valid complaint as the objective of having no parking is to allow the passage of emergency vehicles and to facilitate snow removal. The Board asked the Clerk to contact Loren about amending the Ordinance to change the no parking status from the east to the west side of the street.

Lindgren moved to extend the meeting at 10:30 PM, Bower seconded, all members in favor, motion carried.

Larry Hall was present to let the Board know that he has scheduled a Community Meeting for a program on growing methamphetamine use and it's danger to children and communities. The presentation will be given by the Lincoln Police Department. The date scheduled is Sunday, October 6, 2002 at 7:30 PM. The event will be held at the Evangelical Covenant Church.

The Village Dog Catcher had submitted a bill of \$140.00 for costs related to the capture and impoundment of a stray dog that tore up her transport kennel. Blanchard moved that the bill be approved and added to the claims, Leedom seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

The Library Board had met and voted to give \$.50 an hour raises to the library staff, this causes an amendment to their proposed budget. The Board agreed to the raises, the Clerk will contact the accountant to include the revisions in the budget.

Maxson inquired about the possibility of the Village getting a street sweeper, he was told to get some bids. The Board also asked he and the Clerk to try and find out who manufactured the shop/maintenance building, as it needs some repairs. Maxson also asked the board for permission to purchase a truckload of salt for the winter season. He was told to do so.

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The Clerk was instructed to send Raymond Central Public Schools a bill for mowing services in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the 2002 mowing season.

Leedom moved to approve the minutes from the July meeting and the July 30^h Special meeting.

Bower moved to approve payment of the claims, Leedom seconded. Blanchard, Bower, Leedom and Lindgren voted in favor, none opposed, Jones abstained. The Claims are as follows: ACCO \$117.75/chlorine, AccuStandard \$122.05/WWTP, All Roads \$136.44/signs, AOL \$28.90/internet, Alternative Business Systems \$158.93/copier lease, Big Bear \$31.16/mower repairs, Bomgaars \$94.98/parks, Cellular One \$37.89/village cell phones, D & D \$863.00 (split 50-50 rural fire), Don Newsham \$159.72/empl health ins reim, Eagle Services \$204.00/parks, Edstrom, Bromm, ET AL \$450.00/Village atty., Employers Modern Life \$18.50/fire dept. ins., First Bankcard \$49.55/police internet, Frontier Co-op 427.88/fuel, Gene & Jo's \$5.83/WWTP, General Excavating \$101,114.26/water project, Grainger \$55.85/supplies, Great Plains \$7.00/one call, Hamilton Equip. \$56.00/equip rental, Hutcheson Engineering Products \$2485.26/sewer pump repairs, J. Jones LCC \$403.18/rock, Jackson Services \$157.25/uniforms/rugs, Jurgen's Hardware \$47.75/maim. /supplies, Justin Maxson \$48.77/reim empl health ins, League of Municipalities \$157.00/membership, Lee Sapp \$52.08/police car maim., Lesco \$176.00/parks, Menards \$257.30/ supplies, Midwest Labs \$4.20/test,supplies, Mumm's Htg. & Cooling \$211.41/A/C maim, Municipal Supply \$9.08/water, Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications \$290.44/village phone service, Nebraskaland Exterminators \$22.00/mo. contract, Northern Pump \$51.09/water, Olsson Associates \$1830.68/ eng. fees, OPPD \$2958.28/ electric, Orschelns \$127.25/supplies, Quality Disposal \$4263.50 garbage service, Ross Engineering \$7421.54/eng. fees, Richard McKinley \$125.00/janitor, Sargent Drilling \$12556.48/well project, Scott's Tree Service \$55.00/Parks, Screen Ink \$323.76/rec, SENDD \$750.00/annual membership, Sheri Skeahan \$8.86/mileage, Stephenson Truck Repair \$745.51 Steve's Sales & Service \$22.75, TO Hass Tire \$413.97/police car, Tractor Supply \$138.99/Parks, Umpire Fees \$550.00/rec, US Post Office \$129.00/postage, United Rentals \$34.20/equip rental, Wahoo Building Center \$19.99/supplies, Wahoo News \$135.52/notices/proceedings, Wald & Co \$2400.00/fireworks, Zieger Construction \$31416.1/ Hwy 77 Water Project, Library Expenses: Baker & Taylor \$187.93/books, Barnes & Noble \$39.88/books, Eastern Library \$10.00/books, Marilyn Carper \$12.42/reimb. Book, Wylene Twombly \$219.24/reimbersement, and payroll expenses \$18,366.26.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Bower moved to go into executive session to complete evaluations of **Maxson and Skeahan at 11:05 PM, Jones seconded, motion carried.**

Lindgren moved to leave executive session and adjourn the meeting at **12:41 AM, Blanchard** seconded, motion carried.

Matt Blanchard, Chairman
Sheri Skeahan, Village Clerk