Village of Wauneta, Nebraska

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wauneta, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 6:30 p.m. on **April 8, 2025,** at the Wauneta Village Office.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Chairman Johnston publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was held.

Present: Beau Kramer, Kathy Kerchal, Rick Einspahr, and Page Johnston
Absent: Crystal Walgren

Guests: RaNae Richardson, WCTC Administrator and Arlan Wine, Village Attorney

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on April 3, 2025, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these Minutes. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to the Chairman and all the Trustees and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of such notice is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice to the Chairman and all the Trustees. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kerchal, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on March 11, 2025. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion approved.

Motion made by Kerchal, seconded by Kramer, to approve Treasurer's Report (March 2025) and approve bills (April 2025) as presented. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion approved.

Water/Sewer:

SWPPD	Utilities – well 3	222.64
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax – Feb 2025	323.52
Marty Hamilton	Meter deposit refund	21.31
Lucille Klima	Meter deposit refund	15.00
American Agri Lab	Water test fees	207.56
BW Telcom	SCADA – Internet & phone	145.20
Baxter Concrete	Street repairs – water main break	2,125.00
Imperial Republican	Water deposit receipts	139.52
NDEE – Fiscal Services	WWTF renewal – Lawless	150.00
NE, KS & CO Railway	Sanitary & storm sewer	1,050.42
Nebraska Public Health	Water test fees	19.00
Petty Cash	Postage	113.00
SWPPD	Utilities – new wells	486.42
Water USDA Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1,338.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	925.00
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	227.03

Electric:

Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 3/13	8,777.13

Lucille Klima	Meter deposit refund	50.00
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 3/27	8,470.47
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Feb 2025	4,164.24
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fees	544.06
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend, HSA	1,998.82
American Heritage Life	Accident Insurance	75.00
Core & Main	Electric radio meters	1,278.00
Dutton-Lainson	Operating supplies	388.97
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1,415.00
Healthiest You	Supplemental insur – Teladoc	37.80
Ideal Linen	Shop Towels	42.25
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D Insurance	124.21
Lincoln Winlectric Co	Operating supplies	428.60
Nebr Public Power District	Power – March 2025	18,963.92
Petty Cash	Shop/office supplies	16.09
SWPPD	Subtransmission charge	1,484.48
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	481.22
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	362.76
Bomgaars	Grass seed – shop	46.98

Village:

Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 3/13	2452.31
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 3/27	2,510.06
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	666.28
Advanced Auto	Repairs, Oil	259.05
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies, books	189.86
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
BW Telcom	Phone	650.23
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	3,040.00
DEMCO	Oper, book supplies	88.87
Great Plains Communications	Phone	58.36
Grey House Publishing	Books	163.00
Imperial NAPA	Repairs	254.38
Imperial Republican	Publishing	72.66
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
Lincoln Winlectric	Repairs – lights	440.52
NMC	Blade – skidsteer mower	645.67
Owens True Value	Repairs, vacuum	216.99
Petty Cash	Postage, supplies	22.31
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Evelyn Skelton	Reimb – mower tires	276.89
Van Diest Supply	Chemicals, fertilizer	2,115.58
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3,105.00
Wally's Lawn & Sprinklers	Spray chemical – park	600.00
Wauneta-Palisade School	Remit license fees collected	500.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, repairs, LP	451.21
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	1,759.76

Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Amanda Ziegler	Mileage to conference	91.00
Bomgaars	Supplies, oil, equip	205.83

Keno Fund:

Arnold Pool Company	Pool – startup costs	3,831.11

Johnston and Kerchal reviewed Nursing Home Financial Reports for February 2025 and the Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve revisions to Policy #7.4, "Shift Differential – Weekend". (The revision would apply the differential to all employees, as opposed to just the nursing staff.) Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion approved.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve revisions to Policy #5.0 "Meals and Breaks". Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve a new policy, "Nursing Home Late Payment Policy – 2% Interest on Accounts". This policy will be added to the Admissions Packets. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion approved.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Kerchal, to approve the annual evaluation and wage increase for Darr Stehno, Director of Nursing; 1% as recommended by Administration; new wage $42.18/hour. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion approved.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Kerchal, to approve the wage increase for RaNae Richardson, Administrator at the Nursing Home; new wage $88,800/annually. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion approved.

Sheriff's Report (March 2025) was reviewed by the Board.

Motion made by Kramer and seconded by Einspahr to approve the recommendation of the Library Board to hire Tayler Nordhausen May as the new Library Director, at a pay rate of $13.50/hour. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion approved.

The Board reviewed a proposal from Fast Forward to provide GIS mapping services for Wauneta's utilities (electric system). Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve the proposed package for $6,350.00. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion approved.

The Board discussed repairs to roof and damage to meeting room in the Ambulance Building due to roof leak. Motion was made by Kramer, seconded by Kerchal, to approve the quote from Einspahr Construction for $875.00 to repair damage to the meeting room ceiling. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kerchal, to approve repair of the roof to the meeting room of ambulance building (asphalt roof) for an amount not to exceed $3,000.00. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion approved.

Einspahr reported that he, Walgren and Skelton attended the Chase County Commissioner's meeting March 28th. The reason for attending the meeting was to discuss the interlocal agreement between the Village of Wauneta and Chase County for Ambulance Services and to notify the commissioners that the new ambulance that has been ordered for Wauneta is larger than the existing ambulances and the doors

to the Ambulance Barn will possibly need to be made wider to accommodate the new unit. The Wauneta Village Board and the Commissioners will work together to find a solution.

The Board discussed ongoing nuisance properties.

Clerk's Report was given by Skelton. Skelton reported that the Village has received several complaints about dogs running loose at the cemetery and consequently dogs urinating or defecating on graves.

Superintendent's Report was given by Lawless.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kerchal, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk