

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 **August 13, 2024**, 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: Crystal Walgren, Rick Einspahr and Page Johnston. Beau Kramer arrived at 6:35. Absent: Bob Goings.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney)

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on August 8, 2024, 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 hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Motion made by Walgren, seconded by Einspahr, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on July 9, 2024. Voting Aye: Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Goings. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve Treasurer's Report (July 2024) and approve bills (August 2024) as presented. Voting Aye: Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Goings. Motion Approved.

Water/Sewer

Petty Cash	Postage	147.20
SWPPD	Utilitites – well 3	152.24
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – June 2024	329.29
Orlin Rodriguez	Meter deposit refund	38.01
American Agri Labs	Water test fees	87.56
BW Telcom	Phone/internet – SCADA	144.65
Bomgaars	Shelves -shop	439.98
Coral Wave Hospitality	NWRA Conference – Haskins	321.00
Core & Main	Water meters, supplies	2282.84
Eakes Office	Office – copies	425.15
Justin Haskins	Water Oper class – expenses	370.91
League of Nebr Municipalities	Membership dues	428.00
NDEE	Water operator class	80.00
NDEE	Water operator cert – Haskins	28.75
Nebraska Public Health	Water test fees	506.00
SWPPD	Utilities – new wells	2029.43
Utilities Section – LNM	Membership dues	327.00
Water Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1340.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	925.00

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Wauneta Crossroads	Supplies	19.97
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	137.78
Petty Cash	Postage	107.20

Electric

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – June 2024	2296.43
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 7/18	8992.36
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	80.79
US Dept of Energy	WAPA power – June 2024	9747.17
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fees	274.94
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 8/1	7630.02
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	1998.78
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	50.00
Border States Industries	Operating supplies	846.19
Dutton-Lainson	Operating supplies	1261.35
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1415.00
Healthiest You	Supplemental insurance – Teladoc	28.35
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	42.25
League of Nebr Municipalities	Membership dues	430.00
Lincoln Winlectric	Supplies	116.08
Nebraska Power Review Board	Annual assessment	94.81
Nebr Public Power District	Power – July 2024	19551.26
One Call Concepts	Diggers hotline locates	5.98
Pivot Electric	Terminal box	417.19
SWPPD	Sub-transmission charge	1600.64
US Dept of Energy	WAPA power – July 2024	11280.08
Utilities Section – LNM	Membership dues	164.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, repairs, supplies	609.29
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	313.36

Village Bills

Petty Cash	Office, postage	44.71
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – pool	4403.32
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 7/18	3577.63
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
Sandhills State Bank	Safe deposit fee	15.00
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – pool	3647.40
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 8/1	3915.58
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	666.26
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	94.93
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
Arnold Pool Company	Chemicals	165.15
BW Telcom	Phone	693.40
Bomgaars	Supplies, mower	303.46
Carquest of McCook	Operating supplies	44.95
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	1,833.33
Country Load Trailer Sales	Mulch blade	599.25

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Dan's R Us	Trash service	1212.06
Eakes Office Plus	Office supplies	71.20
Gibbens Tree Service	Tree spraying	2055.00
Great Plains Communications	Phone	58.13
Hegwood	Park sprinklers	597.00
Imperial Republican	Publishing	123.11
League of Nebr Municipalities	Membership dues	429.00
Lincoln Winlectric	Smoke detectors	267.35
MacQueen Equipment	Broom – street sweeper	554.17
Meadowlark Coffee	Office	48.62
NMCA	Dues – Skelton	50.00
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Evelyn Skelton	Pool – concessions	29.95
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3105.00
Wauneta-Palisade Post Prom	Advertising	55.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Pool – concessions	105.65
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies, repairs	975.51
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	1815.98
Lanessa Wickizer	Lifeguard training	676.00
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Amanda Ziegler	Training – mileage	153.43
Petty Cash	Postage	18.61
Highway Fund		
Midwest Striping Service	Parking/street lines	3360.00
Park Account		
Evelyn Skelton	Reimb – park sprinklers	789.64
Owens True Value	Park sprinkler project	228.92
Wauneta Crossroads	Park sprinkler project	1052.97
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Wauneta Crossroads	Pool – propane	919.30
Petty Cash	Postage	18.55
Other		
Schindler Elevator	Final balance – repairs	13893.00
Crystal Walgren	Reimb – mainstreet landscaping	475.82

Einspahr and Kramer reviewed Financial Reports (June 2024) and the Nursing Home Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve a wage increase for Donna Hale. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion Approved.

The Board discussed the weekend pay differential policy for the nursing home. No action was taken.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve an agreement with Lamp Rynearson (Andy Smith, engineer) to perform a Pool Feasibility Study for a fee of \$20,000. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren,

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Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion Approved. (The Feasibility Study was recommended by the Wauneta Pool Committee. The Village also received a donation of \$10,000.00 from the Wauneta Community Fund to help pay for the study.)

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's Reports for July 2024.

Discussion was held on assessing a property with a lien to secure payment of the costs of nuisance abatement (167 N. Arikaree). Wine advised the Board that a resolution would be necessary to assess the lien. Skelton will prepare a resolution.

The Board reviewed a request from Southwest Public Power District (SWPPD) to grant easements on Village property to allow SWPPD to install, upgrade and maintain power lines. The Board had questions/concerns on the legal descriptions on the easements and would like to discuss this further with SWPDD representatives.

Clerk's Report was given by Skelton.

Superintendent's Report given by Shane Lawless.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion Approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk