

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 **December 12, 2023**, 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, Crystal Walgren, and Page Johnston. Bob Goings arrived at 6:34pm and Rick Einspahr arrived at 6:42pm.

Guests: RaNae Richardson (WCTC)

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on December 7, 2023, 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 Kramer, seconded by Goings, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on November 14, 2023. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Goings, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on November 29, 2023. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Kramer, to approve Treasurer's Report (November 2023) and approve bills (December 2023) as presented. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Motion Approved.

Water/Sewer

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Oct 2023	371.89
SWPPD	Utilities – well 3	191.60
NDEE – Public Water Operators	License Renewal – Lawless	115.00
American Agri Laboratory	Water test fees	45.50
BW Telcom	SCADA internet/phone	145.53
NDEE – Fiscal Services	Sewer SRF Loan payment	4,832.59
Nebraska Public Health	Water test fees	516.00
Nebraska Safety & Fire	Backflow device test – clinic	95.00
Petty Cash	Postage	58.00
Prairie States Communication	Battery – south tank	90.00
SWPPD	Utilities – new wells	1,856.27
Walgreens Supermarket	Operating supplies	14.22
Water – USDA Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1,339.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	800.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel	4.87
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	229.85

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Advanced Auto	Grease gun	72.98
SWPPD	Utilities – well 3	212.63
Electric		
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax – Oct 2023	2,068.03
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 11/23	6,571.29
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	80.79
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fee	209.00
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HAS	1,332.52
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 12/7	6,252.48
Adams Lumber	Boxes – light poles	49.95
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	50.00
D&S Hardware	Oil	22.99
Dutton-Lainson	Operating supplies	787.31
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1,260.00
Healthiest You	Supplemental insurance	28.35
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	40.64
Nebraska Public Power	Power – Nov 2023	24,439.38
SWPPD	Subtransmission charge	1,639.64
T&R Electric	Transformers	3,992.37
USPS	Postage	300.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel	336.27
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	305.89
Depository Trust Company	Elect Rev Bond – Interest Payment	2,256.25
US Dept of Energy	WAPA Power – Nov 2023	8,933.09
Village		
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 11/23	3,277.07
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	409.65
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	666.28
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 12/7	3,161.45
Amazon Capital Services	Books, office supplies	384.42
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
BW Telcom	Phone	619.54
Chase County Clerk	Recording fee	10.00
Chase County Treasurer	Police – service contract	1,833.33
Kelly Dyer	Christmas decorations	82.88
Eakes Office Plus	Office/operating supplies	177.53
Fanning Farm Repair	Service job – dump truck	423.57
Great Plains Communications	Phone	58.12
HomeTown Agency	Bond – Dyer	100.00
Imperial Republican	Publishing	48.00
Junior Library Guild	Books	173.33
Nebraska Safety & Fire	Backflow device testing	95.00
Petty Cash	Postage	58.66
Pits & Spits BBQ	Employee appreciation	500.00
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00

Evelyn Skelton	Clerk meeting	70.90
Southwest Clerk's Association	Dues	20.00
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3,035.00
Walgren's Supermarket	Supplies, candy	251.16
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	439.91
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	1,903.66
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Amanda Ziegler	Office supplies	50.00
Advanced Auto	Lights	12.43
Bomgaars	Supplies, dog kennel exp	90.79
Perkins County Vet	Surrender dogs	105.00

KENO Fund:

Petty Cash	Postage	10.35
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Motion made by Walgren, seconded by Goings, to approve Resolution No. 2023-05, a resolution to authorize signing the Year-End Certification of Street Superintendent (Greg Wolford). Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Motion Approved.

The Board reviewed the Chase County Sheriff's Report for November 2023.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Walgren, to approve an invoice, in the amount of \$151,600.00, payable to Maguire Iron, for the cleaning and painting of the Water Tower Reservoir. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Motion Approved.

Board member Einspahr introduced Ordinance No. 2023-04, an ordinance to amend the Wauneta Zoning Ordinance to revise the maximum lot coverage for certain uses in the Residential District. Clerk Skelton read the Ordinance by title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WAUNETA VILLAGE ZONING ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN USES WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM TOTAL LOT COVERAGE OF ALL BUILDINGS AND ATTACHED STRUCTURES WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Discussion was held on said ordinance. Chairman Johnston closed the public discussion on Ordinance No. 2023-04.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Goings, that the Statutory Rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended for consideration of said Ordinance. Chairman Johnston asked the question: "Shall the Statutory Rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended?" Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion Approved.

Skelton read the title of Ordinance No. 2023-04. Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Goings, to approve the final passage of Ordinance No. 2023-04. Johnston asked the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2023-04 be passed and adopted?" Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: None. Johnston declared Ordinance No. 2023-04 duly adopted.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Kramer, to approve the purchase of a 2023 Spartan 72" mower, from Country Load Trailer Sales, in the amount of \$11,995.00. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion Approved.

Goings, Einspahr and RaNae Richardson reported on the Nursing Home Committee meeting, including review of the October 2023 Financial Reports.

The Board discussed the employer contribution for health insurance for WCTC employees and confirmed the 65% employer contribution.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Einspahr, to approve Christmas bonuses for Nursing Home employees based on Richardson's recommendation, with the addition of including a bonus for RaNae Richardson. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Einspahr, to approve the following employee Christmas bonuses, to be paid in Wauneta Chamber Bucks:

\$400.00 each	Evelyn Skelton, Shane Lawless
\$300.00	Arlan Wine
\$225.00	Jess Vapenik
\$150.00 each	Amanda Ziegler, Tod Bunker, Kelly Dyer
\$100.00	Pool Manager (Michaela Dukes)

Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve a Resolution to open an account with D.A. Davidson, and to designate and authorize Page Johnston and Evelyn Skelton to act on behalf of the Village. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Motion Approved.

Skelton and Lawless gave an update on Nuisance properties within the Village.

Clerk's Report given by Skelton.

Superintendent's Report given by Lawless.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Walgren, to approve the Reorganization and Appointments for 2024 as listed below. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion approved.

Page Johnston (aka James P. Johnston) nominated for Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Johnston appointed Rick Einspahr to be Vice Chairman.

Village Clerk/Treasurer

Evelyn Skelton

Village Depositories

Sandhills State Bank, Wauneta
Waypoint Bank, Imperial
Adams Bank & Trust, Imperial
Pinnacle Bank, Imperial

Authorized Signers for bank accounts
and Certificates of Deposit

Chairman – Page Johnston
(aka James P. Johnston)
Vice-Chair – Rick Einspahr
Other Board Member – Beau Kramer
Clerk/Treasurer – Evelyn Skelton
Deputy Clerk – Kelly Dyer

Village Attorney

Arlan Wine

City Street Superintendent

Greg Wolford, W Design Associates

Commissioners:

Utility
Street
Park-Pool-Trees
Cemetery
Ambulance Policy

Beau Kramer, Page Johnston, Robert Goings
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Crystal Walgren, Beau Kramer, Rick Einspahr
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Power Pool Rep
Safety Committee

Page Johnston, Rick Einspahr, Shane Lawless
Page Johnston, Beau Kramer

Boards and Committees:

Board of Health
Library Board

Page Johnston, Arlan Wine, Rick Einspahr
Lindsay Anderson, Joyce Bley, Sharon Haarberg,
Denise Krausnick, Jennifer DeWester
Bill Bischoff, Chad DeWester, Shane Lawless
Jim & Jennifer Harris

Ballfield Committee
Park and Tree Committee
Nursing Home Committee

Village Board of Trustees, (Page Johnston,
Chairman)

Planning Commission

Chad DeWester, Kenneth Lawless,
Laurie Maris, Mandi Kramer, Tod Bunker

Community Redevelopment Authority
Zoning Board of Adjustments
Community Building
Emergency Preparedness Committee

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Robert Goings, Rick Einspahr

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Walgren, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk