

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 9, 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), Arlan Wine (Village Attorney)

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on December 4, 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 Kramer, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on November 11, 2025. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion Approved.

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

Water/Sewer

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Oct 2025	333.58
SWPPD	Utilities – well 3	171.32
Nancy Antillon	Meter deposit refund	19.96
Cheryl Schlemer	Meter deposit refund	50.00
American Agri Laboratory	Water test fees	177.56
BW Telcom	SCADA internet/phone	144.95
NDWEE – Fiscal Services	Sewer SRF Loan payment	4762.93
Power Manager	Power manager software	1923.00
SWPPD	Utilities – new wells	509.01
Water – USDA Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1339.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	1370.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Chemicals, fuel	112.95
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	153.75

Electric

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax – Oct 2025	2168.00
US Dept of Energy	WAPA Power – Oct 2025	9626.23
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 11/20	8975.52
Cheryl Schlemer	Meter deposit refund	35.91
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fee	325.74

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Intuit	Payroll processing fees	52.19
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	1998.84
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 12/4	9260.39
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	75.00
Bomgaars	Supplies, sm. tools	529.96
Dutton-Lainson	Operating supplies	720.08
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1570.00
Fastenal Company	Safety glasses	105.62
Frenchman Auto	Service unit #1	149.45
Healthiest You	Supplemental insurance	37.80
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	45.21
Imperial Republican	Receipt books	139.52
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	146.12
Lincoln Winlectric	Power box	250.28
Nebraska Public Power District	Power – Nov 2025	25210.42
One Call Concepts	Diggers hotline locates	4.88
Power Manager	Power manager software	1923.37
SD Myers	Transformer testing	2754.00
SWPPD	Subtransmission charge	1485.60
USPO	Postage	834.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	249.59
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	267.04
Advanced Auto	Maintenance	55.14
US Dept of Energy	WAPA Power – Nov 2025	9626.23
Depository Trust Company	Elect Rev Bond – interest payment	1562.50

Village

Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 11/20	2193.80
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	666.28
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 12/4	2166.97
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
BW Telcom	Phone	632.24
Baker & Taylor	Books	20.50
Barco Municipal Products	Street signs	584.44
Chase County Treasurer	Police – service contract	3131.20
Demco	Library supplies	92.77
Display Sales	Christmas garland	417.00
Imperial NAPA	ATF – shop	38.16
Imperial Republican	Publishing	302.13
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	38.13
MacQueen Equip	Repairs – street sweeper	221.04
Petty Cash	Postage, office supplies	78.06
Power Manager	Power manager software	1923.00
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3340.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies, repairs	286.60
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	2310.59

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Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Advanced Auto	Repairs, oil	42.94
Dan's R Us	Trash service – ambul bldg.	29.17
Great Plains Communication	Phone	58.57

Highway Fund:

Hondo Fanning Construction	Street repairs	5013.00
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KENO Fund:

Petty Cash	Postage	14.44
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Johnston, Kerchal and RaNae Richardson reported on the Nursing Home Committee meeting, including review of the October 2025 Financial Reports.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to renew the WCTC Certificate of Deposit with Sandhills State Bank (matures 12/16/2025) at the following terms: 12 months @ 3.25%. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve Christmas bonuses for Nursing Home employees based on Richardson's recommendation. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion Approved.

Discussed the Nursing Home policy regarding the portion of employee health insurance premiums that are paid by the Employer. Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kerchal, that the facility (WCTC) will pay 65% of the total health insurance premium for participating employees, regardless of coverage. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve wage increase for Sherlynn Kirk, Activities Director, as recommended by Administrator Richardson. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion Approved.

Discussion held regarding the Director of Nursing Position at the nursing home.

Skelton gave a report on the next steps for the Wastewater Lagoon and NDWEE facility compliance. Per discussion with Greg Welford, engineer, the Village should work on securing financing and land acquisition.

Reviewed the Sheriff's Report for November 2025.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Kerchal, to approve Resolution No. 2025-04, a resolution to authorize signing the Year-End Certification of Street Superintendent (Greg Welford). Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve the purchase of a replacement voltage regulator (75 KVA) for the substation (quote from Solomon - \$9,300.00). Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Kerchal, to approve the following employee Christmas bonuses, to be paid in chamber bucks or gift cards:

\$440.00 each	Evelyn Skelton, Shane Lawless
\$330.00	Arlan Wine
\$250.00	Jess Vapenik
\$250.00	Justin Haskins
\$170.00 each	Taylor Nordhausen, Tod Bunker, Tangie Dinnel
\$105.00	Hannah Curl

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

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve the Lot Split Application, as recommended by the Wauneta Planning Commission. The property to be split is Lot 3, Block 1, Theobalds Addition to Wauneta, owned by Craig & Karen Maris. The recommendation is to split 10 feet off Lot 3 and add it to Lot 2. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion Approved.

Clerk's Report given by Skelton. Discussed holiday office hours. Skelton reported that the Village received \$2985.00 in donations during the "Celebrate Wauneta" event.

The Board discussed the pending Vacancy on the Village Board of Trustees and the procedure for filling such vacancy. The Board will follow up at the next regular or special meeting.

Superintendent's Report given by Lawless.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kerchal, to approve the Reorganization and Appointments for 2026 as listed below. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. 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 – Tangie Dinnel

Village Attorney

Arlan Wine

City Street Superintendent

Greg Wolford, W Design Associates
(License #S-875, class A)

Commissioners:

Utility
Street
Park-Pool-Trees
Cemetery
Ambulance Policy
Power Pool Rep
Safety Committee

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

Boards and Committees:

Board of Health
Library Board

Ballfield Committee

Page Johnston, Arlan Wine, Rick Einspahr
Lindsay Anderson, Denise Krausnick, Jennifer
DeWester, Marsha Cameron, vacancy
Bill Bischoff, Chad DeWester, Shane Lawless

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Park and Tree Committee
Nursing Home Committee

Planning Commission

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

Vacancy
Village Board of Trustees, (Page Johnston,
Chairman)
Chad DeWester, Kenneth Lawless,
Laurie Maris, Mandi Kramer, Tod Bunker
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Rick Einspahr, Crystal Walgren, Beau Kramer
Shane Lawless, Rick Einspahr

Motion made by Kerchal, seconded by Kramer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Voting Aye: Kramer, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk