

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 **February 11, 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, Crystal Walgren, Kathy Kerchal and Page Johnston.

Absent: Rick Einspahr

Guests: Mike Dukes (Chase County Deputy) and Arlan Wine (Village Attorney).

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on February 6, 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 hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Clerk Skelton administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed trustee, Kathy Kerchal.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Walgren, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on January 14, 2025. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Kerchal and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Motion approved.

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

Water/Sewer:

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Dec 2024	348.90
SWPPD	Utilities – well 3	220.25
Ila Foley	Meter deposit refund	25.00
American Agri Lab	Water test fees	57.56
BSB Construction	Water main repairs	2970.00
BW Telcom	Internet/phone for SCADA	145.44
Hondo Fanning Construction	Repairs – sewer main at office	2295.00
Municipal Supply	Valves – fire hydrants	510.85
Nebraska Public Health	Water test fees	16.00
Jim Pankonin	Repairs – sewer main at office	342.00
Petty Cash	Postage	94.42
Power Tech	Repairs – well 1 generator	872.32
SWPPD	Util – new wells	538.93
Unitech	Degreaser	495.00
Water USDA Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1342.00
Water/Sewer Insurance	Transfer	925.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Repairs, supplies, fuel	169.75

Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	162.14
Electric:		
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 01/16	9026.38
Samantha Trevino	Meter deposit refund	48.07
Ila Foley	Meter deposit refund	12.87
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 01/30	9118.99
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Dec 2024	3333.85
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fee	357.36
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	2000.51
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	75.00
Bomgaars	Uniform – Haskins	97.99
Jan Coone	Net metering credit - 2024	153.85
Dutton-Lainson Company	Supplies	34.93
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1415.00
Fanning Farm Repair	Repairs – digger truck	3156.39
HealthiestYou	Insur – Teladoc	37.80
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	84.50
Shane Lawless	Uniform	266.14
Lincoln Financial Life	Life, A&D insurance	80.79
NASASP	Membership dues	39.00
Nebr Public Power District	Power – Jan 2025	34268.57
One Call Concepts	Diggers hotline locates	6.86
Owens True Value	Box fan	28.99
Railroad Management Co	License fees	417.05
SWPPD	Subtransmission chg	1607.32
USPS	Postage	224.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies, tool box	547.13
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	546.21
Village:		
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 01/16	2389.88
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 01/30	2330.56
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax – 2024	292.93
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	667.99
Amazon Services	Books, equipment	107.49
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
BW Telcom	Phone	627.26
Tina Barnard	Community building cleaning	45.00
Bomgaars	Oil, supplies	124.96
Carquest of McCook	Oil	182.73
Center Point Large Print	Books	310.00
Chase County Clerk	General election expenses	100.00
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	3040.00
Cornhusker Press	Dog tags – 2025	86.80
Dan's R Us	Trash – Ambulance Barn	27.35
Demco	Book supplies	44.18

Eakes Office Plus	Office supplies, copies	918.64
Frenchman Valley Mutual Aid	½ Mutual aid dues	75.00
Great Plains Communications	Phone	58.36
Harchelroad Motors	Grapple bucket repairs	208.83
IIMC	Dues – Skelton	195.00
Imperial Republican	Publishing	158.80
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
NMC	Repairs – skidsteer	770.74
Petty Cash	Postage, supplies	40.72
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3105.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel – fire	135.80
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel	534.59
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	2282.43
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Keno Fund:		
Petty Cash	Postage	18.65

Kramer reviewed Nursing Home Financial Reports for December 2024 and the Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board.

Nursing Home Strategic Planning Session is scheduled for February 21, 2025, at 10:00 am.

Reviewed the January 2025 Sheriff's Activity Report with Deputy Mike Dukes.

Board member Kramer introduced Ordinance No. 2025-01, an ordinance providing for the prohibition of engine breaking within Village limits. Clerk Skelton read the Ordinance by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF WAUNETA, NEBRASKA, PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF ENGINE BREAKING; ADDING SUBSECTION 5-221 TO CHAPTER 5 – TRAFFIC, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF WAUNETA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO DECLARE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Discussion was held on said ordinance. Chairman Johnston closed the public discussion on Ordinance No. 2025-01.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Kerchal, 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, Kerchal and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Motion Approved.

Skelton read the title of Ordinance No. 2025-01. Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Walgren, to approve the final passage of Ordinance No. 2025-01. Johnston asked the questions: "Is there any further discussion by the Council on the motion", then "Shall Ordinance No. 2025-01 be passed and adopted?" Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Kerchal and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Johnston declared Ordinance No. 2025-01 duly adopted.

Motion by Kramer, seconded by Walgren, to approve the updated "Emergency Plan" for the Village of Wauneta, Water System. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Kerchal and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Motion approved.

The Board discussed ongoing nuisance properties.

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The Board discussed cargo containers and updates on the status of related zoning.

Clerk's Report was given by Skelton. Skelton has requested a proposal from JK Energy Consulting for an Electric Rate Study. The annual audit has been completed by AMGL and Michael Hoback will give a report at next month's meeting.

Superintendent's Report was given by Lawless.

Motion made by Kerchal, seconded by Walgren, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Kerchal and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Einspahr. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk