

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 **May 14, 2024**, at the 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, Rick Einspahr and Page Johnston. Bob Goings arrived at 7:55 pm. Absent: Crystal Walgren.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney).

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on May 9, 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 Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on April 9, 2024. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion approved.

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

**Water/Sewer**

SWPPD	Utilities - well 3	221.59
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – March 2024	332.77
Petty Cash	Postage	129.28
American Agri Labs	Water test fees, sewer sample fees	451.73
BW Telcom	Phone/Internet – SCADA system	140.26
Frenchman Auto	Tires	374.00
Imperial Republican	Publish Water Quality Report	400.80
Shane Lawless	Uniforms – t-shirts	53.11
Nebraska Public Health	Water test fees	308.00
SWPPD	Utilities – new north wells	510.47
Water Loan Reserve Fund	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1,339.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	800.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Propane – generators	366.43
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	211.07

**Electric**

Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 4/11	6,056.58
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	50.00
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	80.79

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Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 4/25	6,134.42
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – March 2024	2,783.70
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fee	362.22
Intuit	QuickBooks renewal	585.75
Platte Center West	Meter deposit refund	133.67
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	1,332.56
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – p/e 5/9	7,810.85
Michael Anderson	Meter deposit refund	6.71
Adams Lumber	Shelving	258.35
Advanced Auto	Repairs	1.42
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	50.00
Bomgaars	Tools	229.10
Border States Industries	Operating supplies	1,985.98
Dutton-Lainson	Operating supplies, transformer	3,655.51
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1,260.00
Fastenal Company	Operating supplies	8.09
Healthiest You	Teladoc – supplemental insurance	28.35
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	40.64
Imperial City Utilities	Pole repair	1,625.00
Imperial NAPA	Operating supplies	85.68
Shane Lawless	Reimbursement – uniforms	53.12
Nebraska Public Power District	Power – April 2024	15,274.41
One Call Concepts	Diggers hotline locates	10.78
S&S Lock and Key	Best keys	100.00
SWPPD	Subtr Charge	1,600.64
US Dept of Energy	WAPA power – April 2024	9,061.68
USPS	Postage	159.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Repairs, fuel, tools	780.08
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	305.07

**Village Bills**

Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 4/11	2,842.76
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 4/25	3,265.19
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	666.26
Petty Cash	Office supplies	46.14
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 5/9	3,169.61
Amazon Capital Services	Summer reading program	41.36
Amazon Heritage Life	Accident Insurance	25.00
BW Telcom	Phone	605.51
Tanner Bardsley	Reimb – mower parts	65.65
Tina Barnard	Cleaning – community building	54.00
Bomgaars	Repairs, sprayer	611.48
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	1,833.33
Eakes Office Plus	Office supplies	536.90
Ariel Fanning	Reimb – Arbor Day tree	53.24

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Fanning Farm Repair	Repairs, loader & sweeper	1,315.61
Frenchman Auto	Tires	374.00
Gibbens Tree Service	Tree spraying	1,950.00
Great Plains Communication	Phone	57.91
Imperial Republican	Publishing	93.50
Sandry Fire Supply	½ - annual equipment tests	637.33
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Evelyn Skelton	Reimb – pine straw rake	349.20
Van Diest Supply	Chemicals	1,909.50
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3,035.00
Wauneta-Palisade Schools	Remit license fees collected	200.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Repairs, fuel, supplies	516.47
Wauneta Crossroads	LP – Ambulance barn	222.29
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	1,629.24
Wauneta Volunteer Fire Dept.	½ - cost of fire school	742.50
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Owens True Value	Paint – office renovation	287.94
<b>Water – special</b>		
Rembolt Ludtke LLP	Bond Counsel – 2023 Bond/Loan	2,000.00
<b>Highway Fund</b>		
ShelCo Asphalt & Paving	Crack sealing	21,420.00
<b>Library Memorial Account</b>		
Jeff Quinn	Summer reading program – Magician	400.00
<b>House Deconstruction</b>		
<b>(Ourada House)</b>		
Dan's R Us	Waste Disposal	799.98
Imperial City	Waste Disposal	159.20
Hondo Fanning Construction	House Deconstruction	7,300.00

Chairman Johnston reviewed the Nursing Home Financial Reports for March 2024 with the Village Board and gave a report on the Committee meeting held on May 13, 2024.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve the agreement with NDOT, for grant funds for vehicle purchase/lease (WCTC is responsible for 20% of the cost - \$15,308.00). Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion approved.

Discussion on Nursing Home's uncollected accounts tabled until next month.

There was not a Sheriff's Report to review.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve invoices from Hunter Heating & Cooling totaling \$16,510.00, for the Ambulance Barn air conditioner and furnace installation and repairs, which will be paid with ARPA funds. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion approved.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve Contract No. 23-RMR-3367, between the Village of Wauneta, NPPD and WAPA; for Assignment of Specific Rights, Duties and Obligation of Firm

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Electric Service. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve Resolution #2024-01, a resolution to authorize Page Johnston, Chairman, to execute for and on behalf of the Village of Wauneta, Contract No. 23-RMR-33667 with NPPD and WAPA. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve and appoint new members Marsha Cameron and Carolyn (Gypsy) Emerick, to the Wauneta Library Board. (Based on current Library Board recommendation) Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve the proposal from Common Scents for re-landscaping the Gazebo area and share cost with the Wauneta Chamber. The total cost of this project is \$1,000.00, the Village will pay \$500.00. Voting Aye; Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion approved.

Superintendent's Report was given by Lawless.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Kramer, to approve the Insurance Policy Renewal (HomeTown Agency) and payment for the annual premium of \$65,012.58. Voting Aye: Kramer, Goings and Johnston. Absent: Walgren and Einspahr. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Goings, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Voting Aye: Kramer, Goings and Johnston. Absent: Walgren and Einspahr. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk