

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 **November 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: Crystal Walgren, Kathy Kerchal, Rick Einspahr and Page Johnston. Absent: Beau Kramer.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), Stacy Priebe (Edward Jones), and Rob Rusk (Chase County Deputy).

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

Stacy Priebe, Edward Jones, reviewed the investment performance of the Chateau Theater/Edward Jones Investment Account and investment options.

The Board reviewed the Engineering Evaluation updated by Greg Wolford, W Designs, regarding NDWEE and the wastewater facility compliance. Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kerchal, to approve Option #2, Construct a new Total Retention Lagoon System, with a project estimate cost of \$868,375. Voting Aye: Walgren, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's Report for October 2025 with Deputy Rusk. The Board discussed other concerns with Rusk.

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

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

Water/Sewer

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Sept 2025	335.04
SWPPD	Utilities – well 3	173.84
Nebr Rural Water Assoc	Fall Conference	550.00
AMGL	Prof fees - audit 9/30/2025	1,446.00
American Agri Lab	Water test fees	57.56
BW Telcom	Internet/phone – SCADA system	145.09
Miller & Associates	Prof fees – GIS mapping	6,955.00
Nebr DWEE	Operator license renewals	345.00
Nebraska Public Health	Water test fees	494.00
RootX	RootX	1,932.00
SWPPD	Utilities – new wells	703.82
Water USDA Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00

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Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1,340.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	1,370.00
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	148.27

Electric

Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 10/23	9,559.76
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Sept 2025	2,374.57
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fees	387.79
Intuit	Payroll processing fees	59.64
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	1,998.80
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 11/6	9,149.19
AMGL	Prof fees - audit 9/30/2025	1,446.00
American Heritage Life Insurance	Accident insurance	75.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	34.99
Border States Industries	Supplies – streetlights	1,535.04
Dutton-Lainson Company	Operating supplies	894.46
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1,570.00
Healthiest You	Supplemental insurance – Teladoc	37.80
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	45.21
Lincoln National Life	Life, AD&D insurance	146.12
Nebr Public Power District	Power – Oct 2025	12,466.48
SWPPD	Subtransmission charge	1,485.60
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies, tools	791.26
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	231.90

Village Bills

Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 10/23	2,769.87
Nebr State Treasurer	Remit dog license fees	13.42
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	666.28
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 11/6	2,815.28
AMGL	Prof fees - audit 9/30/2025	1,448.00
Amazon Capital Services	Office supplies	59.54
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
BW Telcom	Phone	657.90
Barco Municipal	Signs	205.11
Tina Barnard	Cleaning – comm bldg	72.00
Bomgaars	Gloves, antifreeze	103.93
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	3,131.20
Country Load Trailer	Mower parts	535.73
Dan's R Us	Ambul bldg. – trash service	29.17
Eakes Office	Office supplies, copies	692.60
Fanning Farm Repair	Repairs – loader	370.29
Frenchman Auto	Tire repair	30.00
Fyr-Tek	Repairs	640.45
Great Plains Communications	Phone	58.57
Imperial NAPA	Mtnc – winterize park	441.87
Imperial Republican	Publishing	43.91
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	38.13

NMC	Grease	34.50
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Van Diest Supply	Park fertilizer	477.60
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3,340.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies, repairs	519.40
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	2,039.53
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Highway Fund:		
Harchelroad Motors	Snow pusher	3,009.00
Lincoln Winwater Works	Patch material – streets	1,597.50
Keno Fund:		
5 Star Metal	Cemetery sign	1,097.35
Adams Lumber	Paint – Fire Hall	137.98
Diamond Vogel	Paint – Comm Building, Fire Hall	801.20
Wauneta Crossroads	Paint – Comm Building, Fire Hall	70.59
Other:		
C Squared Roofing	Fire Hall roof – shingled	4,322.50

Kerchal and Johnston reviewed the Nursing Home Committee Meeting Report and Financial Reports for September 2025 with the rest of the Village Board.

Motion made by Walgren, seconded by Kerchal, to approve the proposal for renewal of Group Health Insurance for the Nursing Home. (Renewal Option 2: Blue Cross Blue Shield, Blue Freedom Option 68 RX 6) Voting Aye: Walgren, Kerchal and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Abstained: Einspahr. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

The Board reviewed a draft of a policy to set the portion of health insurance premiums to be paid by the employee vs. the employer (nursing home). No action taken. The Board would like more information.

Discussion held on letters received by the Board from Nursing Home employees; no action was taken.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren to approve the quotes from Hondo Fanning Construction for street repair projects; 1) Asphalt repair – Park Street \$4,700.00 and 2) Legion St. \$9,256.00. Voting Aye: Walgren, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kerchal, to approve the Village sharing the cost of candy for Santa Saturday with the Chamber and Frenchman Valley Development Corp. Voting Aye: Walgren, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

Clerk's report given by Skelton. Discussion held on employee benefits.

Superintendent's report given by Lawless.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Voting Aye: Walgren, Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk