

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 12, 2024**, 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 (left briefly during the meeting), Rick Einspahr and Page Johnston.
Absent: Bob Goings.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), Greg Wolford (W-Design Associates), RaNae Richardson (WCTC)

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on November 7, 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 shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:30 pm, the purpose being to review the 2025 Plan of Street Improvements for the Village of Wauneta. Greg Wolford with W-Designs presented the 2025 Plan of Street Improvements. No comments from the public were made. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:35 pm.

Greg Wolford reviewed the Engineering Evaluation of the Wastewater Lagoons. For the past several years Wauneta has not met the ammonia discharge limits allowed by Wauneta's NPDES Permit. The purpose of the Engineering Evaluation is to determine the best alternative for bringing Wauneta's Wastewater Treatment Facility into compliance with their NPDES Permit. Wolford will submit the Evaluation to NDEE.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held on October 15, 2024. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion Approved.

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

Water/Sewer

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Sept 2024	342.02
SWPPD	Utilities – well 3	145.25
AMGL	Audit 9/30/2024	1380.00
American Agri Lab	Water test fees	57.56
BW Telcom	Internet/phone – SCADA system	146.77
Core & Main	Operating supplies	1723.72
Eakes Office	Copies, office supplies	595.30
Hondo Fanning Construction	New water/sewer service	6250.00
Municipal Supply	Operating supplies	206.35
Nebraska Public Health	Water test fees	57.00
Nebr Rural Water Assoc	Fall conference	550.00
Owens True Value	Operating supplies	42.11
Power Manager	Software renewal	1798.00

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SWPPD	Utilities – new wells	1007.44
Water USDA Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1340.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	925.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Supplies	5.49
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	142.38

Electric

Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 10/24	7716.26
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	80.79
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fees	394.35
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Sept 2024	2624.81
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	1998.78
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 11/7	7985.39
AMGL	Audit 9/30/2024	1380.00
Adams Lumber	Shelves – bottom shop	338.98
American Heritage Life Insurance	Accident insurance	75.00
B&D Service	Bumper – pickup	550.00
Bell Pole & Lumber	Electric poles	26000.91
Bomgaars	Supplies, tools	185.93
Border States Industries	Operating supplies	2516.89
Carquest of McCook	Battery charges	88.97
D&S Hardware	Chainsaw supplies	64.98
Dutton-Lainson Company	Operating supplies	1907.81
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1415.00
Fanning Farm Repairs	Repairs	718.19
Frenchman Auto	Tire repair, battery	190.95
Frenchman Valley Coop	Tire	395.00
Healthiest You	Supplemental Insurance – Teladoc	28.35
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	42.25
Imperial NAPA	Shop towels	307.28
Lincoln Winlectric	Lights – shop	323.06
One Call Concepts	Diggers hotline locates	11.58
Owens True Value	Operating supplies	20.98
Power Manager	Billing envelopes	200.02
Power Manager	Software renewal	1798.00
SD Myers	Transformer inspections	2571.00
SWPPD	Subtransmission charge	1607.32
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	658.61
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	243.18
Nebr Public Power District	Power – Oct 2024	14525.69

Village Bills

Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 10/24	2759.53
Lincoln National Financial	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
Nebr State Treasurer	Remit dog license fees	54.90
Harland Clarke	Check order	98.65
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	666.26

Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 11/7	2218.82
AMGL	Audit 9/30/2024	1380.00
Amazon Capital Services	Books, supplies	186.23
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
BW Telcom	Phone	632.35
Tina Barnard	Cleaning	54.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	148.94
Chase County	RAVE emergency comm	459.00
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	3040.00
Dan's R Us	Ambul bldg. – trash service	27.35
Demco	Books	51.03
Eakes Office	Office supplies	29.98
Frenchman Auto	Tire repair	25.00
Great Plains Communications	Phone	58.30
Hunter Heating & Cooling	Ambul bldg. – HVAC repairs	126.00
Nebraska Library Association	Library conference	280.00
Power Manager	Software renewal	1795.93
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3105.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies, repairs	456.58
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	1663.99
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Denise Krausnick	Dues, confer, books	116.72

Einspahr and Richardson reviewed the Nursing Home Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board. No financial reports to review.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve the proposal for renewal of Group Health Insurance. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve repairs to the nursing home green van; rebuilt motor for approximately \$3700.00. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion Approved.

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's Report for October 2024.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve the Village paying half the cost of candy (split with Chamber) for Santa Saturday 2024. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve employee wage increases as recommended by the Wage Review Committee, as follows:

S. Lawless	\$29.28 to \$30.75/hour
J. Vapenik	\$19.50 to \$20.50/hour
J. Haskins	\$24.00 to \$24.50/hour
E. Skelton	\$26.00 to \$27.25/hour
A. Zeigler	\$13.00 to \$14.50/hour
L. Acton	\$12.00 to \$13.50/hour
T. Bunker	\$16.00 to \$17.00/hour

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Effective date for wage increases is October 1, 2024. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to hire Tangie Dinnel for the part-time Billing Clerk position, at \$17.50 per hour. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion Approved.

Clerk's report given by Skelton. Discussion held on nuisance properties in town, both Residential and Commercial.

Superintendent's report given by Lawless.

Motion made by Walgren, seconded by Kramer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion Approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk