

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 **October 10, 2023**, 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, Rick Einspahr and Page Johnston. Beau Kramer arrived at 7:15. Absent: Bob Goings.

Guests: Greg Wolford (W-Design), Tony Cribelli (WEDC), Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), RaNae Richardson (WCTC), Leanne Klein (Wauneta EMS), Marcy Luth (AMGL) via zoom, Lonnie & Sheila Alexander, Gary Hunter (Hunter Heating & Cooling).

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on October 5, 2023, 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.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:31 pm, the purpose being to review the 2024 Plan of Street Improvements for the Village of Wauneta. Greg Wolford with W-Designs presented the 2024 Plan of Street Improvements. No comments from the public were made. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:35 pm.

Motion made by Walgren, seconded by Einspahr, to approve Resolution 2023-03, authorizing the signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form to the Nebraska Boards of Public Roads Classification and Standards 2023. Voting Aye: Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Goings. Motion Approved.

Tony Cribelli, President of the Wauneta Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), presented a request to the Village Board that they take over or incorporate the WEDC operations with the Village. The Board suggested Cribelli investigate additional options before dissolving the corporation.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve minutes of the public hearings and the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held on September 12, 2023. Voting Aye: Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Goings. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve Treasurer's Report (September 2023) and approve bills (October 2023) as presented. Voting Aye: Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Goings. Motion Approved.

Water/Sewer

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Aug 2023	404.05
Clara Martinez	Meter deposit refund	50.00
Denise Krausnick	Meter deposit refund	49.62
AMGL	Budget Report 2024	1,015.00
American Agri Lab	Water test fees	45.50
BW Telcom	Internet/phone – SCADA system	142.42
Bomgaars	Operating supplies	29.99
Chase County	RAVE Emergency Services	153.00

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Imperial NAPA	Small tools – wrenches	57.98
Imperial Republican	Work orders	284.00
Johnson Services	Service and video sewer lines	8,341.15
Nebraska Public Health	Water test fees	530.00
Nebr. Rural Water Association	Conference – Vapenik	200.00
Petty Cash	Postage	10.55
Power Manager	Billing software	1,586.00
PowerTech	Service generators	648.90
Evelyn Skelton	Reimb – hotel NRWA conference	190.00
SWPPD	Utilities – new wells	1,883.66
Walgren's Supermarket	Supplies	7.53
Water USDA Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1,339.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	800.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel	23.63
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	194.49
USDA	Loan payment – water project	47,417.00

Electric

Dan Jeffries	Meter deposit refund	15.00
Beryl Knotwell	Meter deposit refund	10.00
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 9/14	6,374.44
Clara Martinez	Meter deposit refund	16.51
Denise Krausnick	Meter deposit refund	100.00
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	80.79
USPS	Postage	102.00
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 9/28	6,107.58
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Aug 2023	3,049.02
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fee	264.91
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	1,332.56
AMGL	Budget report – 2024	1,020.00
American Heritage Life Insurance	Accident insurance	50.00
Bomgaars	Shelving	439.98
Chase County	RAVE Emergency Communication	153.00
Dutton-Lainson Company	Operating supplies	90.70
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1,260.00
Fastenal Company	Operating supplies	44.18
Frenchman Auto	Service – Unit #1	311.90
Healthiest You	Supplemental Insurance – Teladoc	28.35
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	40.64
Nebraska Public Power District	Power – Sept 2023	19,826.94
One Call Concepts	Diggers hotline locates	3.20
Petty Cash	Postage	2.07
Power Manager	Billing software	1,586.00
SWPPD	Subtransmission charge	1,639.64
USPS	Postage	519.00
Walgren's Supermarket	Supplies	6.99

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Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel	447.72
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	278.43

Village Bills

Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 9/14	3,093.11
Wauneta Crossroads	Prepaid propane contracts	6,149.00
Lincoln National Financial	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 9/28	3,003.25
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	666.28
AMGL	Budget Report 2024	1,015.00
Amazon Capital Services	Books, supplies	178.28
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
BW Telcom	Phone	630.47
Tina Barnard	Community Building – cleaning	27.00
Bob’s Repair & Service	Repairs – park grill	82.82
Border States Industries	Light pole – globe	1,959.60
Chase County	RAVE Emergency Communication	153.00
Chase County Clerk	Recording fee – misc. doc	10.00
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	1,833.33
Choice Plumbing	Repairs – sewer line	170.50
D&S Hardware	Filters	177.46
Eakes Office	Office supplies	85.98
Great Plains Communications	Phone	57.47
Hegwood	Repairs – sprinklers	11.35
Imperial NAPA	Supplies	483.05
Imperial Republican	Publishing	289.75
Nebraska Library Commission	Overdrive subscription	500.00
Penworthy	Books	151.80
Petty Cash	Postage	35.63
Power Manager	Software	1,586.81
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Southwest Title Company	Misc records search	125.00
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3,035.00
Walgren’s Supermarket	Office supplies	32.74
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, repairs	604.23
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	1,671.91
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
JC Renovations & Tree Service	Tree trimming	1,375.00

Highway Fund:

Baxter Concrete	Concrete work	3,167.00
Shelco Asphalt	Grind speed bumps	1,200.00
ARVEST Equipment Finance	2023 CAT Skid loader lease	8,150.00

Park Acct:

Border States Industries	Lights – pickleball/basketball	940.00
Evelyn Skelton	Fencing – pickleball	327.85
Wauneta Crossroads Hardware	Fencing – pickleball	188.45

Nursing Home Checking:
Nordhausen Law

Review DCH lease agreement

175.00

Marcy Luth (AMGL) gave a presentation (via zoom) and reviewed the Audit Report for Wauneta Care & Therapy Center, for the period ending June 30, 2023.

Richardson and Johnston reviewed Financial Reports (August 2023) and the Nursing Home Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve the quote of \$4,183.13, from BW Telcom, for a new phone system at the Nursing Home. Voting Aye: Walgren, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Goings. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Walgren, seconded by Einspahr, to approve Resolution No. 2023-04, a resolution authorizing the Application of Grant Funds for a vehicle for Wauneta Care and Therapy Center. Voting Aye: Walgren, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Goings. Motion Approved.

The Village Board discussed raise requests for two employees of the Nursing Home. The Board took no formal action.

Leanne Klein (Wauneta EMS) and Gary Hunter (Hunter Heating & Cooling) presented quotes to the Board for upgrades to the A/C and heating for the Ambulance Barn. No action was taken.

The Board discussed the request from Lonnie & Sheila Alexander to obtain a partial street from the Village. The Board is in favor of moving forward with vacating the street (extension of Center Street).

The Village Board discussed the request from Dundy County Hospital to put a sign by the highway/truck parking to advertise their satellite clinic at the Nursing Home. The Board is not in favor of allowing a private enterprise to advertise on Village property.

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's Reports for September 2023.

Lawless gave the Board an update on the status of the Water Tower Project. The contractor, Maguire Iron, is anticipating starting the week of October 9th. The project of cleaning and painting the water tower will take approximately 4 weeks.

Board member Kramer introduced Ordinance No. 2023-02, an ordinance authorizing the issuance of a General Obligation Water Bond in the amount of \$247,000.00 for the purpose of constructing additions and improvements of the water system. (Cleaning and painting the water tower) Clerk Skelton read the Ordinance by title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER BOND, SERIES 2023, OF THE VILLAGE OF WAUNETA, NEBRASKA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$247,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER SYSTEM, PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF THE BOND, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE BOND, ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE WITH THE HOLDER OF THE BOND AND ORDERING THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Discussion was held on said ordinance. Chairman Johnston closed the public discussion on Ordinance No. 2023-02.

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

Skelton read the title of Ordinance No. 2023-02. Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve the final passage of Ordinance No. 2023-02. Johnston asked the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2023-02 be passed and adopted?" Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Johnston declared Ordinance No. 2023-02 duly adopted.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Walgren, to approve Loan Resolution (USDA Form 1780-27), authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of constructing additions and improvements to the water system (water tower). Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Walgren, seconded by Kramer, to approve a Grant Agreement between the Village of Wauneta and the USDA (for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of constructing additions and improvements to the water system). Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion Approved.

Skelton and Lawless gave an update on Nuisance Properties to the Village Board. We have had some success with getting some properties mowed and cleaned up.

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

S. Lawless	\$27.88 to \$29.28/hour
J. Vapenik	\$18.50 to \$19.50/hour
E. Skelton	\$24.00 to \$26.00/hour
K. Dyer	\$15.00 to \$16.00/hour
T. Bunker	\$15.00 to \$16.00/hour

Effective date for wage increases is October 1, 2023. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion Approved.

Lawless discussed the vacant Utility Worker position with the Village Board. Lawless will follow up with applicants.

Clerk's Report was given by Skelton.

Superintendent's report given by Lawless.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion Approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk