

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 15, 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: Bob Goings, Rick Einspahr and Page Johnston. Crystal Walgren arrived at 6:55. Absent: Beau Kramer.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), Tod Bunker (WEDC), Pam Bunker (Wauneta Senior Center), Marcy Luth (AMGL) via zoom

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on October 10, 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.

Marcy Luth (AMGL) gave a presentation (via zoom) and reviewed the Audit Report for Wauneta Care & Therapy Center, for the period ending June 30, 2024.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Goings, to approve minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held on September 10, 2024. Voting Aye: Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Walgren. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Einspahr, to approve minutes of the Budget Hearing and special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held on September 24, 2024. Voting Aye: Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Walgren. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Goings, to approve minutes of the special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held on September 18, 2024. Voting Aye: Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Walgren. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Goings, to approve minutes of the special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held on October 4, 2024. Voting Aye: Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Walgren. Motion Approved.

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

**Water/Sewer**

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Aug 2024	355.08
Bryan Einspahr	Meter deposit refund	50.00
Petty Cash	Postage	156.25
SWPPD	Utilities – well 3	142.49
AMGL	Budget Report 2025	1050.00
Adams Lumber	Repairs – water tower shed	18.48
American Agri Lab	Water test fees	57.56
BW Telcom	Internet/phone – SCADA system	145.79

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Coral Wave Hospitality	Conference – NWRA	600.00
Core & Main	Meters, supplies	2142.56
Eakes Office	Office supplies	10.02
Hunter Heating & Cooling	Repairs – well 2 generator	447.09
Shane Lawless	Conference – NRWA	350.86
Municipal Supply	Water pits – new connections	2641.22
Nebraska Public Health	Water test fees	754.00
PowerTech	Generator repairs – well 1	540.12
SWPPD	Utilities – new wells	1369.44
Water USDA Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1,339.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	925.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies, repairs	192.10
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	142.36
USDA	Loan payment – water project	47,417.00

**Electric**

Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 9/12	7647.41
Bryan Einspahr	Meter deposit refund	80.03
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	80.79
Jessie Manley	Meter deposit refund	98.76
Us Dept of Energy	WAPA power – Aug 2024	9961.03
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 9/26	8047.50
Susan Holland	Meter deposit refund	150.00
Coldwell Banker	Meter deposit refund	100.00
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Aug 2024	2943.62
NE Dept of Revenue	Form 94 – Waste Reduction Fee	25.00
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fee	358.58
Intuit	Quickbook fees	210.87
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	1998.82
AMGL	Budget report – 2025	1050.00
Advanced Auto	Repairs – unit 1	113.55
American Heritage Life Insurance	Accident insurance	75.00
Bomgaars	Lights – shop	49.99
Dutton-Lainson Company	Operating supplies	301.19
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1415.00
Healthiest You	Supplemental Insurance – Teladoc	28.35
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	42.25
Lincoln Winlectric	Light bulbs	266.25
Nebraska Public Power District	Power – Sept 2024	17736.40
One Call Concepts	Diggers hotline locates	13.18
SWPPD	Subtransmission charge	1607.32
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	464.27
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	366.46
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 10/10	7331.81
US Dept of Energy	WAPA power – Sept 2024	8552.04
USPS	Postage	516.00

**Village Bills**

Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 9/12	2950.42
Wauneta Crossroads	Prepaid propane contracts	5895.64
Lincoln National Financial	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
Petty Cash	Postage	13.27
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 9/27	2969.65
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	666.28
AMGL	Budget Report 2025	1050.00
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
BW Telcom	Phone	622.52
Chase County Clerk	Recording fee – misc. doc	10.00
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	3040.00
Demco	Books	87.33
Frenchman Auto	Tire, batteries	232.90
Great Plains Communications	Phone	58.13
Grey House Publishing	Books	148.50
Imperial City	Town wide cleanup	100.80
Imperial NAPA	Supplies – winterize park	260.00
Imperial Republican	Publishing	137.90
NMC Exchange	Repairs – skid steer	1696.73
Nebraska Library Commission	Overdrive subscription	500.00
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Van Diest Supply	Fertilizer	404.00
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3105.00
Wauneta-Palisade School	Remit fees collected	300.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	702.51
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	1616.36
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Amanda Ziegler	Mileage, dues, conf, books	407.76
Amazon Capital Services	Books	113.79
Fairfield Inn & Suites	Library conference	279.90
Dan's R Us	Trash serv – ambulance bldg.	25.19
Display Sales	Flags	693.00
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – p/e 10/10	3079.75
<b>Highway Fund:</b>		
NMC	2024 CAT Skid loader lease	8150.00
Kevin Way Trucking	Gravel	2015.68
<b>Other:</b>		
Smart Foam	Roof repairs – Village Office	15,295.00
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Johnston and Einspahr reviewed the Nursing Home Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board. No financial reports to review.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Goings, to approve a wage increase of 5% for RaNae Richardson, Administrator at WCTC, as recommended by RHD. Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's Reports for September 2024.

Public Hearing opened at 7:30 pm, to hear comments on the recommendations from the Wauneta Planning Commission for the approval of a lot split, and to amend to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the Lot Requirement within the Industrial District.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:32 pm.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve the Lot Split Application, as recommended by the Wauneta Planning Commission. The property to be split is Lot 19, Block 1, South Subdivision, owned by Nic Luhrs. Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

Board member Einspahr introduced Ordinance No. 2024-02, an ordinance amending the Wauneta Zoning Ordinance to revise the lot requirements, setbacks and maximum lot coverage, within the Industrial District. Clerk Skelton read the Ordinance by title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WAUNETA VILLAGE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE LOT REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING FRONT YARD SETBACK, SIDE YARD SETBACK AND MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE, FOR CERTAIN USES WITHIN THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT; REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

Discussion was held on said ordinance. Chairman Johnston closed the public discussion on Ordinance No. 2024-02.

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

Skelton read the title of Ordinance No. 2024-02. Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve the final passage of Ordinance No. 2024-02. Johnston asked the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2024-02 be passed and adopted?" Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Johnston declared Ordinance No. 2024-02 duly adopted.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve a disbursement/grant of Village KENO funds to the Wauneta Senior Center, in the amount of \$9,500, to upgrade the kitchen cabinets and counter tops. Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Einspahr, to approve Resolution 2024-03, a resolution assessing a nuisance abatement lien against a property (167 N. Arikaree). The amount of the lien is \$12,746.98. Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

Tod Bunker, Wauneta Economic Development (WEDC), discussed possible options for empty lots owned by the Village. Discussed options for funds for the WEDC to continue with lot cleanup efforts. No action was taken.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Einspahr, to approve Resolution 2024-04, authorizing the signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form to the Nebraska Boards of Public Roads Classification and Standards 2024. Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Goings, to grant easements on Village property to allow Southwest Public Power District to install, upgrade and maintain power lines. Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

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The Wage Review Committee has not had a chance to meet yet; no action. Will re-address next month.

Superintendent's report given by Lawless.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk