

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 **September 10, 2024**, at the Wauneta Village Office.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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. Absent: Crystal Walgren and Bob Goings.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney)

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on September 5, 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 August 13, 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 the minutes of the budget workshop meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on August 28, 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 Treasurer's Report (August 2024) and approve bills (September 2024) as presented. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion Approved.

Water/Sewer

Jeff Buckwalter	Meter deposit refund	50.00
SWPPD	Utilities – well 3	144.39
NDEE	Water oper license – Haskins	86.25
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – July 2024	341.19
Microsoft	Office 365 renewal	106.49
American Agri Lab	Water test fees	195.36
BW Telcom	SCADA – phone & internet	145.90
Core & Main	Water meters	892.97
Eakes Office	Office supplies	8.90
Nebraska Public Health	Water test fees	364.00
Petty Cash	Postage	130.45
SWPPD	Utilities – wells	1455.19
Water – Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1338.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	925.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Supplies	5.74
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	146.41

Electric

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NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – July 2024	2787.05
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 8/15	7723.80
Jeff Buckwalter	Meter deposit refund	100.00
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	80.79
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fees	300.38
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 08/29	8140.38
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	1998.82
Advanced Auto	Supplies	27.88
American Heritage Insurance	Accident insurance	75.00
Eakes Office	Office supplies	9.58
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1415.00
Frenchman Auto	Service job, tire repair	195.25
Healthiest You	Supplemental insurance – Teladoc	28.35
HomeTown Agency	Insur – work comp audit adjustment	530.00
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	42.25
Lincoln Winlectric	Supplies	197.47
Nebraska Public Power District	Power – August 2024	18014.94
One Call Concepts	Diggers hotline locates	8.72
SWPPD	Subtransmission charge	1614.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, repairs, supplies	582.68
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	361.52

Village Bills

Village of Wauneta	Pool – payroll	1714.04
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 8/15	3009.16
Schindler Elevator	Elevator repairs	13893.00
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 08/29	2857.77
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HAS	666.26
Advanced Auto	Repairs, tire repair	441.17
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
BW Telcom	Phone	673.45
Tina Barnard	Cleaning – community building	54.00
Bomgaars	Pest control – foggers	23.99
Carquest of McCook	Gloves	39.06
Chase County Clerk	Recording fees	30.00
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	1,833.33
Dan's R Us	Trash serv – Ambul Barn	27.69
Diamond Vogel	Paint – ambulance parking	102.50
Eakes Office Plus	Office supplies	268.10
Fanning Farm Repair	Repairs – street sweeper	1807.68
Frenchman Auto	Battery	186.95
Gibbens Tree & Lawn Service	Tree spraying	1,950.00
Great Plains Communication	Phone	58.13
HomeTown Agency	Insur – work comp audit adjustment	530.00
Imperial Republican	Publishing	21.39
NMC	Repairs	162.76

Owen's True Value	Sprinkler repairs	55.78
Petty Cash	Postage	7.62
Pivot Electric	Electric – HVAC at Ambul Barn	1103.06
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Sinner's Paint & Body	Windshields	1204.28
TKO Pest Control	Pest control	80.00
Titan Machinery – Imperial	Repairs	258.59
Van Diest	Fertilizer, chemicals	2287.80
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3105.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	981.11
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	1891.58
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00

Park Account:

Wauneta Crossroads	Park sprinkler project	116.31
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Johnston and Einspahr reviewed Financial Reports (July 2024) and the Nursing Home Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board. A Strategic Planning session for the nursing home is scheduled for September 18, 2024.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve the nursing home contracting 12,500 gallons propane from Wauneta Crossroads (prepaid at \$1.52 per gallon). Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion Approved.

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's Reports for August 2024. Discussion was held regarding a recent dog bite incident. Kramer will follow up with the Sheriff's Department.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve propane contracts with Wauneta Crossroads for 2024-2025 as follows:

- 1600 gallons @ \$1.52 per gallon (prepaid) for the Ambulance Barn
- 1600 gallons @ \$1.52 per gallon (prepaid) for the Community Building
- 1100 gallons @ \$1.52 per gallon (prepaid) for the Fire Hall

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 request for a Special Designated Liquor License, received from Wauneta Chamber, for Oktoberfest, to be held indoors and outdoors at 320 N Tecumseh (Fire Hall), on Sunday October 13, 2024, from 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion approved.

Discussion was held on assessing a lien on a property to secure payment of the costs of nuisance abatement (167 N. Arikaree). No action taken.

The Board revisited the request from Southwest Public Power District (SWPPD) to grant easements on Village property to allow SWPPD to install, upgrade and maintain power lines. The Board had questions/concerns on the legal descriptions on the easements and will continue to work with legal counsel and SWPPD to work out details.

The Board heard recommendations from the Wauneta Planning Commission, as follows:

1. Lot Split into two parcels (Lot 19, Blk 1, South Subdivision)
2. Revisions to Zoning Ordinance, section 5.11.05, regarding height and lot requirements in the industrial district.

The Board is in favor of both recommendations and will move forward with the necessary steps/paperwork for approval.

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Clerk's Report given by Skelton. The Budget Hearing is set for Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Einspahr and Walgren were appointed as committee to review Village employee's wages.

Superintendent's Report given by Lawless.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk