

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 9, 2025**, 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: Kathy Kerchal, Rick Einspahr and Page Johnston. Absent: Beau Kramer and Crystal Walgren.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), Mike Dukes (Chase County Deputy), Chris Hegert (Nebraska Public Power District), Pam Bunker and Karon Pantera (Wauneta Senior Center).

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on September 4, 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 hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kerchal, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on August 12, 2025. Voting Aye: Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Walgren. Motion approved.

Motion made by Kerchal, seconded by Einspahr, to approve the minutes of the budget workshop meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on August 27, 2025. Voting Aye: Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Walgren. Motion approved.

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

Water/Sewer

Brody Nordhausen	Meter deposit refund	50.00
Justin Haskins	Postage – water samples	129.90
Andrew Hansen	Meter deposit refund	50.00
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – July 2025	343.74
Microsoft	Office 365 renewal	138.44
Harland Clarke	Check stock order	98.65
American Agri Lab	Water test fees	117.56
BW Telcom	SCADA – phone & internet	144.69
Municipal Supply	Operating supplies	462.81
Nebraska Public Health	Water test fees	241.00
Petty Cash	Operating supplies	38.34
Power Tech	Mtno – well 1 battery	260.00
SWPPD	Utilities – wells	1701.59
Water – Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1341.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	1370.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	130.00

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Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	140.07
Imperial Republican	Publishing	75.84

Electric

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – July 2025	3136.26
Brody Nordhausen	Meter deposit refund	24.76
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 8/14	9292.33
Andrew Hansen	Meter deposit refund	13.50
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 8/28	9102.02
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fees	325.76
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	1998.80
American Heritage Insurance	Accident insurance	75.00
Bomgaars	Sm tools – tire inflator	179.99
Dutton-Lainson	Electric meter	362.61
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1570.00
Healthiest You	Supplemental insurance – Teladoc	37.80
HomeTown Agency	Insur – work comp audit adjustment	1375.00
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	45.21
Imperial NAPA	Sm tools – driver set	76.99
Imperial Republican	Publishing	75.84
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	124.21
Nebr Public Power District	Power – August 2025	18174.68
SWPPD	Subtransmission charge	1485.60
US Postal Service	Postage	366.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	573.92
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	292.50
Wesco Receivables	Fast Forward – electric system GPS	7774.50
NE Dept of Revenue	Form 94 – Recycling Fee	25.00
US Dept of Energy	WAPA Power – August 2025	10727.01

Village Bills

Village of Wauneta	Pool – payroll	3400.66
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 8/14	2934.29
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 8/28	3099.22
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	666.26
Village of Wauneta	Pool – payroll	290.51
Adams Lumber	Sm tools, supplies	915.56
Advanced Auto	Repairs, oil	419.12
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
Arnold Pool Company	Pool – filter powder	445.00
BW Telcom	Phone	630.43
Baker & Taylor	Books	89.71
Barco Municipal Products	Signs	135.43
Tina Barnard	Cleaning – community building	54.00
Chase County Clerk	Recording fees	16.00
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	3040.00
D&S Hardware	Oil	309.74

Dan's R Us	Trash serv – Ambul Barn	27.35
Demco	Library supplies	110.55
Eakes Office Plus	Office supplies	228.39
Great Plains Communication	Phone	58.31
Imperial NAPA	Grease, gloves	124.96
Imperial Republican	Publishing	167.02
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
Petty Cash	Postage	152.72
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Titan Machinery – Imperial	Repairs	29.81
Van Diest	Chemicals	1349.50
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3340.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	929.28
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	1800.01
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Highway Fund:		
B&H Paving	Chip sealing	20594.20
Baxter Concrete	Material for street sections	1741.50
Lakeside Sand & Gravel	Road gravel	547.20

Chris Hegert, NPPD, gave a presentation and details of the proposed new Wholesale Power Contract between Nebraska Public Power District and the Village of Wauneta. Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kerchal, to approve the 2026 Wholesale Power Contract between Nebraska Public Power District and the Village of Wauneta. Voting Aye: Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Walgren. Motion approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kerchal, to approve a disbursement/grant of Village KENO funds to the Wauneta Senior Center, in the amount of \$6,349.05 (to match other funds raised) for the purchase of a new commercial over. Voting Aye: Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Walgren. Motion approved.

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's Reports for August 2025 with Deputy Dukes.

Johnston and Kerchal reviewed Financial Reports for WCTC (July 2025) and the Nursing Home Committee Meeting with the rest of the Village Board.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kerchal, to approve the purchase of an additional computer module, Point Click Care – Nursing Advantage, for the nursing home; \$5702.40 upfront one-time fee and \$154.80 monthly. Voting Aye: Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Walgren. Motion approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kerchal, to approve the purchase of a new oven for the Nursing Home; a US Range commercial oven for \$7289.00. (The Vulcan oven purchase approved on August 12, 2025, was not purchased, and the request was updated to the US Range oven, which includes a broiler.) Voting Aye: Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Walgren. Motion approved.

Reviewed WCTC Policy #9.2 Sick Leave, with updates made due to new State requirements (Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act). Arlan Wine stated that these requirements may not apply to the nursing home, as it is owned by the Village, a political subdivision. No action taken until more information can be obtained.

PUBLIC HEARING was opened at 7:55 pm to consider an application for a Conditional Use Permit based on the recommendation of the Wauneta Planning Commission. The permit is for more than the four (4) cargo containers allowed on a Commercial Lot.

The PUBLIC HEARING was closed at 8:00 pm.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kerchal, to approve the Conditional Use Permit to allow 8 storage containers on Lot 18, Blk 2, Original Town of Wauneta, as recommended by the Wauneta Planning Commission. Voting Aye: Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Walgren. Motion approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kerchal, to approve propane contracts with Wauneta Crossroads for 2025-2026 as follows:

- 1600 gallons @ \$1.55 per gallon (prepaid) for the Ambulance Barn
- 1600 gallons @ \$1.55 per gallon (prepaid) for the Community Building
- 1200 gallons @ \$1.55 per gallon (prepaid) for the Fire Hall

Voting Aye: Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Walgren. Motion approved.

Motion made by Kerchal, seconded by Einspahr, to approve the request for a Special Designated Liquor License, received from Wauneta Chamber, for Oktoberfest, to be held outdoors at 323 N Tecumseh (Community Building), on Sunday October 19, 2025, from 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Voting Aye: Kerchal, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Walgren. Motion approved.

Discussion was held on a particular nuisance property and possible next steps to address the nuisance. Skelton will send a follow-up letter to the property owner.

Clerk's Report given by Skelton. The Budget Hearing is set for Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 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 Kerchal, seconded by Einspahr, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Voting Aye: Kerchal, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer and Walgren. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk