

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 **January 9, 2024**, at the Wauneta Village Office.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Vice Chair Einspahr 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 and Rick Einspahr. Bob Goings arrived at 6:37 pm. Absent: Page Johnston.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), Angela Geihlsler, Mandi Kramer, Ashley Einspahr, London Maris, Luke Curl, Patrick Cribbs (Dan's Sanitation) and Ron Sabin (Dan's Sanitation).

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on January 4, 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 Walgren, seconded by Kramer, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on December 12, 2023. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren and Einspahr. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings and Johnston. Motion approved.

Motion made by Walgren, seconded by Kramer, to approve Treasurer's Report (December 2023) and approve bills (January 2024) as presented. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren and Einspahr. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings and Johnston. Motion approved.

Water/Sewer:

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax – Nov 2023	385.31
Tyson Bardsley	Meter deposit refund	50.00
Chase Yoder	Meter deposit refund	25.00
BW Telcom	Internet/phone for SCADA	140.90
K-C Motor & Electric	Rebuild lift station pump	10,623.59
Pivot Electric	Repairs – well 3	225.00
Southwest Public Power District	Utilities – new wells	1,774.00
USPS	Postage	702.00
Walgren's Supermarket	Supplies	56.47
Water USDA Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1,339.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	800.00
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	259.34
American Agri Lab	Water test fees	165.50

Electric:

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Nov 2023	2,728.80
Tyson Bardsley	Meter deposit refund	36.20
Chase Yoder	Meter deposit refund	7.93

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Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 12/21	6,457.05
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fee	204.06
Sandhills State Bank	Wire transfer fee	20.00
Sandhills State Bank	NSF check	136.71
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Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	1,334.17
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 01/04	6,463.99
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	50.00
Jan Coone	Net metering credit – 2023	152.59
Dutton-Lainson	Supplies, street light bulbs	1,234.58
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1,260.00
Healthiest You	Teladoc – supplemental insurance	28.35
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	40.64
Imperial NAPA	Operating supplies	443.45
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	80.79
Nebraska Public Power District	Power – Dec 2023	25,175.57
One Call Concepts	Diggers hotline locates	.80
Railroad Management Co.	Lic. Fees – power line crossing	379.14
Southwest Public Power District	Subtransmission charge	1,639.64
T&R Electric	Transformer – 37kva	3,478.13
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	271.53
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	471.55

Village:

Wauneta Chamber	Chamber bucks – Christmas	925.00
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 12/21	2,990.09
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HAS	667.08
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 01/04	2,729.41
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
Arnold Pool Company	Pool heater repairs	87.50
BNSF	Lease – berm for flood control	12.31
BW Telcom	Phone	621.20
Chase County Treasurer	Police Service Contract	1,833.33
Cornhusker Press	Dog tags	80.74
Eakes Office Plus	Office supplies, envelopes	245.57
Frenchman Auto	Repairs	31.90
Great Plains Communication	Phone	58.12
Immense Impact	Website design & subscription	665.00
Imperial NAPA	Tow rope	214.76
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
NMC Exchange	Repairs	196.76
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3,035.00
W Design Associates	Professional fees	1,140.70
Walgren's Supermarket	Office, dog food	34.93
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	719.90
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	2,277.34
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00

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Bomgaars	Supplies, small tools	223.37
Fyr-Tek	Pump test – village unit	547.69
Imperial Republican	Publishing	227.35

Library Memorial Acct:

Amazon Capital Services	Books	194.46
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Patrick Cribbs and Ron Sabin with Dan's Sanitation discussed proposed revisions to renew our contract with them for trash services within the Village. No action taken.

Members of the newly established Pool Committee were present. The committee will operate in an advisory capacity, researching and developing a plan for a new pool. Luke Curl spoke for the committee and informed the Village Board about the Pool Committee and their activities to date. Members of the committee include Curl, Mandi Kramer, Ashley Einspahr, London Maris, Tod Bunker, Crystal Walgren and Evelyn Skelton.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Kramer, to approve the request from Angela Geihlsler, to forgive and release the lien (relating to the OOR Grant) by issuing a deed of reconveyance. (Geihlsler's home was completely lost due to a fire) Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings and Einspahr. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Johnston. Motion approved.

Kramer and Walgren reviewed Nursing Home Financial Reports for November 2023 and the Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board.

The Board reviewed the Chase County Sheriff's report for December 2023.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Walgren, to approve the proposal received McCook Flooring, for new carpet in the Village Office. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings and Einspahr. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Johnston. Motion approved.

The Board discussed the property at 167 N. Arikaree, which is considered to be a nuisance property. Motion made by Goings, seconded by Walgren, to approve moving forward with Nuisance Abatement as proposed. A letter has been drafted in accordance with procedures outlined by ordinance and reviewed by Arlan Wine. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings and Einspahr. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Johnston. Motion approved.

Clerk's Report was given by Skelton.

Superintendent's Report was given by Lawless.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Walgren, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Goings and Einspahr. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Johnston. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Rick Einspahr, Vice-Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk