

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 **May 9, 2023**, at the 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: Beau Kramer and Page Johnston. Rick Einspahr arrived at 7:05 pm, and Bob Goings arrived at 7:30 pm. Absent: Crystal Walgren.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), David Blau (Miller & Associates), RaNae Richardson (WCTC Administrative Assistant), and Tod Bunker.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on May 4, 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.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on April 11, 2023. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

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

**Water/Sewer**

SWPPD	Utilities - well 3	211.33
Petty Cash	Postage, school expenses	141.24
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – March 2023	336.44
Dan Rigel	Meter deposit refund	46.43
American Agri Labs	Water test fees, Sewer sample fees	274.25
BW Telcom	Phone & Internet – SCADA system	140.92
Eakes Office	Office supplies	32.96
Imperial Republican	Publish Water Quality Report	467.60
Nebraska Municipal Power Pool	Billing supplies	445.85
Nebraska Public Health	Water test fees	43.50
SWPPD	Utilities – new north wells	530.45
US Cellular	Cell phone	27.62
Water Loan Reserve Fund	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1335.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	955.00
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	243.18
Bill Bischoff	Fuel	142.84
Municipal Supply	Cap improvements – water main	5021.62
Walgren's Supermarket	Supplies	7.50

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Linda Wright	Meter deposit refund	25.00
<b>Electric</b>		
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 4/13	7928.07
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	93.16
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	131.91
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 4/27	7746.03
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – March 2023	3246.89
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fee	345.45
Intuit	QuickBooks renewal	383.40
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	1998.80
Dan Rigel	Meter deposit refund	100.00
Dutton-Lainson	Operating supplies	2400.85
Eakes Office Supplies	Office supplies	63.00
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1300.00
Fastenal Company	Operating supplies	42.48
Frenchman Auto	Repairs	152.95
Healthiest You	Teladoc – supplemental insurance	37.80
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	39.07
Imperial Republican	Publishing	102.70
Shane Lawless	Reimb – uniforms	117.10
Nebraska Public Power District	Power – April 2023	18792.54
One Call Concepts	Diggers hotline locates	19.16
Owens True Value	Sm tools – shop vac	175.98
SWPPD	Subtr Chg	1639.64
USPS	Postage	396.00
US Cellular	Cell phone	27.64
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel	358.70
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	331.01
Advanced Auto	Sm tools – tire tester	35.60
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	93.16
Linda Wright	Meter deposit refund	13.96
<b>Village Bills</b>		
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 4/13	2767.73
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
Petty Cash	Postage, school expenses	35.39
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 4/27	2992.10
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	666.26
Alibris	Books	33.32
Apron Strings	Library – 100-year celebration	98.00
BW Telcom	Phone	662.43
Tina Barnard	Cleaning – comm bldg.	139.50
Center Point Large Print	Books	295.77
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	1833.33
D&S Hardware	Repairs, oil	259.87

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Eakes Office	Office supplies	582.41
Frenchman Auto	Repairs	155.95
Frenchman Valley Coop	Tire repair	20.00
Gibbens Tree Service	Tree spraying	1950.00
Great Plains Communication	Phone	57.45
Imperial Republican	Publishing	95.04
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
US Cellular	Cell phone	27.64
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3100.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, propane	1047.66
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	1665.16
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Advanced Auto	Repairs, supplies	130.01
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
Van Diest Supply	Fertilizer/chemicals	2165.78
Walgren's Supermarket	Office/operating supplies	104.87
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel	60.96
Tod Bunker	Oil – JD Tractor	60.49

**Nursing Home**

Walgren's Supermarket	Appreciation meal	370.00
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David Blau, Miller & Associates, reported to the Village Board that the water main replacement portion of the Emergency Water Main Replacement is done. Final pay applications will be presented at next month's meeting.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve an invoice from Miller & Associates, in the amount of \$5,393.51, for Emergency Water Main Replacement. Voting Aye: Kramer, Johnston and Einspahr. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion approved.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve Pay Application No. 3, payable to BSB Construction, in the amount of \$25,326.19, for Emergency Water Main Replacement. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Motion approved.

RaNae Richardson, WCTC, reviewed the Nursing Home Financial Reports for April 2023 with the Village Board and gave a report on the Committee meeting held on May 8, 2023.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve the "Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan" for the Nursing Home. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve the Nursing Home Leadership Annual raises to Darr Stehno, Sam Sutherland and Vicky Nelson, as recommended by the Nursing Home Administration. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Walgren and Goings. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

The Village Board discussed possible improvements to the basketball and pickleball courts at the park. Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve improvements of adding screening and fencing. Voting Aye: Kramer, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Walgren. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved. More research will be done on lighting options.

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The Village Board discussed the status of the HVAC Project at the Nursing Home.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Kramer, to approve Pay Application No. Final 2, payable to Hunter Heating and Cooling, in the amount of \$4,581.00, regarding the HVAC Project at the Nursing Home. Voting Aye: Kramer, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Walgren. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

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

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Kramer, to approve the Insurance Policy Renewal (HomeTown Agency) and payment for the annual premium of \$60,722.50. Voting Aye: Kramer, Goings and Johnston. Abstain: Einspahr. Absent: Walgren. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve an invoice from Titan Machinery in the amount of \$37,000 for purchase of 2023 Backhoe (590SN). Voting Aye: Kramer, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Walgren. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Goings, to offer the position of Utilities Superintendent to Shane Lawless, on a probation period of 6 months, effective June 1, 2023, at a salary of \$58,000 annually plus benefits as established. Voting Aye: Kramer, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Walgren. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Einspahr discussed the new committee for Housing Renovation in Wauneta with the Village Board.

Superintendent's Report was given by Bischoff.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Goings, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Voting Aye: Kramer, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Walgren. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk