

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 **August 8, 2023**, 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. Absent: Beau Kramer and Crystal Walgren.

Guests: Allison Sandman (WP School), Kent Cordes (BD Construction), Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), and Shane Lawless.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on August 3, 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.

The Village Board discussed and reviewed a "Grant of License" to Wauneta-Palisade Schools for use of right-of-way for parking. Also discussed cost-share for additional intersection work at Wauneta Attendance Center with Allison Sandman (WP School) and Kent Cordes (BD Construction). No action was taken. Chairman Johnston would like all Board members to be present to take any type of action.

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

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

Water/Sewer

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| SWPPD | Utilities – Well 3 | 148.93 |
| Humberto Guillen | Meter deposit refund | 50.00 |
| NE Dept of Revenue | Sales tax – June 2023 | 382.35 |
| American Agri Labs | Water test fees | 141.50 |
| BW Telcom | Phone/internet – SCADA | 143.30 |
| Hunter Heating & Cooling | Repairs – A/C at well house | 88.44 |
| Imperial Republican | Publishing | 75.36 |
| League of Nebr Municipalities | Membership dues | 350.00 |
| Municipal Supply | Chlorine | 250.00 |
| Nebraska Generator Service | Generator – well 2 | 14,414.80 |
| Nebraska Public Health | Water test fees | 318.00 |
| SWPPD | Utilities – new wells | 1,375.42 |
| Utilities Section – LNM | Membership dues | 326.00 |
| Walgren's Supermarket | Supplies | 112.49 |
| Water Loan Reserve | Transfer | 400.00 |
| Water/Sewer Building Fund | Transfer | 1,339.00 |

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| Water/Sewer Insurance Fund | Transfer | 800.00 |
| Wauneta Crossroads | Fuel, repairs | 66.15 |
| Wauneta Municipal Utilities | Utilities | 173.42 |
| Fastenal Company | Marking flags | 262.77 |

Electric

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| NE Dept of Revenue | Sales tax – June 2023 | 1,996.37 |
| Lincoln National Life | Life, A&D insurance | 80.79 |
| Humberto Guillen | Meter deposit refund | 23.89 |
| Village of Wauneta | Payroll p/e 7/20 | 6,185.75 |
| Merchant Bank | Credit card processing fees | 231.49 |
| Harland Clark | Check order | 108.27 |
| Village of Wauneta | Payroll – Stipend/HSA | 1,332.56 |
| Village of Wauneta | Payroll p/e 8/3 | 6,743.45 |
| American Heritage Life | Accident insurance | 50.00 |
| Bomgaars | Shelving | 450.97 |
| Border States Industries | Operating supplies | 305.34 |
| Dutton-Lainson | Operating supplies | 64.34 |
| Eakes Office | Copies | 411.47 |
| Electric Insurance Fund | Transfer | 1,260.00 |
| Fastenal Company | Operating supplies | 160.22 |
| Frenchman Auto | Service - unit 1 | 87.95 |
| Healthiest You | Supplemental insurance – Teladoc | 28.35 |
| Ideal Linen | Shop towels | 40.64 |
| Imperial NAPA | Supplies | 46.68 |
| League of Nebr Municipalities | Membership dues | 351.00 |
| Nebr Public Power District | Power – July 2023 | 20,797.31 |
| One Call Concepts | Diggers hotline locates | 7.50 |
| SWPPD | Sub-transmission charge | 1,639.64 |
| USPS | Postage | 333.00 |
| Utilities Section – LNM | Membership dues | 165.00 |
| Wauneta Crossroads | Fuel, repairs, supplies | 578.07 |
| Wauneta Municipal Utilities | Utilities | 246.32 |

Village Bills

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| Lincoln National Life | Life, A&D insurance | 34.35 |
| Village of Wauneta | Payroll – pool | 4,234.32 |
| Village of Wauneta | Payroll p/e 7/20 | 3,499.54 |
| Harland Clark | Check order | 97.60 |
| Village of Wauneta | Payroll – Stipend/HSA | 666.26 |
| Village of Wauneta | Payroll – pool | 4,401.70 |
| Village of Wauneta | Payroll – p/e 8/3 | 3,609.81 |
| Adams Lumber | Repairs – picnic tables | 515.25 |
| Alibris | Books | 77.33 |
| American Heritage Life | Accident insurance | 25.00 |
| BW Telcom | Phone | 709.19 |
| Center Point Large Print | Books | 158.02 |

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| Chase County Treasurer | Police service contract | 1,833.33 |
| Dutton-Lainson | Lights – firehall | 1,061.72 |
| Eakes Office Plus | Office supplies | 167.14 |
| Frenchman Valley Coop | Chemicals – foam | 104.00 |
| Great Plains Communications | Phone | 57.47 |
| HomeTown Agency | WC audit premium | 1,185.00 |
| Imperial Fire Department | ½ - eDispatch subscription | 231.00 |
| Imperial Republican | Publishing | 120.00 |
| League of Nebr Municipalities | Membership dues | 350.00 |
| Nick’s Distributing | Pool – concessions | 342.50 |
| Owens True Value | Light – ballfield | 85.99 |
| Productivity Plus (Titan) | Mulching blades | 490.65 |
| Sandry Fire Supply | ½ - equipment testing | 436.38 |
| Scotties Potties | Pot cleaning | 161.06 |
| Evelyn Skelton | Mower parts | 22.24 |
| Van Diest Supply | Chemicals, fertilizer | 3,084.80 |
| Village Insurance Fund | Transfer | 3,035.00 |
| Walgren’s Supermarket | Supplies, pool concessions | 168.03 |
| Wauneta Crossroads | Summer reading program | 21.54 |
| Wauneta Crossroads | Fuel, supplies, repairs | 841.21 |
| Wauneta Municipal Utilities | Utilities | 1,641.26 |
| Arlan Wine | Retainer | 300.00 |
| Highway Fund | | |
| ShelCo Construction | Speed bump grinding | 1,600.00 |
| Way Trucking | Gravel | 2,012.34 |
| Park Account | | |
| Bomgaars | Disc golf rubber mats | 449.91 |
| Evelyn Skelton | Disc golf set | 31.94 |
| Susie’s Creative Stitches | Bag for pickleball equipment | 6.00 |
| KENO | | |
| Wauneta Crossroads | Pool – propane | 1,124.99 |
| Other | | |
| Imperial City Utilities | House Demo – waste disposal | 51.10 |

Johnston reviewed Financial Reports (June 2023) and the Nursing Home Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Einspahr, to approve the recommend wage increase by Nursing Home administration for a department head employee, effective July 1, 2023. Voting Aye: Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kramer. Motion Approved.

The Village Board reviewed an agreement for Dundy County Hospital to lease space for a Satellite Clinic at the Nursing Home. The consensus from the Board was to allow the Nursing Home to move forward and work out the details and finalize an agreement. The final lease will need to be approved by the Village Board.

The Board reviewed the Sheriff’s Reports for August 2023.

Board member Goings introduced Ordinance No. 2023-01, an ordinance to vacate the south twenty feet of Ponca Street from the east side of Arikaree Avenue to the Frenchman River. Clerk Skelton read the Ordinance by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF WAUNETA, NEBRASKA, TO VACATE THE SOUTH TWENTY FEET OF PONCA STREET FROM THE EAST SIDE OF ARIKAREE AVENUE TO THE FRENCHMAN RIVER; RESERVING A RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES; PROVIDING FOR REVERSION OF THE OWNERSHIP THEREOF; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONTACT HERewith; 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. 2023-01.

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

Skelton read the title of Ordinance No. 2023-01, an ordinance to vacate the south twenty feet of Ponca Street from the east side of Arikaree Avenue to the Frenchman River. Motion made by Goings, seconded by Einspahr, to approve the final passage of Ordinance No. 2023-01. Johnston asked the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 2023-01 be passed and adopted?" Voting Aye: Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kramer. Johnston declared Ordinance No. 2023-01 duly adopted.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Einspahr, to accept Marsha Cameron's letter of resignation as the Library Director for the Wauneta Public Library, effective August 14, 2023. Voting Aye: Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kramer. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Goings, to approve the Library Board's recommendation to hire Amanda Ziegler as the new Library Director, at \$11.50 per hour. Voting Aye: Goings, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kramer. Motion Approved.

The Board discussed establishing set rates for mowing and cleanup of nuisance properties. With direction from the Board a resolution will be presented at the next Board meeting to set such rates.

Clerk's Report was given by Skelton. Skelton reported donations received:

- Anonymous - \$4,000.00, designated for the pool
- Hometown Agency - \$636.00 – funds from the Harvest Fest lunch, designated for the Community Building
- Wauneta Chamber - \$200.00 and Brenda Anderson - \$250.00, designated for rubber mats for Disc Golf

Discussed painting the interior of the Community Building; and the Board set the Budget workshop for August 22, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

Superintendent's Report given by Shane Lawless.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman
Evelyn Skelton, Clerk