

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 13, 2026**, 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: Beau Kramer, Rick Einspahr and Page Johnston. Absent: Crystal Walgren, Kathy Kerchal.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), Deputy Mueller (Chase County Sheriff Dept), RaNae Richardson (WCTC Administrator).

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on January 8, 2026, 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 December 9, 2025. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kerchal. Motion approved.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve Treasurer's Report (December 2025) and approve bills (January 2026) as presented. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kerchal. Motion approved.

Water/Sewer:

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Nov 2025	352.42
SWPPD	Utilities – well 3	200.57
Cody Flanigan	Meter deposit refund	50.00
American Agri Lab	Water test fees	57.56
BW Telcom	Internet/phone for SCADA	147.53
Bomgaars	Supplies – batteries	39.98
PowerTech	Service agreement – generators	2800.00
SWPPD	Util – new wells	484.56
USPS	Postage	312.00
Unitech	Enzyme treatment	437.50
Water USDA Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1340.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	1370.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Supplies	11.28
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	199.26

Electric:

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Nov 2025	2702.51
Hills Family Foods	Gift cards	170.00
Imperial Super Foods	Gift cards	440.00

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Wauneta Crossroads	Gift cards	690.00
Alex Eaton	Meter deposit refund	27.60
Cody Flanigan	Meter deposit refund	100.00
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 12/18	8934.79
State of Nebraska	Refund LIHEAP payment	299.44
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fee	265.90
Sandhills State Bank	Wire transfer fee	20.00
Intuit	Quickbooks fee	52.19
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	2001.65
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 01/01	8812.35
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	150.00
American Test Center	Annual safety inspections	2185.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	199.94
D&S Hardware	Chainsaw supplies	89.97
Dutton-Lainson	Operating supplies	289.72
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1570.00
Frenchman Auto	Tire repair, battery	218.95
HealthiestYou	Teladoc – Supplemental insurance	37.80
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	45.21
Imperial NAPA	Operating supplies	204.05
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	146.12
Nebraska Public Power District	Power – Dec 2025	22958.86
One Call Concepts	Diggers hotline locates	5.74
Owens True Value	Small tools	146.75
Railroad Management Co	License Fees – power line crossing	458.76
SWPPD	Subtransmission chg	1485.60
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	593.72
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	406.67
US Dept of Energy	WAPA power – Dec 2025	10068.60

Village:

Hills Family Foods	Gift card	170.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Gift cards	855.00
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 12/18	1972.10
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	667.23
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – p/e 01/01	1975.12
Amazon Capital Services	Books, supplies	208.72
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	50.00
BNSF	Lease – berm for flood control	13.06
BW Telcom	Phone	625.59
Tina Barnard	Cleaning	45.00
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	3131.20
Cornhusker Press	Dog tags – 2026	88.85
Dan's R Us	Trash service – Ambulance Barn	29.17
Eakes Office	Office supplies	39.94
Great Plains Communication	Phone	58.51
Hometown Agency	½ - fireman life insurance	987.11

IIMC	Annual membership	195.00
Immense Impact	Website design & subscription	812.00
Imperial NAPA	Supplies	167.32
Imperial Republican	Publishing	142.56
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	38.13
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Sinners Truck Alignment	Repairs – utility trailer	49.37
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3340.00
Wauneta-Palisade School	Remit license fees collected	20.00
Wauneta Chamber	Holiday planter décor	70.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	461.70
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	2100.75
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Nebr Dept of Revenue	Pool – sales tax 2025	233.39

Highway Fund:

Hondo Fanning Construction	Street project – Legion	9256.00
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Johnston, Einspahr and Richardson reviewed Nursing Home Financial Reports for November 2025 and the Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve wage increase for Gary Hunt, as recommended by Richardson. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kerchal. Motion Approved.

Reviewed the December 2025 Sheriff's Activity Report with Deputy Mueller.

The Board discussed the Wastewater Lagoon and next steps for NDWEE facility compliance, which include financing and land acquisition.

Skelton gave the Board written notice that a vacancy will exist on the Village of Wauneta Board of Trustees in 2026. (Crystal Walgren has expressed her intent to resign from the Board). The length of the unexpired term will be until the end of December 31, 2026. Skelton will advertise the vacancy, and the Board shall address the issue of filling such vacancy at the next meeting.

Ambulance Building Committee – Kramer gave a report on the status of the continued efforts of the Chase County Commissioners and the Wauneta EMS to identify a location for a new Ambulance building.

Superintendent's Report was given by Lawless.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Voting Aye: Kramer, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Walgren and Kerchal. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk