

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 **December 10, 2024**, 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, Crystal Walgren, Rick Einspahr and Page Johnston. Absent: Bob Goings.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), Angela Geihlsler (Good Times Bar & Grill), RaNae Richardson (WCTC Administrator)

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on December 5, 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 Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on November 12, 2024. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion Approved.

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

**Water/Sewer**

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Oct 2024	345.95
SWPPD	Utilities – well 3	149.89
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 11/21	358.13
Adams Lumber	Supplies – shelves	504.44
American Agri Laboratory	Water test fees	177.56
BW Telcom	SCADA internet/phone	145.10
Municipal Supply	Operating supplies	518.56
NDEE – Fiscal Services	Sewer SRF Loan payment	4798.02
Petty Cash	Postage	36.54
Prairie States Communication	Renew SCADA call sign	100.00
Evelyn Skelton	Reimb – repairs, supplies	121.08
SWPPD	Utilities – new wells	538.80
Water – USDA Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1340.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	925.00
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	140.59
Wauneta Crossroads	Supplies	20.07

**Electric**

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax – Oct 2024	2082.75
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Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	80.79
US Dept of Energy	WAPA Power – Oct 2024	8850.01
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 11/21	9383.22
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fee	345.56
Tori Brown	Meter deposit refund	150.00
State of Nebr – DHHS	Credit balance refund	27.95
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 12/5	8644.76
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	1998.82
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	75.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	177.96
Dutton-Lainson	Operating supplies	2296.25
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1415.00
Healthiest You	Supplemental insurance	47.25
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	42.25
Lincoln Winlectric	Supplies – mainstreet truck	156.67
Nebraska Public Power	Power – Nov 2024	23668.32
One Call Concepts	Diggers hotline locates	4.76
SWPPD	Subtransmission charge	1607.32
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	276.26
Depository Trust Company	Elect Rev Bond – Interest Payment	1918.75
US Dept of Energy	WAPA Power – Nov 2024	8850.01
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	523.32

**Village**

Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 11/21	3000.48
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 12/5	2547.90
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	666.26
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
BW Telcom	Phone	627.18
Chase County Clerk	Recording fee	16.00
Chase County Treasurer	Police – service contract	3040.00
Demco	Summer reading program	86.20
Eakes Office Plus	Office supplies	67.13
Sharon Haarberg	Books	29.54
HomeTown Agency	Insurance – CAT skidsteer	55.00
Imperial Republican	Publishing	127.10
Owens True Value	Repairs	16.89
Petty Cash	Postage, office supplies	64.33
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Evelyn Skelton	Office supplies	18.91
Unitech	Supplies	212.50
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3105.00
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	1829.46
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Amanda Ziegler	Books – Santa Saturday	44.33
Amazon Capital Service	Books, supplies	130.30

Tina Barnard	Cleaning – comm bldg.	54.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	14.99
Great Plains Communications	Phone	58.30
Junior Library Guild	Books	293.02
Nebr State Fire Marshall	Pool boiler inspection	81.00
Southwest Clerk Assoc	Dues – Skelton	10.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Supplies, repairs, fuel	353.53
<b>KENO Fund:</b>		
Petty Cash	Postage	18.95
<b>Other (Apartment Fund):</b>		
Southwest Nebr Community Betterment	Cash match commitment for New Construction Grant	25,000.00
<b>Other (ARPA Funds):</b>		
Pivot Electric	Wiring – general for new well	6670.87
Mike Kreiling	Carpet installation	3470.75
Samway Floor Covering	Carpet – office	3855.18
<b>Other/Pool:</b>		
Lamp Rynearson	Prof fees – Pool Feasibility Study	10,000.00

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to acknowledge the change of ownership of Good Times Bar & Grill to 100% ownership by Angela Geihlsler; and to approve that this ownership carries over to KENO operations. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion Approved.

Kramer, Walgren and RaNae Richardson reported on the Nursing Home Committee meeting, including review of the August 2024 Financial Reports.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve wage increases for Department Heads, as recommended by Richardson; Gary Hunt 3%, Julie Hardy 3% and Elisa Browne 1%. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve Christmas bonuses for Nursing Home employees based on Richardson's recommendation. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion Approved.

No Sheriff's Report to review for November 2024.

Motion made by Walgren, seconded by Kramer, to approve Resolution No. 2024-05, a resolution to authorize signing the Year-End Certification of Street Superintendent (Greg Wolford). Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve the following employee Christmas bonuses, to be paid in chamber bucks or gift cards:

\$420.00 each	Evelyn Skelton, Shane Lawless
\$315.00	Arlan Wine
\$240.00	Jess Vapenik
\$200.00	Justin Haskins
\$160.00 each	Amanda Ziegler, Tod Bunker, Tangie Dinnel
\$100.00	Lindsay Acton

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

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve Resolution 2024-06, a resolution authorizing the sale of personal property. The following property will be offered for sale: 1990 Ford Diesel Dump Truck; 2001 Bush Hog Mower – Zero Turn, Model D72-1; 1953 Caterpillar #12 Grader/Maintainer; CMC Chipmore Chipper; Ride-on/pull-behind Sod/Asphalt Packer. The Village of Wauneta will use an on-line auction service, Big Iron. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion Approved.

Skelton and Lawless gave an update on Nuisance properties that have previously been discussed. They will follow up on nuisances to make sure progress is being made on cleanup.

Clerk's Report given by Skelton. Skelton reported that the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds must be fully obligated by December 31, 2024. Projects already funded include a generator for one of the new wells, HVAC at the Ambulance Barn, elevator repairs at the Village office and new carpet at the Village office. The funds remaining to be obligated is approximately \$9000.00. Skelton and Lawless will check into the purchase of a SCBA air tank for the Fire Department.

Superintendent's Report given by Lawless.

The Board discussed the pending Vacancy on the Village Board of Trustees and the procedure for filling such vacancy. The Board will follow up at the next regular or special meeting.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Walgren, to approve the Reorganization and Appointments for 2025 as listed below. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion approved.

Page Johnston (aka James P. Johnston) nominated for Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Johnston appointed Rick Einspahr to be Vice Chairman.

Village Clerk/Treasurer

Evelyn Skelton

Village Depositories

Sandhills State Bank, Wauneta  
Waypoint Bank, Imperial  
Adams Bank & Trust, Imperial  
Pinnacle Bank, Imperial

Authorized Signers for bank accounts  
and Certificates of Deposit

Chairman – Page Johnston  
(aka James P. Johnston)  
Vice-Chair – Rick Einspahr  
Other Board Member – Beau Kramer  
Clerk/Treasurer – Evelyn Skelton  
Deputy Clerk – Tangie Dinnel

Village Attorney

Arlan Wine

City Street Superintendent

Greg Wolford, W Design Associates

**Commissioners:**

Utility  
Street  
Park-Pool-Trees  
Cemetery  
Ambulance Policy  
Power Pool Rep  
Safety Committee

Beau Kramer, Page Johnston  
Beau Kramer, Crystal Walgren  
Crystal Walgren, Beau Kramer, Rick Einspahr  
Page Johnston, Beau Kramer, Crystal Walgren  
Beau Kramer, Page Johnston  
Page Johnston, Rick Einspahr, Shane Lawless  
Page Johnston, Beau Kramer

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**Boards and Committees:**

Board of Health  
Library Board

Page Johnston, Arlan Wine, Rick Einspahr  
Lindsay Anderson, Denise Krausnick, Jennifer  
DeWester, Marsha Cameron,  
Carolyn (Gypsy) Emerick

Ballfield Committee  
Park and Tree Committee  
Nursing Home Committee

Bill Bischoff, Chad DeWester, Shane Lawless  
Jim & Jennifer Harris

Planning Commission

Village Board of Trustees, (Page Johnston,  
Chairman)

Community Redevelopment Authority  
Zoning Board of Adjustments  
Community Building  
Emergency Preparedness Committee

Chad DeWester, Kenneth Lawless,  
Laurie Maris, Mandi Kramer, Tod Bunker  
Village of Wauneta Board of Trustees  
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Rick Einspahr, Crystal Walgren, Beau Kramer  
Shane Lawless, Rick Einspahr

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk