

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 14, 2025**, 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.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), Chuck Vette and Jason Arellano.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on January 9, 2025, 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.

Clerk Skelton administered the Oath of Office to re-elected trustee Rick Einspahr.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Walgren, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on December 10, 2024. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on December 19, 2024. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Walgren, to approve Treasurer's Report (December 2024) and approve bills (January 2025) as presented. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

**Water/Sewer:**

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Nov 2024	327.16
SWPPD	Utilities – well 3	192.38
American Agri Lab	Water test fees	57.56
BW Telcom	Internet/phone for SCADA	149.05
Bomgaars	Supplies – batteries	54.97
Eakes Office	Office supplies	150.36
HOA	Notification service	266.25
Imperial Republican	Utility envelopes – printing	85.20
Nebraska Public Health	Water test fees	19.00
Nebraska Safety & Fire	Backflow device testing	285.00
Prairie States Communication	Lift station battery	90.00
Railroad Management Co	License fees	139.05
SWPPD	Util – new wells	468.64
USPS	Postage	516.00
USA Blue Book	Life station level transmitter	917.50
W Design	Lagoon compliance	3063.75

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Water USDA Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1341.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	925.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Supplies	11.98
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	138.24

**Electric:**

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Nov 2024	2589.20
Hills Family Foods	Gift cards	160.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Gift cards	1040.00
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 12/19	9653.51
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fee	269.68
Sandhills State Bank	Wire transfer fee	20.00
Intuit	Quickbooks fee	52.19
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	2003.97
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 01/02	8383.01
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	75.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	366.19
Border State Industries	Supplies, streetlights	2913.18
D&S Hardware	Chainsaw supplies, repairs	188.40
Dutton-Lainson	Operating supplies	3039.70
Eakes Office	Office supplies	242.97
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1415.00
HealthiestYou	Teladoc – Supplemental insurance	37.80
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	42.25
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	80.79
Nebraska Public Power District	Power – Dec 2024	25393.49
Railroad Management Co	License Fees – power line crossing	139.00
SWPP	Subtransmission chg	1607.32
US Dept of Energy	WAPA Power – Dec 2024	9256.62
Van Diest Supply	Chemicals – trees	1504.44
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	606.08
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	375.33
Imperial NAPA	Supplies – shop torch	139.46
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – unused vacation hours	4701.52

**Village:**

Hills Family Foods	Gift card	160.00
Imperial Super Foods	Gift card	160.00
Wauneta Chamber	Chamber bucks	100.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Gift cards	555.00
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 12/19	2662.54
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	667.99
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – p/e 01/02	2446.19
Amazon Capital Services	Books	45.70
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00

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BNSF	Lease – berm for flood control	12.68
BW Telcom	Phone	626.24
Tina Barnard	Cleaning	72.00
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	3040.00
Dan's R Us	Trash service – Ambulance Barn	54.70
Demco	Book supplies	50.99
Great Plains Communication	Phone	58.30
Hegwood	Sprinkler repairs	8.00
Hometown Agency	Bond – Dinnel	100.00
Hunter Heating & Cooling	Repairs – office furnace	137.00
Immense Impact	Website design & subscription	737.00
Imperial Republican	Publishing	109.20
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
Nordhausen Farms	Hauling- scrap iron	247.50
Railroad Management Co	License fees	139.00
Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Sinners Truck Alignment	Repairs – unit #5	45.00
Evelyn Skelton	Office Décor	190.27
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3105.00
Wauneta-Palisade School	Remit license fees collected	20.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	142.54
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	2070.82
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Hometown Agency	½ Fireman Life Insurance	700.68
WVFD	Candy – Santa Saturday	262.12
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Unused Vac Hours	1284.72

**Highway Fund:**

Lakeside Sand & Gravel	Sand	443.84
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Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve the recommendation from the Wauneta Planning Commission to disapprove an application to Amend the Wauneta Zoning Ordinance/Map; request from Chuck Vette to rezone Lot 18, Block 2, Original Town from Commercial to Industrial. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Johnston and Walgren reviewed Nursing Home Financial Reports for November 2024 and the Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board.

Reviewed the November and December 2024 Sheriff's Activity Reports.

Public Hearing opened at 7:55 pm, the purpose being to hear comments for and against the application of a Class C Liquor License by Good Times Bar & Grill. No comments.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:56 pm.

Motion by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to recommend approval of the New License Application for a Class C Liquor License by Good Times Bar & Grill LLC dba Good Times Bar & Grill. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

The Board discussed the Board of Trustees vacancy. Jason Arellano was present and expressed interest in the Trustee position. Kathy Kerchal (not present) had also expressed interest in the Trustee position.

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Johnston nominated Kathy Kerchal to fill the vacancy. The board voted to approve/appoint Kathy Kerchal to the Board of Trustees. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr, and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Nomination/appointment approved. The Board thanked Arellano for his interest.

Skelton presented the Board with a draft of an ordinance to prohibit engine breaking within Village limits. Draft was reviewed and revisions were discussed. A final draft will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

The Board reviewed a bid for a new furnace at the Village Office received from Hunter Heating and Cooling LLC for \$14,6000.00. Motion made by Einspahr, and seconded by Walgren, to approve the bid. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Clerk's Report was given by Skelton.

Superintendent's Report was given by Lawless.

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk