

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 **June 11, 2024**, 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, Crystal Walgren, Rick Einspahr and Page Johnston. Absent: Bob Goings.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), RaNae Richardson (WCTC), Andy Smith – Lamp Rynearson (via zoom), Luke Curl (pool), London Maris (pool), Mandi Kramer (pool).

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on June 6, 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 Walgren, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on May 14, 2024. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Goings. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

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

Water/Sewer:

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – April 2024	319.27
SWPPD	Utilities – well 3	167.77
Advanced Auto	Supplies – gloves	25.47
American Agri Laboratory	Water test fees, Sewer sample fees	312.21
BW Telcom	Phone & internet – SCADA	140.54
Municipal Supply	Supplies, chemicals	1,082.21
NDEE – Fiscal Services	Sewer SRF loan payment	4,815.37
NE Public Health	Water test fees	241.00
Nebraska Rural Water Assn	Membership renewal	250.00
SWPPD	Utilities – new wells	696.94
Unitech	Chemicals	462.50
Water Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1,340.00
Water/Sewer Insurance	Transfer	925.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Supplies	24.64
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	162.62
Power Tech	Repairs – well 2 generator	480.38

Electric:

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – April 2024	2,544.07
Lincoln Financial Life	Life, A&D insurance	80.79

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Michaela Dukes	Meter deposit refund	23.74
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 5/23	8,209.40
Intuit	Quickbook fees	38.34
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fees	265.67
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HAS	1,999.66
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – p/e 6/6	8,542.87
Advanced Auto	Repairs, supplies	719.42
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	50.00
American Test Center	Annual safety inspections	2,144.00
Border States	Wire – truck parking	778.20
Carquest of McCook	Shop towels	75.00
Core & Main	Electric meters	1,262.35
Eakes Office	Office supplies	308.62
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1,415.00
Fastenal	Supplies	12.19
Healthiest You	Supplemental insurance – Teladoc	28.35
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	42.25
Nebraska Public Power District	Power – May 2024	9,337.68
One Call Concepts, Inc	Diggers hotline locates	3.16
Owens True Value	Supplies	33.76
Petty Cash	Postage	2.11
Pivot Electric	Repairs to electric pole (garbage truck)	983.43
SWPPD	Subtransmission charge	1,600.64
US Dept of Energy	WAPA Power – May 2024	9,271.53
Utilities Section – League	Workshops – Lawless & Vapenik	1,400.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	574.40
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	237.95
Depository Trust Company	Rev Bonds – principal payment	25,000.00
Depository Trust Company	Rev Bonds – interest payment	2,256.25

Village Bills:

Lincoln Financial Life	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 5/23	3,333.94
Petty Cash	Pool – starting cash	50.00
NDEE	Pool operator certificate	40.00
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Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	666.28
Village of Wauneta	Pool payroll p/e 6/5	2,350.25
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 6/6	3,385.58
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 6/6	56.07
Advanced Automotive	Repairs	80.85
Amazon Capital Services	Books, supplies	100.40
American Heritage	Accident insurance	25.00
BW Telcom	Phone	614.54
Bomgaars	Supplies, small tools	136.96
Border States	Street light pole	4,750.32
Carquest of McCook	Small tools – jump starter	209.99

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Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	1,833.33
D&L Pest Control	Pest control	158.00
Dan's R Us	Trash – ambulance barn	40.29
Display Sales	US flags	612.00
Michaela Dukes	Mileage	85.76
Eakes Office Plus	Office supplies	18.92
Eichners Sales & Service	Operating supplies	284.99
Frenchman Auto	Battery – unit #14	169.95
Gibbens Tree Service	Tree spraying	2,055.00
Great Plains Communication	Phone	57.91
Imperial City Utilities	2023 town wide cleanup	82.40
Imperial Fire Dept	½ eDispatch subscription	213.00
Imperial Republican	Publishing	108.50
Nick's Distributing	Pool – concessions	549.53
Owens True Value	Supplies, repairs	605.10
Petty Cash	Supplies	109.41
Evelyn Skelton	Pool – lifeguard suits	177.09
Susie's Creative Stitches	Lifeguard t-shirts	184.00
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3,105.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies, repairs	1,087.35
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	1,532.10
Wauneta Volunteer Fire Dept.	½ fire school expense	1,369.73
W-P FFA	Flowers – planters	80.00
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Transfer Acct:		
American Legion Auxiliary	Donation pass thru	50.00
Keno Acct:		
Wauneta Crossroads	Propane – pool heater	1,779.95
House Deconstruction:		
(Ourada House)		
Imperial City	Waste disposal	3,439.40
ARPA Funds:		
McCook Flooring	Office carpet – down payment	3,750.00

Einspahr reviewed the Nursing Home Financial Reports for April 2024 with the Village Board and gave a report on the Committee meeting held with RaNae Richardson, WCTC Admin. Assistant, and Doug Chos, RHD representative.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to authorize RaNae Richardson (WCTC Admin. Asst.), to purchase up to \$5,000.00 of equipment as she deems necessary, from the El Dorado Nursing Home Auction. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion approved.

Motion made by Walgren, seconded by Kramer, to approve the write-offs of uncollectable accounts for the Nursing Home, in the amount of \$53,193.55. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion approved.

The Nursing Homes 2024-2025 Budget and Private Room rates were not addressed by the Board. There will be a special meeting to review and approve these items before July 1, 2024.

Members of the Wauneta Pool Committee (Luke Curl, London Maris, Mandi Kramer & Evelyn Skelton), along with Andy Smith (via zoom), engineer with Lamp Rynearson, presented their recommendation to move forward with a feasibility study regarding the Wauneta Swimming Pool.

Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Einspahr, to approve moving forward with having a feasibility study done for the Wauneta Swimming Pool. Smith gave an estimated cost of \$20,000.00 for the study. Skelton reported that the Wauneta Community Fund is willing to pay half of the cost, \$10,000.00. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Goings. Motion approved. Smith will prepare a contract to be presented and approved at the next meeting.

The Board reviewed the Chase County Sheriff's Report for April and May 2024.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Kramer, to approve the 2024 Wage Schedule for Pool and Summer employees, as presented:

Manager	\$13.25 – 13.75/hour
Asst Manager/4 th year	\$12.75/hour
3 rd year guard/employee	\$12.50/hour
2 nd year guard/employee	\$12.25/hour
1 st year guard/employee	\$12.00/hour

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

The Board discussed the status of the Elevator in the City building. The replacement board has been ordered and once received, Schindler will schedule the installation.

Clerk's Report given by Skelton. The Village property most likely received damage from the hailstorm on June 7, 2024. A claim has been filed with the insurance company.

Superintendent's Report given by Lawless.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Voting Aye: Kramer, Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Goings. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk