

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 13, 2023**, 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: Crystal Walgren, Rick Einspahr and Page Johnston. Absent: Beau Kramer and Bob Goings.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), Greg Wolford (W Designs), Bill Bischoff and Alyssa Fields.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on June 8, 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.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees, held on May 9, 2023. Voting Aye: Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Kramer and Goings. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

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

Water/Sewer

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – April 2023	341.47
SWPPD	Utilities – well 3	177.34
Harland Clark	Check order	97.60
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – May 2023	371.68
Petty Cash	Postage – water samples	163.90
American Agri Laboratory	Water test fees, Sewer sample fees	274.25
BW Telcom	Phone & internet – SCADA	142.03
HOA	Repairs – well 3, reservoir	2289.18
NDEE – Fiscal Services	Sewer SRF loan payment	4849.68
NE Public Health	Water test fees	19.00
Nebraska Rural Water Assn	Membership renewal	250.00
Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment	Backflow repairs – eye clinic	250.00
Owens True Value	Humidifier	309.00
SWPPD	Utilities – new wells	789.26
Walgreens Supermarket	Supplies	2.50
Water Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1336.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	800.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	55.59
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	220.01
Tori Guillen	Meter deposit refund	50.00

Electric

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – April 2023	2728.34
US Dept of Energy	WAPA power – April 2023	9061.68
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 5/11	7665.54
Lincoln Financial Life	Life, A&D insurance	131.91
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 5/25	8056.01
Merchant Bank	Credit card processing fees	328.94
NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – May 2023	2315.31
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HAS	1332.54
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – p/e 6/8, Bill-vac/sick	17,762.17
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	93.16
Border States	Operating supplies	48.62
Dutton Lainson	Operating supplies	1,091.56
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1,260.00
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	40.64
Imperial NAPA	Supplies	46.68
Imperial Republican	Publishing	144.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Power – May 2023	10,373.83
One Call Concepts	Diggers hotline locates	7.96
SWPPD	Subtransmission charge	1,639.64
US Dept of Energy	WAPA Power – May 2023	9,271.53
USPS	Postage	144.00
Utilities Section – League	Workshop – Lawless	65.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, small tools	380.12
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	246.43
Tori Guillen	Meter deposit refund	54.91
Heathiest You	Supplemental insurance – Teladoc	37.80
Depository Trust Co	Revenue Bonds – princ pymt	20,000.00
Depository Trust Co	Revenue Bonds – interest pymt	2,516.25

Village Bills

Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 5/11	3,054.56
Lincoln Financial Life	Life, A&D insurance	34.35
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 5/25	3,036.80
Petty Cash	Postage, supplies	25.93
NDEE	Pool operator certificates	120.00
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend/HSA	666.26
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 6/8	2,807.74
Adams Lumber	Repairs at ballfield	157.83
Advanced Automotive	Repairs	64.01
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
Arnold Pool Company	Heater repairs, supplies	816.45
BW Telcom	Phone	662.45
Center Point Large Print	Books	161.52
Chase County Treasurer	Police service contract	1,833.33
D&L Pest Control	Pest control	95.00
D&S Hardware	Repairs – mower	500.95

Michaela Dukes	Fuel	84.76
Eakes Office Plus	Operating supplies	241.55
Gibbens Tree Service	Tree spraying	1,995.00
Great Plains Communications	Phone	57.45
Home Town Agency	Insurance – new backhoe	20.00
Imperial City Utilities	2022 town wide cleanup	119.00
Imperial Republican	Publishing	99.84
Lakeside Sand & Gravel	Crushed asphalt	445.48
League of Nebr Municipalities	Conference – Skelton	505.00
Meadowlark Lane	Bischoff reception	25.56
NMC Exchange	Repairs – unit 27	69.67
Owens True Value	Rental – sod cutter	95.00
Evelyn Skelton	Pool – lifeguard suits	159.07
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3,035.00
Walgren Supermarket	Supplies	81.13
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies, repairs	1,016.93
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	1,608.16
Wauneta-Palisade FFA	Flowers – planters	27.00
Lanessa Wickizer	Lifeguard training	530.00
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Mark Balderston	Cleanup dump site	950.00
Tina Barnard	Cleaning – comm bldg.	54.00
Highway Fund		
ShelCo Construction	Crack Sealing	7,550.50
Keno Acct		
Arbor Rock	Red dirt – ballfield	1,408.00
Stevens Painting	Pool painting	14,800.00
Other		
HFC (Hondo Fanning)	House Demolition	7,300.00

Greg Wolford, W Design, discussed proposed changes to parking and water drainage from BD Construction concerning the School Project. Wolford made several suggestions on these matters that should be addressed with the School before the Board approves any changes. No action was taken.

The Village Board discussed the Emergency Water Main Replacement. No action was taken.

Johnston reviewed the Nursing Home Financial Reports for April 2023 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 Walgren, to approve the WCTC Private Room Rate increase of 5%, effective September 1, 2023. Voting Aye: Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Kramer and Goings. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve the WCTC FYE 6/30/2024 Budget as presented for the Nursing Home. Voting Aye: Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Kramer and Goings. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

The Village Board reviewed the Nursing Home Capital Budget of 1-3 years, as presented. The Board made several suggestions for changes. No action was taken.

Motion made by Walgren, seconded by Einspahr, to approve discontinuing Remote Access to Facility Computers for Nursing Home employees. The change will be effective July 1, 2023. Voting Aye: Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Kramer and Goings. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve the purchase of a new Ice Machine, estimated cost \$3,164.00, for the Nursing Home. Voting Aye: Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Kramer and Goings. Voting Nay: None.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve an invoice from Miller & Associates in the amount of \$8,500.40, for administration of the Davis-Bacon requirements for the USDA HVAC grant (WCTC). Voting Aye: Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Kramer and Goings. Voting Nay: None.

The Board reviewed the Chase County Sheriff's Report for May 2023.

Bill Bischoff informed the Board of curb/drainage way that has deteriorated on Arapahoe due to recent rains. Motion made by Walgren, seconded by Einspahr, to approve the repairs to curb and drainage on Arapahoe and Kiowa (by the storage units); up to \$3,574.00, as the project demands, by Baxter Concrete. Voting Aye: Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Kramer and Goings. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve the 2023 Wage Schedule for Pool and Summer employees, as presented:

Manager	\$11.75 – 12.25/hour
Asst Manager/4 th year	\$11.25 – 11.75/hour
3 rd year guard/employee	\$11.00/hour
2 nd year guard/employee	\$10.75/hour
1 st year guard/employee	\$10.50/hour

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

The Village Board discussed the process for addressing nuisance properties. Arlan Wine will be directing the Village in this matter.

Einspahr gave a report to the Board on the latest Housing Committee Meeting.

Clerk's Report given by Skelton.

Superintendent's Report given by Lawless.

Johnston opened the floor to the public for comments. Alyssa Fields, employee of Wauneta Care and Therapy Center, addressed the Board with concerns she has with the Nursing Home. Johnston directed Miss Fields to follow the grievance procedures as outlined in the Employee Handbook.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Voting Aye: Walgren, Einspahr and Johnston. Absent: Kramer and Goings. Voting Nay: None. Motion approved. Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk