

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 **November 14, 2023**, 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: Crystal Walgren, Bob Goings, Rick Einspahr and Page Johnston. Absent: Beau Kramer.

Guests: Arlan Wine (Village Attorney), Stacy Priebe (Edward Jones), Lonnie & Sheila Alexander and Leanne Klein (Wauneta EMS).

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Imperial Republican on November 9, 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 October 10, 2023. Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Einspahr, to approve Treasurer's Report (October 2022) and approve bills (November 2022) as presented. Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

**Water/Sewer**

NE Dept of Revenue	Sales tax – Sept 2023	382.47
SWPPD	Utilities – well 3	151.95
American Agri Labs	Water test fees	45.50
BW Telcom	Internet/phone – SCADA System	141.17
Bomgaars	Supplies – gloves	47.98
HOA Solution	Service – water tank cleaning	159.75
Imperial Republican	Publishing	18.50
Municipal Supply	Operating supplies	859.60
NDEE – Public Water Operators	License Renewal – Vapenik	115.00
Nebraska Public Health	Water test fees	931.00
Pivot Electric	Repairs	1,293.88
SWPPD	Utilities – new wells	1,050.25
Water – USDA Loan Reserve	Transfer	400.00
Water/Sewer Building Fund	Transfer	1,338.00
Water/Sewer Insurance Fund	Transfer	800.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Signs	12.45
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	187.82
Advanced Auto	Repairs, supplies	28.81

**Electric**

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Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 10/12	6,349.56
US Dept of Energy	Power – Sept 2023	8,552.04
Lincoln National Life	Life, A&D insurance	80.79
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 10/26	6,260.82
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – Stipend/HSA	1,332.54
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 11/9	5,996.01
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	50.00
Bomgaars	Supplies – gloves	23.99
Dutton-Lainson	Operating supplies	409.23
Eakes Office	Office supplies	116.93
Electric Insurance Fund	Transfer	1,260.00
Great Plains Power	Electric line upgrades	10,270.00
Healthiest You	Teladoc – supplemental insurance	28.35
Ideal Linen	Shop towels	40.64
Nebraska Public Power District	Power – Oct 2023	26,173.52
SWPPD	Subtransmission charge	1,639.64
USPS	Postage	102.00
Walgreens Supermarket	Operating supplies	5.05
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	516.76
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	240.78
Advanced Auto	Operating supplies	48.11
US Dept of Energy	WAPA Power – Oct 2023	8,933.09

**Village**

Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 10/12	2,889.57
Productivity Plus	Misc fees	3.43
Lincoln National Life	Life A&D Insurance	34.35
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 10/26	2,686.09
Nebraska State Treasurer	Remit dog license fees	19.52
Village of Wauneta	Payroll – stipend HSA	666.28
Village of Wauneta	Payroll p/e 11/9	3,176.19
Amazon Capital Services	Membership fee, books	399.65
American Heritage Life	Accident insurance	25.00
BW Telcom	Phone	613.44
Tina Barnard	Community Building – cleaning	36.00
Center Point Large Print	Books	26.57
Chase County Treasurer	Police Service Contract	1,833.33
Eakes Office Plus	Copies, office supplies	635.76
Fanning Farm Repair	Repairs – dump truck	5,278.15
Frenchman Auto	Tire repair	20.00
Great Plains Communications	Phone	58.12
Hegwood Inc	Repairs – sprinklers	122.50
HomeTown Agency	Insurance – CAT skidsteer	27.00
Imperial Republican	Publishing	227.50
Jim Pankonin	Ambulance Barn – plumbing repairs	204.00
Pivot Electric	Repairs	32.48
Pumpkin People	Books	14.09

Scotties Potties	Pot cleaning	80.00
Evelyn Skelton	Reimb – rake tines	53.24
VanDiest	Fall fertilizer	340.00
Village Insurance Fund	Transfer	3,035.00
Walgren’s Supermarket	Office supplies	20.13
Wauneta Palisade Schools	Remit license fees collected	300.00
Wauneta Crossroads	Fuel, supplies	448.54
Wauneta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	1,638.90
Arlan Wine	Retainer	300.00
Amanda Ziegler	Books, bookcase	149.07
Advanced Auto	Supplies, tire repair	90.54

**Park Account:**

Arbor Rock	Ballfield – red dirt	44.80
Nitemar Trucking	Ballfield – red dirt	1,386.00

Stacy Priebe, Edward Jones, reviewed the investment portfolios for the Chateau Theatre and made recommendations to the Village Board to change the current structure.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Einspahr, to change the structure of the investments with Edward Jones from “Advisory Solutions” to “Guided Solutions”, and to reiterate that the Village Clerk and the Chairman of the Board are the authorized signers. This would allow the local Edward Jones office to manage the portfolio. Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

Board member Einspahr introduced Ordinance No. 2023-03, an ordinance to vacate a part of Center Street, between Lot 1, Block 1 and Lot 1, Block 2, Sunrise Heights Addition. Clerk Skelton read the Ordinance by title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF WAUNETA, NEBRASKA, TO VACATE A PART OF CENTER STREET, BETWEEN LOT 1, BLOCK 1, SUNRISE HEIGHTS ADDITION AND LOT 1, BLOCK 2, SUNRISE HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF WAUNETA, CHASE COUNTY, NEBRASKA; RESERVING A RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES; PROVIDING FOR REVERSION OF THE OWNERSHIP THEREOF; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

Discussion was held on said ordinance. Chairman Johnston closed the public discussion on Ordinance No. 2023-03.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Goings, that the Statutory Rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended for consideration of said Ordinance. Chairman Johnston asked the question: “Shall the Statutory Rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended?” Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

Skelton read the title of Ordinance No. 2023-03. Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve the final passage of Ordinance No. 2023-03. Johnston asked the question: “Shall Ordinance No. 2023-03 be passed and adopted?” Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Johnston declared Ordinance No. 2023-03 duly adopted.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Einspahr, to authorize Hunter Heating & Cooling to install an air conditioner and furnace in the Ambulance Building Office area based on quote in the amount of \$14,950.00; and to refurbish 2 existing tube heaters in the bay area for an estimated cost of \$2,000.00. Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

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Einspahr and Johnston reviewed Financial Reports (September 2023) and the Nursing Home Committee Meeting Report with the Village Board.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Walgren, to approve the renewal of Group Health Insurance as presented (BCBS) for the Nursing Home. Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Einspahr, to approve a wage increase for Gary Hunt, Nursing Home Maintenance Supervisor, as recommended by WCTC Administration. Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

The Board reviewed the Sheriff's Report for October 2023.

Lawless gave an update to the Board on the status of the Water Tower Project: cleaning and painting the water reservoir.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Goings, to approve an invoice from Maguire Iron, in the amount of \$78,900.00, for work done through October 30, 2023 (cleaning and painting the water reservoir). Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

Motion made by Goings, seconded by Einspahr, to approve sharing cost 50/50 with the Wauneta Chamber for the cost of candy for Santa Saturday. Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

Lawless and Skelton gave the Village Board an update on the status of identified Nuisance properties.

Clerk's Report was given by Skelton.

Superintendent's Report was given by Lawless.

Motion made by Einspahr, seconded by Goings, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Voting Aye: Walgren, Goings, Einspahr and Johnston. Voting Nay: None. Absent: Kramer. Motion Approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Page Johnston, Chairman

Evelyn Skelton, Clerk