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## **VILLAGE OF STAPLEHURST**

### **MEETING MINUTES December 23rd, 2025**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 23rd, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Staplehurst Village Hall. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting in three designated places.

#### **Roll Call:**

Present: Chairperson Frank, Trustees Wilken, Benedict, Hans, Stava

Chairperson Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the meeting room for public review.

#### **Approval of Village Claims**

The Board reviewed and approved claims totaling \$50,195.40. Payments included: Pack N Save \$17.38, Midwest Service & Sales Co. \$134.25, Waste Connections of Nebraska \$140.11, Crouch's Farm and Hardware \$633.01, Farmers Cooperative \$182.92 and \$144.62, Midwest Laboratories, Inc. \$141.85, Wayne Regnier \$183.67, Reed Electric \$665.97, Constellation NewEnergy-Gas \$303.51, Cornhusker Press \$89.85, Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co. \$59.84, One Call Concepts Inc. \$4.49, City of Seward \$1,000.00, Staples \$121.31, Chris Eckles \$2,999.56, Black Hills Energy \$250.61, Jones Group Insurance \$21,659.00, Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$102.00, Nebraska Municipal Clerks Association \$50.00, Norris Public Power District \$1,286.45, and The Depository Trust Company \$20,025.00. Motion by Stava, seconded by Wilken, all in favor: Frank, Hans, Benedict

#### **Fire Department Claims**

The Fire Department approved claims totaling \$1667.23 for operational expenses and equipment. Payments included Midwest Automotive \$822.28 & Fast Mart \$69.95, Macqueen \$775.00. Motion by Benedict, seconded by Wilken, all in favor: Wilken, Benedict, Frank

#### **Fire Department Report**

The Fire Department reported 2 rescue calls and 0 fire calls.

#### **Sheriff's Department Report**

The board reviewed the report from November, no action needed.

#### **Maintenance Report**

1<sup>st</sup> Snow removal of the season went well, ordering more salt, waiting on results from water training certification, used the GPS unit to locate curb stops/fire hydrant stops. Will be looking for a new maintenance truck.

**Appointment of Chairperson**

Wilken nominated Deb Frank as Chair for 2026. Seconded by, Benedict, all in favor, Hans, Stava, Benedict, Wilken

**Re-Appointment of Village Attorney for 2026:** The board appointed Svehla Law Offices, P.C. of York to continue services for 2026. Motioned by Stava, seconded by Wilken, all in favor, Hans, Benedict, Frank

**Re-Appointment of Reed Miller as Village Street Superintendent of 2026:** Motioned by Hans, seconded by Benedict, all in favor, Frank, Wilken, Stava

**Re-Appointment of Miller & Associates as Village Engineer for 2026:** Motioned by Wilken, seconded by Stava, all in favor, Hans, Benedict, Frank

**Approval of Audit Waiver for year ending 9/30/2025/GBE Agreement Signed**

The board reviewed the Oct. 1, 2024 thru September 30, 2025 village audit waiver request form to be submitted to the state, with the services partnered by GBE out of Seward. Motioned by Stava, seconded by Hans, all in favor, Frank, Wilken, Benedict. Agreement letter was signed by Chairperson Frank to move forward.

**Upper Big Blue NRD Hazard Mitigation Resolution 2025-1223:** Village of Staplehurst in partnership with the county to lessen the effects of disasters by increasing disaster resistance. This resolution is required to meet FEMA standards and has been formally adopted. Motioned by Stava, seconded by Benedict, all in favor, Wilken, Frank, Hans

**Street Bond Update:** Street Bond has been paid in full.

**Resident Comments:** None

**Next Meeting** to be held on **January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Benedict, seconded by Stava. All in favor: Wilken, Frank, Hans: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbi McVey-Blath, Village Clerk