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VILLAGE OF STAPLEHURST

MEETING MINUTES, January 27th, 2026

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 27th, 2026, 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 Hans, Wilken

Absent: Trustee Benedict, 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 Village Board reviewed and approved claims for the period of December 23, 2025 through January 26, 2026, totaling \$21,025.80 from Jones National Bank. Claims approved included: Kansas City Life Insurance Co \$832.20 for SVFD-Group GL-23971; Seward County Independent \$53.06 for November minutes/wages/EPA notice; Crouch's Farm and Hardware \$70.28 for kit torch fasteners; Farmers Cooperative \$111.20 for fuel; Nebraska Dept. of Water, Energy & Environment \$28.75 for water operator license-Chris Eckles; CNA Surety Direct Bill \$100.00 for bond 67436070 Debbie S Frank; Sargent Drilling \$990.73 for well & pump test/airline gauge; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co \$59.36 for phone bill; Waste Connections of Nebraska \$140.11 for garbage bill; Constellation NewEnergy-Gas \$503.62 for 200 A Street; Black Hills Energy \$56.00 for 759 A St and \$235.41 for 155 S 3rd; Miller & Associates \$8,730.00 for design/bidding phase services; Farmers Cooperative \$210.82 for fuel truck; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$30.00 for coliform sample; Norris Public Power District \$1,286.45 and \$1,433.45 for city well, 8th St, FD/office, town shop, shop, ball diamond lights, ball diamond well, sewer, sewer plant, ball park restrooms, street lights, 155 S 3rd, 220 A, N 1st St; Walmart \$46.10 for pump house/sewage; One Call Concepts Inc \$2.46 for Diggers hotline; Straight Talk \$58.01 for maintenance phone bill; and payroll payments to Wayne Regnier \$1,630.65, Chris Eckles \$3,405.05, and Bobbi McVey-Blath \$1,012.09.

Motion by Hans, seconded by Wilken, to approve the Village claims. All in favor: Wilken, Frank, Hans

Sheriff's Department Report

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

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department reported mutual aid rescue for Bee and one call.

Fire Department Claims

The Fire Department approved claims totaling \$128.73 for operational expenses and equipment. Payments included Fast Mart \$105.37, Bound Tree \$23.36.

Motion by Hans, second by Wilken, all in favor; Hans, Frank, Wilken

Water Tower Project Update

Reed from Miller & Associates provided an update; the workplan has been submitted to the EPA & approved. Village Clerk to complete Grant training and submit completion to the EPA. Photo examples were provided to the board on what the new tower will look like. M&E has also been in contact with DWEE. The SRF program has committed funds for a loan at the interest rate on 1.5% for the \$180,000 to be paid by the village.

Maintenance Report

Well test came back fair to good. Waste Water training to be held in March. \$550 for application. Ordered more salt. Motion to approve cost for application: Motion by Hans, second by Wilken, all in favor Hans, Wilken, Frank

Clerk Report

Mandatory Clerk Training will take place in March. Fee to enroll is approximately \$270. Approved by the board. Motion to approve cost for enrollment: Motion by Hans, second by Wilken, all in favor, Hans, Wilken, Frank

Meeting Date Change:

Normal date of February's meeting was Feb. 24th. Chair Frank & Village Clerk will be gone. In addition Trustee Hans submitted his resignation to the board due to relocating out of Staplehurst. At the risk of not having a full forum, it was voted on the move the meeting to **February 17th @7:00pm**. Motion by Wilken, second by Hans, all in favor Hans, Wilken, Frank

Residents Comments:

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Hans, seconded by Wilken. All in favor: Wilken, Frank, Hans. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi McVey-Blath
Village Clerk