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VILLAGE OF STAPLEHURST

MEETING MINUTES, July 28th, 2026

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 28th, 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.

Chair Wilken 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.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Wilken, Trustees Stava, Benedict, Novotny

Approval of Village Claims

The Clerk presented claims for the period of July 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026. Claims totaling \$23,509.76 were presented as follows: Norris Public Power District \$1,366.45 (city well, 155 S. 3rd, 220 A Street, sewer N 1st, sewer plant, ball park restrooms, street lights, town shop, ball field lights, ball diamond well); Chris Eckles \$400.00 (July health insurance reimbursement); Southeast Nebraska Development District \$346.00 (annual membership); Miller & Associates \$262.50 (ARPA file maintenance and correspondence); H&S Plumbing, Heating & Air \$552.66 (745 A Street, repair water services, camera); JR's Water, Sewer & Septic \$500.00 (east/west culvert dig out, 7th and C); Svehla Law Offices, P.C. \$136.00 (150 South/400 A Street correspondence); Farmers Cooperative \$85.84 (fuel, 23.2 gallons); Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$15.00 (coliform sample, 6/23/26); RK Bookkeeping LLC \$75.00 (invoice corrections, GL correction); Black Hills Energy \$172.02 (155 S. 3rd); Farmers Cooperative \$80.47 (fuel for pickup); Constellation NewEnergy-Gas \$13.01 (155 S. 3rd); Midwest Auto Parts Inc \$83.04 (hose, ext life, sealant, bonder); Northeast Neb Tele Co \$59.75 (phone bill); Waste Connections of Nebraska \$280.22 (monthly garbage pickup, 200 A Street, 759 A Street, ball diamond, south 3rd); Seward County Independent \$28.64 (May legal minutes); Midwest Laboratories, Inc. \$141.85 (shipping, monthly effluent test, supplies); Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$17.00 (colilert sample); Jones Group Insurance \$12,961.00 (FD auto, liability, property, umbrella insurance); Crouchs Farm and Hardware \$161.07 (battery, bleach, key, liner, hose, hydraulic fluid); Post Office \$81.12 (stamps for July invoices); One Call Concepts Inc \$6.69 (transaction fee, May 811 calls, June 811 calls); Chris Eckles \$1,984.19 (gross wages, June 27 through July 10); Wayne Regnier \$585.30 (June payroll); Chris Eckles \$2,269.53 (gross wages, June 12 through 26); Bobbi McVey-Blath \$845.41 (June 1 through June 29 payroll). Motion to approve Stava, seconded by Benedict, all in favor, Wilken, Novotny

Sheriff's Department Report

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

Fire Department Claims

Fire Department claims were presented for July, 2026. Claims totaling \$173.75 were presented as follows: Fast Mart for fuel. Motion to approve Stava, seconded by Novotny, all in favor Wilken, Benedict

Fire Department Report

4 rescue/1 mutual aid for Bee. Contract that was approved last month has had some amendments, meeting to be held at Civic Center on July 30th to review. Chair Wilken will attend.

Tyler Stron: Building Permit

The request was for the demolition of the abandoned home at 400 A St. It was also requested that the sidewalk on the west side of North 3rd be removed along with the driveway and culvert.

Motion to approve, Novotny, seconded by Benedict, all in favor Wilken, Stava

Maintenance Report

Water leak at 250 N 4th, water will be shut off until fixed. The village is required to locate all lead piping per the state. This is a large cost and requests are being made to the state for funding if they want this completed. Waiting on one additional bid for the alley behind the post office, requests have been made to Hartman and Golden Rule.

Clerk Report:

Ordinance No. 2026-01, Roosters Prohibited, was presented to the Board. The ordinance adds Section 2-308 to the Village Code, prohibiting the keeping of roosters within the corporate limits, and was prepared with the assistance of the Village Attorney. The Board reviewed the ordinance and, upon motion by Benedict, seconded by Stava, voted to pass and approve the ordinance as presented. All in favor-Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that the ordinance will be published in pamphlet form, as authorized by the Board, in lieu of publication in a legal newspaper. The pamphlet is to be posted at the Village office and made available to residents upon request on August 1, 2026, with the ordinance becoming effective fifteen (15) days thereafter.

Residents Comments:

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Stava, seconded by Benedict. All in favor: Wilken, Benedict, Novotny

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting, August 25th at 7pm

Village Clerk, Bobbi McVey-Blath