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VILLAGE OF STAPLEHURST

MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 24, 2025

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 24th, 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 Benedict, Stava, Wilken

Absent: Trustee Hans

Chairperson Frank called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and announced that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the meeting room for public review.

Clean-up Courtesy Letter Comments

Comments were offered to the public regarding the clean-up courtesy letters. The Kloppels and Prochnows asked questions regarding their properties and next steps.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Stava, seconded by Benedict, to approve the June 10th, 2025 special meeting minutes. All in favor: Stava, Benedict, Wilken, Frank.

Approval of Village Claims

Village claims presented for approval: MMC CONSULTING LLC \$21.25, PABIAN PARTNERS, INC \$138.75, MILLER & ASSOCIATES \$1,097.35, NEBRASKA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION \$200.00, SEWARD COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$61.20, NE MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION \$50.00, MIDWEST LABORATORIES, INC \$141.85, BEAVER HARDWARE \$460.86, FARMERS COOPERATIVE \$73.79, USA BLUE BOOK \$329.33, SEWARD COUNTY INDEPENDENT \$275.57, NORTHEAST NEB TELE CO \$63.72, WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEB \$140.11, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB \$17.00, CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY-GAS \$45.62, LEE ENTERPRISES/LEE ADVERTISING \$355.00, EMPLOYERS MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY \$1,376.20, BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$156.33, NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$1,547.92, JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL \$143.00, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB \$17.00, BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$58.97, NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB \$203.00, POST OFFICE \$75.92, WEEBLEY \$79.00, LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES \$438.00, STAPLES \$565.85, POST OFFICE \$78.10, ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC \$3.39, WEEBLEY \$79.00, JAMISON FERN \$642.20, JAMISON FERN \$413.10, BOBBI MCVEY-BLATH \$1,344.00, WAYNE REGNIER \$1,500.00.

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

Fire Department Report

The Fire Department reported 4 rescue calls in Seward and Bee. They are organizing a fun run for October 25th and requested to temporarily block streets from 7:45-9:45 a.m. from South to A Street and 3rd to 8th Street.

Motion by Stava, seconded by Benedict, to approve the street closure for the Fire Department fun run. All in favor: Wilken, Frank, Stava, and Benedict.

Fire Department Claims

Fire Department claims presented: SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION \$488.50, FAST MART \$212.87, STATE FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING \$50.00.

Motion by Stava, seconded by Benedict, to approve Fire Department claims. All in favor: Wilken, Frank, Stava, Benedict.

Sheriff's Department Report

Deputy Bailey attended the meeting as the village contact. The village is to send waiver schedule to the Sheriff's Department and provide the village attorney with contact information.

Jones Insurance Bid

The Jones Insurance bid was reviewed. The board requested a review for an updated quote by Suhr and Lichty for comparison. Item moved to next month's meeting.

Maintenance Report

- Sloup Mowing will be scheduled for Mondays and will clean up the park prior to the street dance
- One job application was received that fit the location requirements; an interview will be scheduled along with a review of the sewer plant
- Wastewater return pump: Wayne requested to purchase a return pump as the plant is currently dealing with sludge. Cutting trees around the area will also help.

Motion by Stava, seconded by Benedict, to approve the estimated purchase of a wastewater return pump for \$900. All in favor: Wilken, Frank, Stava, Benedict.

Chair Report

The deadline to have property cleaned up will be July 29th. Residents have 5 days to schedule a meeting. If property does not meet ordinance standards, the village has the authority to clean it up with a contractor, and the property owner will receive the bill.

Clerk Report

The new website will be ready on July 1st.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Stava, seconded by Benedict. All in favor: Wilken, Frank, Benedict, Stava. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi McVey-Blath
Village Clerk