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VILLAGE OF STAPLEHURST

MEETING MINUTES, May 26th, 2026

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 26th, 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.

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.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Frank, Trustees Wilken, Benedict, Novotny

Absent: Stava

Approval of Village Claims

The Clerk presented claims for the period of April 29, 2026 through May 26, 2026. Claims totaling \$17,661.55 were presented as follows: Chris Eckles \$800.00 (insurance reimbursement, March and April); GPM Environmental Solutions LLC \$508.00 (service call, calibrate Pulsar meter); Staplehurst Women's Club \$2,000.00 (donation, Community Hall bathroom); Seward County Independent \$41.59 (legal minute posting); Crouchs Farm and Hardware \$154.51 (return connector difference, maintenance department wheel measure, ball field maintenance wire/cap, ball field bathrooms); Immense Impact LLC \$812.00 (website annual renewal 2026); Midwest Laboratories, Inc. \$141.85 (monthly effluent/shipping, April); Southern Seven Clerks Association \$10.00 (membership dues 2026); Farmers Cooperative \$353.44 (fuel — diesel 32.629 gallons, gas 24.11 gallons); Pac N Save \$31.15 (plumbing, account 2758); Waste Connections of Nebraska \$140.11 (waste pickup, May); JR's Water, Sewer & Septic \$800.00 (camera, between N. 6th & 7th on B Street); Svehla Law Offices, P.C. \$578.00 (resolutions, dangerous buildings/letters); Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co. \$59.63 (May phone bill); Bobbi McVey-Blath \$46.00 (reimbursement, courthouse filing); Chris Eckles \$130.50 (mileage 4/14 & 5/11, 180 miles, water); Farmers Cooperative \$109.88 (truck fuel); Spickelmier & Sons \$1,450.00 (jetter, alley behind bar; jetter, North 7th/C Street); Black Hills Energy \$223.73 (759 A Street, 155 S. 3rd, 200 A Street); Constellation NewEnergy-Gas \$148.31 (200 A Street, 155 S. 3rd); Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$63.00 (Colilert Quantitray 2000, coliform/nitrate/routine check); Norris Public Power District \$1,275.45 (city well, village/FD, town shop, city well, ball diamond lights, ball diamond well, sewer, sewer plant, ball park restrooms, streetlights, shop 220 A Street); Post Office \$80.34 (postage, May invoices); One Call Concepts Inc. \$3.79 (locate fee); United States Treasury \$31.44 (3 certified letters); Bobbi McVey-Blath \$1,287.21 (April payroll — Medicare tax, NE SS tax, NE SUI); Chris Eckles \$2,466.26 (gross wages April 11–27, Medicare tax, SST); Wayne Regnier \$811.96 (April wages — Medicare tax, SS tax, NE SUI); Chris Eckles \$3,103.40 (May 15, 2026 gross wages — Medicare tax, Social Security).

Motion to approve Wilken, seconded by Benedict, all in favor Frank, Wilken, Benedict

Sheriff's Department Report

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

Fire Department Claims

Fire Department claims were presented for the periods of April and May 2026. April claims totaling \$815.44 were presented as follows: State Fire Marshal Training \$50.00 (FF May Hazmat Training); NE State Fire School \$170.00 (FF Emons Fire School Training); Bound Tree \$263.71 (EMS supplies); Fast Mart \$331.73 (fuel). May claims totaling \$134.87 were presented as follows: Hydraulic Equipment \$14.03 (gauge for Unit 54); Fast Mart \$120.84 (fuel). Total of \$950.31. Motion to approve Wilken, seconded by Benedict, all in favor Wilken, Frank, Benedict

Fire Department Report 2 Rescue calls, 2 fire calls, Requested to close 3rd street and A st on Oct. 31st from 7AM-11AM for the Fun Run. Motion to approve street closing Benedict, seconded by Wilken, all in favor Frank, Wilken, Benedict, Novotny

New Fire Contract with Rural District was approved and all signed copies were made by Tyler Strong, Chair Frank and Clerk McVey-Blath. Motion to approve Benedict, seconded by Wilken, all in favor, Frank, Novotny, Benedict, Wilken.

Building Permit-Meyer

Building of a small storage shed located at 700 South Street was reviewed and approved. Motion to approve, Novotny, seconded by Wilken, all in favor Frank, Novotny, Wilken. Nay Benedict

Park Fence

Paul Duer requested that the village complete the Operation Round Up Grant. Duer will provide the clerk with all information pertaining to the grant. Motion to approve, Benedict, seconded by Novotny, all in favor; Frank, Wilken, Novotny, Benedict.

Maintenance Report

Everything seems to be running smoothly in town. The discussion for a new maintenance pickup was raised again. The board will provide potentially 3 options/pricing for the board to discuss at the June meeting. Alley estimate has not been received, will also be added to the June agenda. Laptop isn't working, will and an IT Tech work on it, but will also do some pricing for a new laptop. The amount agreed upon, if needed, is \$1500. Motion for amount Benedict, seconded by Wilken, all in favor Frank, Wilken, Benedict, Novotny.

Parking lines will be painted in June. The Fire Department will help by cleaning the streets. Notifications will go out to residents when the dates are set.

Bar/Keno:

A Request was presented to the board from Good Ol Days manager Alicia McVey to have the street closed for the July 11th street dance. The street closure will be the block of A St between 3rd & 4th. Motioned to approve by Benedict, seconded by Wilken, all in favor Novotny, Wilken, Benedict; refrained from vote Frank.

A Sales Outlet Operator Agreement for Keno was also presented to the board for approval. This agreement is between CBLAKE, LLC and DSFRANK, LLC "Operator". The board reviewed the contract and made a motion to approve. Motioned by Benedict, seconded by Novotny, all in favor Wilken, Novotny, Benedict. Refrained from vote Frank.

Chair Report:

Update on dangerous building properties of 150 South and 400 A street, certified letters were received by the property owners early May, no meeting within the 14 day time period was requested by either party. Currently waiting on word from village attorney on villages next steps.
A reminder letter for property clean up will go out in the June invoice.
Last April property 805 A street annexed part of the property, this is to notify the board that more HWY allocation funds could be provided to the village in the future.
Tower designs were discussed.

Well &Transmission Grant updates were shared by Trustee Wilken. Currently the village was initially approved for a new well house and filtration system, still needs to go through two other levels for final approval from the government. Pending final notification.

Rooster Ordinance was brought up by Trustee Benedict. The clerk will provide the board with two written ordinance ideas for the June meeting. Further discussion to be had if ordinance is added will be for accountability and monitoring.

Residents Comments:

Jon Propst, candidate for District 3 Commission introduced himself.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Benedict, seconded by Novotny. All in favor: Wilken, Frank, Benedict, Novotny
Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Next Meeting, June 30th at 7pm

Village Clerk, Bobbi McVey-Blath