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## **VILLAGE OF STAPLEHURST**

### **MEETING MINUTES November 25th, 2025**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 25th, 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

Absent: Trustee Stava, Hans

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 October 26, 2025 through November 30, 2025, totaling \$17,991.36 from Jones National Bank. Claims approved included: Lincoln Winwater Works \$1,426.87 for leak/emergency stock; John Deere Financial \$43.64 for 2.5 gallon Cool Gard and \$43.64 for filters; RK Bookkeeping LLC \$112.00 for Sage consulting; Seward County Independent \$34.09 for legal minutes; Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co \$61.66 for phone bill; Pack N Save \$41.93 for key copies; Seward Lumber \$131.62 for wood for shop; Waste Connections of Nebraska \$140.11 for garbage pickup; Black Strap Inc \$225.00 for salt for street; Crouch's Farm and Hardware \$23.94 for bleach and flashlight; Beaver Hardware \$122.39 for various tools, trimmer fuel line, and marking wand; Midwest Laboratories, Inc \$160.84 for effluent check and shipping; Farmers Cooperative \$256.66 and \$146.81 for fuel; Black Hills Energy \$206.78 for 155 S 3rd, 200 A, and 759 A St; GBE \$4,250.00 for annual review/audit; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$31.00 for coliform and nitrate check; Constellation NewEnergy-Gas \$66.00 for 200 A and 155 S 3rd; Staplehurst 150th Celebration \$500.00 donation; payroll payments to Wayne Regnier \$1,500.00 for October and \$1,500.00 for November, Chris Eckles \$2,254.54 for October 25-November 8th and \$2,389.98 for November 9th-November 21st, and Bobbi McVey-Blath \$942.76 for October 26th-November 25th; Norris Public Power District \$1,264.45 for city well, FD/office, shop, town shop, ball diamond lights, sewer, ball park restroom, street lights, sewer plant, and well; Post Office \$83.46 for November invoices; One Call Concepts Inc \$1.69 for Diggers hotline; and Remote PC \$29.50 for computer access. Motion by Wilken, seconded by Benedict, to approve the Village claims. All in favor: Wilken, Frank, Benedict

#### **Fire Department Claims**

The Fire Department approved claims totaling \$936.57 for operational expenses and equipment.

Payments included Bound Tree \$437.36 & Fast Mart \$46.36, Stryker \$452.85

Motion by Benedict, seconded by Wilken, all in favor: Wilken, Benedict, Frank

## **Fire Department Report**

The Fire Department reported 1 rescue call and 1 fire call, 1 controlled burn.

Trench in Fire Station is broken, angle iron is sticking up, south street side. Board will look at it to find a solution for Decembers meeting.

Life Insurance is coming due, will review next month after the Fire Department votes on members. Overhead door on hold for now.

## **Sheriff's Department Report**

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

## **EPA Water Tower Funded Project (Miller & Associates)**

Discussion on water tower project updates-

The Board received notification that the EPA has approved the Village's request for the water tower construction project. The Village will provide the required 20% cost-share match for the new water tower construction, with the work plan to commence over the next few months.

Soil Investigation Servies: The board will pay an estimated amount of \$4,000 to schedule the company to begin process. Miller & Associates will reach out to the company that worked with the Village of Bradshaw who recently built a new water tower. Motion by Benedict, seconded by Wilken, all in favor: Wilken, Benedict, Frank

**Insurance Review:** The board reviewed two pricing options for the upcoming year 2026 for insurance coverage. EMC, who is our current provider, and CWG. EMC does not cover building 155 S 3<sup>rd</sup> and 100 A St, therefore the board voted to work with CWG to ensure coverage for commercial buildings, property and equipment. Motion by Benedict, seconded by Wilken, all in favor: Wilken, Benedict, Frank

## **Chairperson:**

Chairperson Frank brought up the need to make sure we know where all shut-off valves are located and which ones needed fixed. Clerk to follow up with Miller & Associates to check on previous records from 3 years ago. This Spring, Chris will work with M&A to get those repaired and located.

## **Maintenance Report**

Christmas light to be hung Monday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tractor tires were replaced, Equipment ready for winter, Class 4 certification training will be held Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, Flushed water tower/pumps.

## **Clerk Report:**

Santa 2025 event was discussed, to be held Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Community Hall, finalizing will be based on finding a Santa.

## **Resident Comments:** None

**Next Meeting** to be held on **December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm**

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Benedict, seconded by Wilken. All in favor: Wilken, Frank, Benedict: Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbi McVey-Blath, Village Clerk