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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 3rd 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. 2nd, Tractor tires were replaced, Equipment ready for winter, Class 4 certification training will be held Dec. 2nd-4th, Flushed water tower/pumps.

Clerk Report:

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

Resident Comments: None

Next Meeting to be held on **December 23rd 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