

The Village of Nehawka Board of Trustees met in regular session, an open and public meeting, on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, in the Nehawka Community Building. Notice of meeting was posted on August 4, 2026 in three (3) locations – Village office window (217 Sherman Ave), Nehawka Post Office (418 Elm St), and First State Bank (412 Elm St). Chairman Chad Krueger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., noted the location of the Open Meetings Act for public viewing and roll call of the board. In attendance: Trustees: Chad Krueger, Tim Dineen, Ian Beggeman and Pat Neu; Attorney, Tom Pritchett; Maintenance Ryan Adams; and 15 visitors. Board Trustee Matt Anson was absent.

July 1, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Neu to approve July 1 special meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Krueger. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Anson absent.

July 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Neu to approve July 8 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Begemann. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Anson absent.

July 21, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Neu to approve July 8 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Krueger. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Anson absent.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Krueger to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Neu. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Anson absent.

Claims: A motion was made by Neu to approve the claims, seconded by Krueger. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Anson absent.

Correspondence: (1) IMEG Corp- An associate gave some grant info for village improvements. Grant opportunities included Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCFF), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

(2) A resident emailed about concerns about rock and dirt being dumped by the Elm St bridge and blocking the ditch causing water to back up and making it hard for them to mow

(3) John Henderson and Cathy Knabe donated earnings from recycling scrap metal from clean up days in the amount of \$30

(4) NWEE- new permit applications need to be filed within 180 days of expiration of current permit

(5) First State Bank- village checking accounts are being reclassified but operate the same as before

(6) John Winters reached out to request recent profit/loss reports and balance sheet

Maintenance Report: Ryan Adams noted sewer permit filled out but not submitted yet. Village mower was repaired under warranty. Almost done switching community building lights to LEDs inside. New pits were installed at the church and community building.

Zoning and Planning Commission: No zoning members present, noted no new permits. Zoning and Planning meeting on Wednesday August 19 2026 at 6:30 pm to discuss a proposed amendment to section 2.2 of the Nehawka zoning ordinance

Rescue Report: Rescue Not Present.

1. Review/Acceptance of Ambulance Insurance Policy A motion was made by Krueger to approve the Insurance Policy contingent on workman comp coverage, seconded by Begemann. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Anson absent
2. Consideration/Submission/Public Comment Ordinance 2026-3 an Ordinance amending article 2 of the Village of Nehawka Zoning Ordinance by amending section 2.2 and prohibiting the construction of data centers within the zoning jurisdiction of Nehawka, Nebraska/Amending article 2.2 of the Nehawka zoning ordinances

- Visitor is concerned about data center developers wanting to use Nehawka land for power plants to power data centers
- Many visitors voiced concerns about data centers and their opposition to them in Nehawka
- Some concern about the ordinance being too vague
- Zoning meeting to discuss data centers August 19 2026 at 6:30pm and special board meeting to follow August 26 2026 at 7 pm

3. Nuisance citation- ___ Maple Ave, Bel Fury Investments Group property is a standalone garage, weeds, grass, and shrubbery have grown in excess of 12" around building area and lot has only been getting partial mows

Motion by Begemann to cite owner seconded by Krueger. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Anson absent.

4. Nuisance citation- 509 Elm St property has been cited previously there is unmowed grass and overgrown weeds exceeding 12" through property and tires, windows, and other debris; multiple sections of wood fence in disrepair and/or removed and leaning against other sections of fencing, fence and storage buildings are encroaching on village property

Motion by Krueger to cite owner seconded by Neu. Begemann voted against All other members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Anson absent.

5. Nuisance citation- 525 Main St overgrown weeds along house foundation; unmowed grass over 12" and weeds throughout property; accumulation of buckets, crates, and discards Motion by Krueger to cite owner seconded by Neu All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Anson absent.

6. Review/Approval of Lengemann + Assoc engagement letter- the board noted a slight increase from last years agreement Motion by Begemann to approve and sign new agreement seconded by Neu All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Anson absent

7. Update to SLFRF/Covid Funds Report- 2023 and 2024 not yet submitted. Of dispersed funds, all but \$0.17 was used.

8. Update- water meters at Community Building and United Methodist Church- everything is finished and now state compliant

9. Consideration/Approval of renewal of 2026 Skid Loader Lease: Bobcat renewal has increased in price from \$5,500 to \$7,000 annually. New Holland quoted \$11,000 but was unclear if this was a 1 or 3 year lease. Motion by Begemann to approve new Bobcat lease contingent on clarification on lease length from New Holland Seconded by Krueger Neu voted against, all other present members voted in favor, motion passed. Anson absent

10. Public Comment, Concerns and Input: Visitor concerned about Bobcat usage compared to cost and that it's not used enough to justify the high rental cost. Neu doesn't think it's a necessity to have our own as we can borrow or rent to save the money. Visitor agrees and feels like it's an "extra" we can't afford. Begemann and Krueger feel like it saves on time and we could potentially end up spending more money with renting. Begemann clarifies that Ryan tracks all the usage of the skid loader so money for its lease comes out of each relevant account fairly. Visitor asks if we have an ordinance regarding size of branches that are allowed in brush pile- we don't but 6-8 inches across is general rule of thumb

Any other business pertinent to Village Operation: Board reviewed customer balance summary report. Two water disconnect notices are going out

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. by Begemann, seconded by Krueger. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Anson absent.

Attest: Kaitlin Finchum Clerk/Treasurer