

The Village of Nehawka Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, in the Nehawka Community Building. 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 Begemann, and Pat Neu; Maintenance Ryan Adams and 12 guests. Board Trustee Matt Anson was absent. Village attorney, Tom Prickett was absent.

May 4, 2026 and May 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Begemann to approve May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 13, 2026, meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Dineen. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Anson absent.

Board Trustee Anson arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Begemann to approve the June 10, 2026, treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Krueger. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence: (1) First State Bank Inactivity mailing that the savings account for the Communications Tower has had no activity for ten (10) months and will become dormant in three months. Neu informed that June claims included the cell tower consultant fee. (2) NextLink service appointment – village office internet service was upgraded on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. (3) Email from League of Nebraska Municipalities and endorsed by America 250 and the National League of Cities to *Light to Unite* which is a national call for cities and towns across America to light landmarks red, white and blue on the evening of July 4<sup>th</sup>. (4) Notice from Amazon Business Prime membership is set for renewal for \$179 on June 28, 2026. Neu reviewed membership benefits of one day delivery and earn rewards – membership was cancelled. (5) Letter from State of Nebraska Re Public Water System – Village passed inspection and no deficiencies were found in system

Maintenance Report: Ryan Adams noted he met with state inspector regarding the village's public water system – spread rock at sewer plant by intake structure and parking area – patched the two large holes at railroad tracks – coordinating work and helping with assembly of the replacement ballfield lights – burned brush pile – lots of mowing and cleanup. Chairman Krueger thanked Ryan for coordinating and helping with ballfield lights, noted the number of volunteers that helped with all aspects of the lighting project from NPPD setting the poles, Kinetic boring cable, legion team/coaches and village residents – many thanks.

Zoning and Planning Commission: Building permit for a house addition and single car garage at 5480 Rita Lane was approved by the Zoning Commission at June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Rescue Report: McKenna Sobota reported that rescue had a few calls. – looking and need drivers – noted receipt of new rescue applicant and is currently on fire department. Dineen asked about having regular meetings and has received complaints about lack of meetings. Sobota noted that the squad is trying to schedule and meet regularly.

1. Consideration/Approval of Building Permit 2026-3 – 5480 Rita Lane / House addition and garage. Gene Monroe noted that house addition of approximately 1,000 sq. ft of living space and a single car garage has been completed and no building permit was initially filed for the project. Cass County Zoning was contacted and unsure of the inspection and approval process at this time. A motion was made by Krueger to approve building permit, seconded by Dineen. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Approve/Adopt Ordinance 2026-1. An Ordinance to be Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nehawka, Cass County, Nebraska Revising the provision of the Village Code Relating to Water Rates and Sewer Rates and to Repeal Ordinances Contrary Thereto. Neu noted the water and sewer rate change. Water will increase to \$41.00 per 3,000 gallons minimum usage and sewer rate will increase to \$42.00 per 3,000 gallons minimum water usage. Water and Sewer rates over the 3,000 gallons minimum is unchanged with water to remain at \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons over minimum and sewer to remain at \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons over minimum. A motion by Begemann to adopt Ordinance 2026-1, seconded by Anson. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.
3. Approve/Adopt Ordinance 2026-2. An Ordinance Adopting the Nebraska Basic Code of Ordinance dated October 1, 2025, and all ordinances pertaining to subjects not embraced in the Nebraska Basic Code of Ordinances shall remain in effect unless repealed expressly or by necessary implication. The item was tabled awaiting draft of the document.
4. Consideration of Clerk/Treasurer Position. Noted that there are two (2) applicants for clerk/treasurer position. Since one (1) applicant was vacationing, item was tabled and rescheduled to either June 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> pending availability of applicants and consideration of July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.
5. Legion Baseball Fundraising Options. Item was moved to end of the agenda or will be tabled pending later meeting attendance by John Morrical.
6. Consideration/Discussion to Purchase Three (3) Manhole Covers. Manhole covers need to be replaced at Nehawka Road by Sewer Plant and at Community Building. Purchasing a third used cover for future needs. A motion was made by Begemann to purchase three manhole covers, seconded by Krueger. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.
7. Re-evaluate/Contract for replacement of three (3) Hydrants. Noted that this is the last of the Covid money. Maintenance will contact Kerns or another contractor to schedule. Since funds are limited, they will need to determine the priority of replacing hydrants.
8. Consideration/Discussion for 2026 Dust Control Application – Conestoga Road. Krueger noted that a quote was received for \$1,250.00. Highway account would pay for 2026 one-time application of 1,000 feet and benefit of reduced dust by truck traffic. A motion was made by Begemann to approve 2026 Dust Control Application, seconded by Dineen. Neu voted no, Krueger abstained. Three votes in favor. Motion carried.
9. Quotes/Install Water Meters at Community Building and United Methodist Church. Noted that the village needs to be in compliance with regulations. Maintenance to get quotes for installation. Item tabled upon receipt of quotes.
10. Discuss/Approval of Set-up Parking on Elm Street with Painted Stripping. Discussion on need to stripe, usage of Highway funds, equipment/materials needed, and additional work/upkeep for maintenance. A motion was made by Begemann to approve painted stripping on Elm Street (main business area), seconded by Dineen. Voting no – Anson, Neu, Krueger. Motion failed.
11. Discussion/ Having Vehicles Tagged/Towed without Board Approval. Discussion if appropriate for board to contact sheriff office to tag or too extreme action by board to act – a nuisance citation should be first approach – noted that per our insurance agent, parking unmovable equipment is not a liability to village but could create a dangerous situation since tow bar was in lane and parked over sidewalk, a basic ordinance was found to address this situation for removal. Begemann and Krueger noted that they have addressed parking issues with property owner without a favorable outcome. Dineen noted that he will address property owner for removal of equipment off Elm Street.
12. John Henderson: Henderson asked the board about adding new drain tubez(s) at 704 Elm Street property. The Board saw no issues with work and acknowledged approval.
13. Update on Rescue Squad Insurance added to Village Policy. Neu noted that our insurance agent is working on splitting the fire and rescue policy and this could take some time – rescue still has insurance coverage during the process. A claim was filed for rearend damage in March 2026. The board discussed that rescue claims could be limited to a minimum dollar amount.

14. Consideration/Approval of Heritage Festival Chat. Noted the festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2026. Lack of attendance at previous meetings and if the village wants to proceed with the festival this year. Discussed maybe no need for beer garden – have vendor fair and car show only – last year’s event was very positive for Nehawka and many good comments were received – Methodist Church council comments on many kid events at village events – looking for chairman to organize/run festival this year – change festival meeting dates/times to Sunday at 6 p.m.
15. Approve Water Deposit Refund – 320 North Street. A motion was made by Krueger to refund the water deposit, seconded by Dineen. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.
16. COVID/SLFRF Fund Update. Neu noted that the Project and Expenditure Report due in December 2025 could not be finalized/certified. Informed that the village account had problems that US Treasury resolved – we were locked out and not able to update – lack of understanding on information to fill in report – On May 28, 2026, listed total funds received - \$37,521.40, first obligation report/certified in 2022 - \$14,299.23, and obligations unable to be reported/certified in 2024 - \$23,222.00. Uploaded project invoices of second phase work completed and total obligations/expenditures spent, listed the eight (8) projects which totaled \$23,222.00, and noted remaining funds unspent is \$0.17. Waiting for a US Treasury reply to the village’s May 28<sup>th</sup> report.

Public Comment, Concerns and Input: June Bennett asked if this month’s water readings have been calculated and determined additional water overage. Neu noted that meters were just read and no calculations had been made.

Any other business pertinent to Village Operation: John Henderson asked if board was working on building for future – water/sewer rates are too low for infrastructure improvements – board has received SENDD survey, Krueger noted that MAPA is recommended for village assistance – Sue Svanda asked about rats found in two (2) residences and one residence had multiples – Teara Adams asked if could report to HHS or send nuisance citation – Neu asked a member of Village Board of Health if he would have any recommendations on issue – no resolve to issue. Reviewed Customer Balance Summary and two disconnect notices will be mailed with June statements.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. by Krueger, seconded by Dineen. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

*Attest: Pat Neu, Acting Clerk/Treasurer*