

Board of Trustee Neu contacted Scott Hrabik, JEO Consulting and Engineering, LLC to meet and view the village's streets and determine needs for the 1- and 6-year Street and Road Plan. JEO set the meeting for May 4, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. All board members were invited to attend. Trustees, Chad Krueger, Ian Begemann, and Pat Neu; Maintenance, Ryan Adams attended and met at the Nehawka Community Building with Scott Hrabik. The current 1-year and 6-year plans were reviewed, and street needs were discussed and prioritized. The intersection of Elm Street and Sherman Avenue was moved to the 1-year plan due to its deterioration. Scott Hrabik will update the 1- and 6-year plans as discussed and will provide work/repair estimates for the Elm St/Sherman Ave intersection for the May 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. The road planning ended at approximately 1:40 pm.

*Attest: Pat Neu, Acting Clerk/Treasurer  
Village of Nehawka Board of Trustees*

The Village of Nehawka Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, May 13, 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, Matt Anson, and Pat Neu; Maintenance Ryan Adams and 12 guests. Village attorney, Tom Prickett arrived at 7:08 p.m.

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

April 22, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Anson to approve the April 22, 2026 special meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Neu. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Neu noted that the Library account will run out of funds in the next twelve months. A motion was made by Neu to approve May 13, 2026 treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Begemann. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence: (1) Email/phone call from First State Bank to inform village that accounts exceed FDIC insurance coverage by \$33K. *Neu will contact FSB next week to secure the excess funds.* (2) Nehawka Rural Fire District letter dated May 5, 2026 informing village that NRFD will no longer carry the Nehawka Rescue insurance policy as of June 1, 2026 due to excessive claims driving up NRFD's insurance. Board will explore options for continued coverage for the Rescue Squad. (3) 2026 Dust Control Application for Maple Ave to Conestoga Road. Bid is \$1,250. *This item will be added to the June 10, 2026 Agenda for consideration/approval.* (4) State of Nebraska Board of Engineers & Architects provided two copies of their 2025 Regulation Act handbook and their board's rules and regulations regarding construction, renovation and addition projects. The handbook is an aid with review of our building permits.

Maintenance Report: Ryan Adams noted that asphalt chunks have been cleaned up; ordered UV lights for sewer plant; sewer line at service tap was broken at 513 North Street and repairs were completed; the village brush pile was cleaned up and noted that village residents are not to bring very large tree trunks or limbs; clean-up days were very busy – had to bring in two more dumpsters – scrap metal was sold for \$631 and will help with dumpster costs; dirt has been added around Park sidewalk and pavilion; pipe overflow at our water tower was repaired; 3 new light poles for ballpark were delivered; porta potties at ballfield need to be cleaned.

Zoning and Planning Commission: Building permit for a fence at 617 Elm Street was approved by Zoning Commission on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Rescue Report: No report.

1. Amend April 8, 2026 claims to update Nebraska Form 13 and add NextLink Internet invoice: Neu noted that the collection fee for Nebraska's Sales Tax Form 13 was calculated incorrectly and the April 8<sup>th</sup> claims should be changed

from \$703.13 to \$706.76; the NextLink Internet amount should be changed from \$0 to \$85.85. A motion was made by Neu to update the April 8, 2026 Claims with the amounts for Form 10 and internet as presented, seconded by Krueger. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Amend April 22, 2026 motion to purchase 3 poles at \$8,434.71 to \$8,449.41 per order acknowledge from Bell Lumber and Pole Company. A motion was made by Begemann to approve 3 pole purchase for \$8,449.41, seconded by Anson. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.
3. Josh Watson – Cell tower Address/Permit status: Josh Watson was not in attendance but per phone message asked to have a 911 address for access road to cell tower on 54<sup>th</sup> street. Neu noted that with the help of Cass County Zoning the access road and cell tower address is 2041 54<sup>th</sup> Street. A motion was made by Neu to approve address, seconded by Krueger. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.
4. Building Permit – 617 Elm St for fence: It was noted that our Zoning Commission approved the building permit. Concerns were raised about fence and waterway runoff through the property. The fencing will be a “cattle” style with a larger grid pattern, be installed only on three sides of the property which should not impede water flow. A motion was made by Neu to approve building permit, seconded by Begemann. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.
5. 504 Washington Avenue – water deposit refund: Neu noted that the customer wanted their April statement of \$80.60 paid from the water deposit refund leaving a balance of \$69.40 paid to the customer. A motion was made by Krueger to approve the remaining balance to be paid to the customer, seconded by Neu. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.
6. Discuss/Consideration of First Yearly Pool Fill – no Sewer Fee on Fill: Noted that average sewer charges to fill a large pool averaged approximately \$10-\$14. Board determined that all large pool customers will need to provide the pool make – size - amount of water to fill – and date of fill to the village clerk. A motion was made by Krueger to waive sewer fee on the first yearly pool fill with documentation to the clerk, seconded by Begemann. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.
7. Update to recent Clean-Up Days: Very successful. Metal salvage yielded \$631 which will help pay for the dumpster fees.
8. Ballfield – construct/add bullpen: Krueger noted that a dual bullpen was constructed and a very simple design that for the home and visitor to warm-up. A motion was made by Begemann and seconded by Neu to approve bullpen. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.
9. Ballfield Lights/Poles update/Consider & Approve of LED Lights: The board moved this item to the end of the list since John Morrical will be arriving later to the meeting to discuss.
10. Discuss/Add Rescue Squad Insurance effective June 1, 2026: Per letter received from Nehawka Rural Fire District dated May 5, 2026 asking for the support of the Nehawka Board to provide insurance coverage for Nehawka Rescue effective June 1, 2026. NRRFD noted that due to the amount of claims (3) by Rescue their insurance has greatly increased. No claim has been filed to date for the last backing up incident which damaged rear lights, bumper, and box. The premium is paid yearly. Begemann asked if a claim can be filed before NRRFD’s effective date – if McKenna is able to get an estimate from Safeco before NRRFD’s effective date – why no estimate has been gotten to date. NRRFD also noted that they will need the rescue squad space for new fire equipment coming and that the rescue squad will move outside. A motion was made by Krueger to move rescue squad off NRRFD insurance policy and to Miller Farrell insurance, seconded by Neu. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.
11. Discuss/Approve Water Rate increase: Letter was received from Cass County RWD#1 advising of increase to our village water rates to \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons of water used effective January 1, 2026. The previous rate was \$3.25 per 1,000 gallons. Neu noted the history of the village’s water rates in 2017 at \$28/minimum; June 2020 increased to \$31/minimum; August 2021 increased to \$36/minimum; and the last increase was February 2022 to \$38/minimum. Year 2022 was the last year that state sales tax was to be collected for water purchases. Neu also reported that during her review of the village’s water consumption from January 2026 through April 2026, water consumption totals per village customers and the consumption amount bill by CCRWD1 showed a great difference in amount of water used by our village customers and amount billed by CCRWD1. JEO was contacted to ask for assistance to help determine our water loss. JEO suggestions were to check manholes, hydrants, and look for pools of water, contact Nebraska Rural Water in Wahoo since they have equipment to locate leaks. Also suggested the village could install meters in each main but installation cost for each main was approximately \$20,000; and a CDBG grant to replace water/sewer lines. Using January through April/or three months average of water consumption at the old and new CCRWD1 rates, it was determined that a \$3.00 increase in water rates was needed. The board set new water rates at \$41.00/per 3,000 gallons minimum and new sewer rates at \$42.00/per 3,000-gallons minimum water consumption. An ordinance will be drafted and presented at the June 10, 2026 regular meeting reflecting the new rates. A motion was made by Anson to increase

water rates to \$41.00/per 3,000 gallons minimum and sewer rates to \$42.00/per 3,000 gallons minimum, seconded by Krueger. Members voting in favor – Neu, Krueger, Begemann, and Anson. Member voting No – Dineen. Motion carried.

12. John Henderson: Henderson was not able to attend meeting. Item is tabled to June 10, 2026 regular meeting.
13. Review – 1- & 6-yr Street Plan – Propose/Update Street Overlay/Repairs: Elm Street/Sherman Avenue intersection was moved from 6 Year Plan to 1- Year Plan due to deterioration of street. The cost of this project is \$200,000 plus for materials / leveling / drainage. Board looking for grant – village obligation would be 20% of project costs. Noted that project would be handicap accessible. A motion was made by Begemann to approve 1- & 6-year Street Plan with JEO help with project, seconded by Krueger. Members voting in favor – Krueger, Begemann, Anson, and Neu. Member voting No – Dineen. Motion carried.
14. Update to Ag Land Donation – Rustling Waters Encampment and Survey Costs: Neu noted that after visiting with land owners, there might have been a misunderstanding, the land was not to be donated. The encampment is located on 6.9 acres and should be enough area for camping. By lack of motion, there was no further action by board.
15. Approve/Adopt Resolution No. 2026-1 – Lower Platte South NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan. A motion was made by Begemann, seconded by Krueger to adopt the 2025 Lower Platte South NRD Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.
16. Discuss replacing NehawkaNebraska.com Website for .org account: Krueger noted that Nehawka could open a government website and that there are no yearly fees – water bills could be paid online – more convenient and we would have control of updates and village information. A motion was made by Dineen, seconded by Begemann to replace current Nehawka website with government website. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.
17. Discuss/Consider replacement of office phone: Noted that office phone is a landline and difficult to receive a security code for logins – option to text versus phoning would make communication with maintenance or board members easier - previous clerk's cell phones have been used for village communicating and inserted as contact phone numbers. Would like board approval to explore options to replace landline office phone and present options at a future meeting. Board voiced approval to gather options.
18. Review of Video Camera / Community Bldg: Neu asked for more information about location and perceived privacy. Asked where camera located – if audio capable – are front doors at community building a private area – who are administrators of account. Account was initially set up by Anson. Cameras are located at SW corner of building. Cameras are included with audio, but audio is not very clear and does not reach front doors. Anson and Ryan Adams currently have access to camera footage.

Moved 9. Ballfield Lights/Poles Update/Consideration & Approval of LED Lights: John Morrival reported that the donations received for the ballfield savings account total is \$14,280.69. He presented the board a check to reimburse for the 3 light poles purchased. After this payment, the ballfield account balance is \$5,844.69 and will be put towards purchasing lights if board approves. It was noted that 18 light fixtures are needed and will ask party from Minnesota who is buying the Kansas fixtures to rebuy 18 for \$1,000. Discussed the purchase of 24 LED bulbs and long-term savings, less weight on pole since no ballast is needed with a standard bulb. The 24 LED bulbs at \$546.95/each = \$13,126.80 minus \$5,844.60 (ballfield account) = \$7,282.11 balance needed to purchase. Legion baseball will be looking for fundraisers and/or securing additional donations. A motion was made by Begemann to purchase 24 LED bulbs at \$546.95/each, seconded by Dineen. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment, Concerns and Input: June Bennett asked if the community building and church have water meters and if there could be problems with leaks in the system at the two locations.

Any other business pertinent to Village Operation: Reviewed Customer Balance Summary and no disconnect notices this month. Begemann asked about one customer billed over the minimum.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:36 pm by Krueger, seconded by Begemann. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

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Claims – June 10, 2026

<u>Account</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
<b>GENERAL</b>	Ryan Adams	Net Salary - Maintenance	3,627.10	
	Patricia Neu	HP Printer Cartridges-Blk, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow	307.56	
	3E Electrical Engineering & Equip Co	24 LED Bulbs - baseball field	13,488.00	
	Center of Municipal Solutions	Cell Tower Consultant - Feb 20-Mar 25, 2026 fee	1,850.00	
	Elan Financial Services (First St Bank Visa Card)	bug spray, tp, bleacher brds - 2 hauls clean-up days - Microsoft software	393.44	
	Frontier Coop	Fuel town vehicle / skid steer	844.67	
	Jason Alberts-Russell Minnesota	18 light fixtures - baseball field	1,000.00	
	NextLink Internet	Village Office Internet Service and phone	85.82	ACH
	Meeske Hardware Inc	7/8" Bit for Ballfield Maintenance	59.38	
	NPPD-217 Sherman Ave	Electricity - Village Comm Bldg / Parking Lights	50.53	
	NPPD-217 Sherman Ave	Electricity - Community building	45.58	
	NPPD-217 Sherman Ave	Electricity - Fire/Emergency Siren	36.84	
	NPPD- 300 Main St	Bus Stop	36.84	
	NPPD- 301 Main St	Electricity-Park	36.84	
	NPPD-Corner of Main & Elm St	Electricity - Flagpole Light	36.84	
	NPPD-Main St & Washington Ave	Ballfield Concession Stand	36.84	
	NPPD-Main St & Washington Ave	Ballfield Lights	73.68	
	NPPD-Streetlights	Electricity - Village Streetlights	442.13	
	Papillion Sanitation	Trash Service	78.02	
	Papillion Sanitation	May 2026 Clean-Up Dumpster/Haul	437.92	
	Papillion Sanitation	Recycle Dumpster/Haul	361.44	
	Reinsch, Slattery, Bear, Minahan, & Prickett	Legal fees	510.00	
	United States Treasury	Employer's Monthly Fed WH Tax 2026 Qtr 1 Mar	<u>1,255.80</u>	ACH
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>			<b>\$25,095.27</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>	NPPD-221 Elm St	Electricity	<u>36.84</u>	
	<b>TOTAL LIBRARY ACCOUNT</b>			<b>\$36.84</b>
<b>SEWER</b>	Jesse Keene - Sewer	Backup Sewer	25.00	
	Don Betts	Sewer Operator - Contracted	700.00	
	Midwest Laboratories	Sewer Testing / Testing Supplies	53.50	
	NPPD-Nehawka & Maple	Electricity - Sewer Plant	389.61	
	NPPD-Water Treat Newahwka Rd	Electricity - Lights	12.67	
	Tri-State Pumping	Sewer Main Repair - 513 North St	<u>1,321.45</u>	
	<b>TOTAL SEWER ACCOUNT</b>			<b>\$2,502.23</b>
<b>WATER</b>	Cass County Rural Water Dist No 1	Water Supplier	2,535.00	
	Nebraska Public Health Environment Lab	Testing / Supplies	15.00	
	NPPD-Maple & Ave N	Electricity - Water Bldg	35.00	
	Nehawka Village	Water Deposit Refund - 320 North Street (Hicks	<u>150.00</u>	
	<b>TOTAL WATER ACCOUNT</b>			<b>\$2,735.00</b>
<b>AMBULANCE</b>	EMS Connect	Continuing Education Subscription	52.50	
	Larson	A/C Repair	1,224.95	
	Matheson Tri-Gas	Oxygen Rental	<u>105.35</u>	
	<b>TOTAL AMBULANCE ACCOUNT</b>			<b>\$1,382.80</b>
	<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>			<b>\$31,752.14</b>