

# Village of Page

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## Regular Monthly Meeting – July 8, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Page was held Monday, July 8, 2024, at the Village office. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chair Linquist called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with Trustees Tyrrell, VanEvery, Leichleiter and Campbell present. Also present: Heath Wilson, Bill Fox, Doug Cunningham, and Cora Calkins. Absent member(s): None.

Chair Linquist advised all persons present that this meeting was in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and the Open Meeting Laws are posted at the Village Office for inspection at any time.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** - After a call for discussion, Tyrrell made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 10, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Campbell. Motion passed all Ayes.

**Treasurer's Report** - Calkins presented the following for approval:

### *General Fund*

<b>Bank statement balance 05/31/2024</b>	<b>\$ 58,334.20</b>
Total income	\$ 15,878.56
Total Expenditures	\$ (6,512.74)
<b>Bank statement balance 06/30/2024</b>	<b>\$ 67,700.02</b>

#### Bills Due:

Boyd Holt E-911	4th Qtr.	\$ (2,075.00)	
Calkins, Cora	Wages	\$ (1,143.58)	
Calkins, Cora	Reimb Conference Expense	\$ (810.03)	
Campbell, Kurtis	Stipend	\$ (120.00)	
Cold Type Publishing	Publication fees	\$ (54.50)	
Cornhusker Press	Dog Tags	\$ (144.89)	
Great Plains Comm.	office - includes DSL	\$ (135.52)	
Hwy Alloc Savings	July 25% Match	\$ (725.00)	
Intuit	Payroll / Accounting Software	\$ (153.00)	
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	\$ (552.23)	
Leichleiter, Mary Jo	Stipend	\$ (120.00)	
Linquist, Rachel	Stipend	\$ (120.00)	
Mahood, Gayle	Spraying	\$ (300.00)	
McNally Law Office	Legal Fee	\$ (150.00)	
NCPPD	street lights / office	\$ (606.30)	
Tyrrell, Mark	Stipend	\$ (120.00)	
VanEvery, Dennis	Wages	\$ (1,050.93)	
VanEvery, Dennis	Stipend	\$ (120.00)	
	Total bills due:		\$ (8,500.98)

### *Utility Fund*

<b>Bank statement balance 5/31/2024</b>	<b>\$ 183,658.84</b>
Total Income	\$ 7,423.59
Total expenditures	<u>\$ (3,261.34)</u>
<b>Bank statement balance 06/30/2024</b>	<u><u>\$ 187,821.09</u></u>

**Bills Due:**

Calkins, Cora - Wages	Wages	\$ (297.94)	
Calkins, Cora - Reimb.	Sample Postage	\$ (71.10)	
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	\$ (132.78)	
J & J Sanitation	Garbage pick-up	\$ (1,924.97)	
NCPD	Treatment plant and well house	\$ (400.86)	
NE Dept of Revenue	Qtrly Sales Tax	\$ (249.31)	
NE Public Health Lab	Testing	\$ (15.00)	
UF transfer to USDA Account	Annual USDA payment Tplant	\$ (3,880.00)	**
VanEvery, Dennis	Wages	\$ (495.95)	
Visa	postage / chemicals	\$ (68.89)	
			\$ (7,536.80)

A Motion was made by Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leichleiter to pay claims presented. Motion passed with Linquist, Campbell & Tyrrell voting Aye; Leichleiter & VanEvery – Abstained.

**Public Comments** –

Mr. Fox was present to inquire about the status of haying the block east of his residence, noting that it is detrimental to curbing the mosquito population is unsightly.

Mr. Doug Cunningham offered his thoughts on nuisance properties and reminded board members to set a good example with their own properties.

Mr. Wilson was present to discuss final additions to Page Community Day 2024 events to be held on July 13<sup>th</sup> and answer any questions regarding the same.

Wilson exited the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Fox exited the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**Water & Utilities Report:** Calkins advised that date is pending for Utility Services to do a complete wash out, sanitation, and inspection of the interior of the water tower. This is expected to be completed yet this month or in early August. This should not cause any issues for residents since the VFD should allow water services to continue as always with perhaps an increase in water pressure for 12 hours and an increase in chlorine until the tank turns.

A leak has been detected at a meter pit on East Main and will be scheduled for repair ASAP. Water has also been noted on W. Main in the railroad right-of-way ditch. This area is being monitored to see if it is field/rain run-off or a fire hydrant leak.

Reed Miller with Miller & Associates entered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Chair Linquist suspended the agenda to accommodate Mr. Miller.

**2024 – 2025 Village Engineer / Street Superintendent** - Mr. Miller was present to introduce himself and offer some information regarding his engineering firm. He advised that he is the owner of Miller & Associates, and that they are a full-service engineering firm employing approximately 70 people with multiple offices. He assured

the board that his business has longevity since his children are also engineers with the firm. They can provide all services previously provided by Gilmore & Associates, as well as grant application assistance, etc.

Mr. Miller exited the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Motion by Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tyrrell to appoint Miller & Associates as the Engineer of record and to appoint their staff as the Village Street Superintendent upon renewal with the state. Motion passed all Ayes.

**Village Maintenance Report** – A discussion was held regarding the need for “as needed” PT help. A Motion was made by Trustee Tyrrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leichleiter to hire Dan Forde to assist as needed with such items as mowing, general repairs, Lead & Copper Inventory, etc. Motion passed all Ayes.

Matt Kellum entered the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

### **Ordinance Enforcement** –

**Kenel Ordinance Enforcement** – Calkins has provided additional requested documentation to McNally to proceed with action.

**Junk / Abandoned vehicle storage yard** – A discussion was held with the property owner. Motion by Tyrrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by VanEvery to proceed with action if 6ft. fence is not completed, or all unlicensed vehicles are not liquidated by August 1, 2024. Motion passed all Ayes.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Office / Clinic Building Maintenance & Repair** – Chair Linquist advised that windows are slated to be installed next week with painting to follow as weather permits. So far there have been no additional complaints regarding water in the clinic building.

Kellum exited the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

**Boyd Holt E-911 Update** – Calkins presented the board with a copy of Resolution #2024-08 passed by the Holt County Board of Supervisors on June 28, 2024, regarding the county assuming payments. No additional notifications of the same have been received to date from BH or Holt County.

**Community Recognition Program**- Linquist advised that the family has signed off on the proposal and provided some pictures. Trustee Campbell will obtain some options and pricing for review.

**2024 Sewer Jetting and Mapping** – Calkins presented a quote from Johnson Service Company out of Kearney who specializes in maintenance contracts, jetting, and mapping. After some discussion, a Motion was made by Leichleiter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by VanEvery to proceed with jetting & mapping beginning with the NW portion of town with a maximum budget this year of \$12,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance # 125.24 – Water Rates** – Motion by VanEvery, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tyrrell to waive three readings of Ordinance #125.24. Motion to waive the readings passed all Ayes. Calkins presented/read into record the ordinance as follows:

### **ORDINANCE NO. 125.24**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PAGE, NEBRASKA TO ESTABLISH REVISED WATER RATES FOR THE PAGE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE MADE A PART OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF PAGE, AND THAT THE SECTIONS MAY BE RENUMBERED; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM AND THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, AFTER PASSAGE, PUBLICATION, POSTING, AND PROCLAMATION AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF PAGE, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** The rates charged by the Village of PAGE for municipal water services on a monthly rate basis shall be as follows:

1. Time period of September 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025: Residential and Commercial base rate of \$31.00 per month service charge plus \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof of usage.
2. Time period of March 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026: Residential and Commercial base rate of \$33.00 per month service charge plus \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof of usage.
3. Time period of September 1, 2026, and beyond: Residential and Commercial base rate of \$35.00 per month service charge plus \$2.75 per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof of usage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of July 2024.

/s/Rachel Linquist, Chairperson  
/S/Cora L. Calkins, Village Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Cora L. Calkins, clerk of the Village of Page, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 125.24 of said village, passed by the Village Board this 8th day of July 2024.  
/S/Cora L. Calkins, Clerk

Motion by Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leichleiter to adopt as written. Linquist, Campbell, VanEvery, Tyrrell & Leichleiter – Aye. Voting Nay – None.

**Resolution #04-2024 Connection / Disconnection Fee** – Calkins then presented the Resolution as requested to be drafted at last month’s meeting. Said resolution was read into record as follows:

**RESOLUTION 04-2024**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairman and Village Board of the Village of Page, Nebraska:**

**SECTION 1: That the fee for disconnection/re-connection shall hereby be increased to \$75.00 whether by request or as a result of shut off due to a delinquent account balance.**

**SECTION 2. That all resolutions or ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.**

**Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.**

/s/ Rachel Linquist, Vice Chairperson  
/s/ Cora L. Calkins, Village Clerk

Motion by Tyrrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leichleiter to adopt as written. Linquist, Campbell, VanEvery, Tyrrell & Leichleiter – Aye. Voting Nay – None.

**2023 Rural Community Recovery Program – Application** – Calkins advised that applications are due on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5 p.m. She will utilize CNED to assist in the process.

Maria VanEvery entered the meeting at 9:07 pm.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2024 – 2025 Farmers Pride Propane Contract** - After reviewing the proposed Propane Heating Purchase Agreement a Motion was made by Tyrrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by VanEvery to contact for 500 gallons – prepaid. Motion passed all Ayes.

**2024 Page Community Day – Street Closures / Sanitary / SDL** – Motion by Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by VanEvery to allow same street closures as last year (5<sup>th</sup> from Grey to Victor Rd & crossing east / west on Market & Main), to provide three portable toilets to accommodate public sanitation, and to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for the KC Bar & Grill. Motion passed unanimously.

**Appointment of Code Enforcement Officer** –This role will facilitate documentation /remediation of ordinance violations within the Village. This officer will act at the direction of the village attorney & the entire board and will give a report at each meeting. This individual will also be given the duty of providing testimony at legal hearings regarding said enforcement actions. Motion by Tyrrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by VanEvery to appoint Trustee Campbell as the Code Enforcement Officer in lieu of law enforcement. Roll Call: Linquist, VanEvery, Tyrrell, & Leichleiter voting – Aye; Campbell – Abstained. Motion passed.

**Campers – mandatory hookup / designated areas** – Calkins advised that numerous persons had expressed concerns regarding individuals residing in RVs and campers within the village that are not properly hooked into sanitary services. After some discussion, a Motion was made by Tyrrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leichleiter to have Calkins send notifications to those parties/property owners to remind them of the mandatory hookup ordinances. Motion passed all present voting – Aye.

**OTHER / ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None.

There being no further business, Campbell made a Motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leichleiter. Motion passed with all members present voting - Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Next month's meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

/s/Rachel Linquist, Chairperson

/s/Cora L. Calkins, City Clerk/Treasurer