

The Village of Nehawka Board of Trustees met in regular session, an open and public meeting, on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, in the Nehawka Community Building. Notice of meeting was posted on July 1, 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 7:02 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, and Pat Neu; Attorney, Tom Pritchett; Maintenance Ryan Adams; and 9 visitors. Board Trustees Ian Begemann and Matt Anson were absent.

June 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Krueger to approve June 10th meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Neu. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Begemann and Anson absent.

June 30, 2026 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Dineen to approve June 30th meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Krueger. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Begemann and Anson absent.

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

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

Correspondence: (1) NE Dept. Of Labor – Notice of Credit - \$3.00 that can be used on a future quarterly Unemployment Tax/Combined Tax Report.

(2) Cass County RWD1 – 2026 annual letter – listed past year's water system improvements, copy of 2025 Annual Water Quality Report, reminders regarding water leaks, trees-shrubs close to mains.

(3) Public Records Request – Neu read June 30, 2026 request from Andy Harpenau received on July 1st via certified US mail requesting copies of public records relating to nitrate levels in the public water system serving Nehawka. Nine items were listed. Attorney noted 4 day timeline to respond – can charge for copies – search to locate docs were discussion items. Neu will draft response and forward to attorney for review.

Maintenance Report: Ryan Adams noted water was turned on at 712 Elm St – water heater was repaired at ballfield concession building – blower at sewer plant was worked on – continuing to spray weeds – mower is back firing and in need of repair (board noted that mower is under warranty and should to be serviced) - still trying to set up hydrant replacement with Kerns – community building needs lights replaced in hall, office and main bldg, will change to LEDs –costs approximately \$480.00. (board okayed light replacement) -- Neu noted that men's toilet is not flushing and needs work or replacement. The age of the fixtures is original with building construction (board okayed replacement).

Zoning and Planning Commission: No zoning members present, noted the three permits were approved at the July 1, 2026 meeting.

Rescue Report: McKenna Sobota reported a handful of calls on 4th of July – 2 members were available and looking for volunteers. Was asked if advertising for new members – Sobota noted on Facebook for volunteers and one new members is an agenda item tonight. Noted a CPR class is scheduled for July 18th at the Fire Station – all are welcome. Lake Wa-Con-Da donated \$1,000 to rescue.

1. Rescue Insurance Policy – Jud Farrell: provided a breakdown quote for insurance coverages/charges for ambulance, fire and village per policy, noted the yearly premium for 2008 ambulance and how the value affects insurance cost, noted the policy break from fire is due to number of ambulance claims, fire/rescue combined policy increased to approximately \$23,000/year. Dineen asked about claims history for past five years – Farrell

will check, auto deductible is \$1,000 and will check for savings with added deductible amount. Board did not approve ambulance policy at this time – will consider available options.

2. Consideration/Approval of Building Permit 2026-4 – 1008 -48th St – Morton Building: reviewed zoning meeting notes for permit to construct a Morton building in place of old barn. Motion by Krueger to approve building permit 2026-4, seconded by Neu. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Begemann and Anson absent.
3. Consideration/Approval of Building Permit 2026-5 – 324 Sherman Ave – 2-car garage: reviewed zoning meeting notes for permit to construct a 2-car garage that garage front will be six inches from property line on Washington Ave instead of the three feet setback – property owner requested a variance to build within six inches of property line so propane tank won't need to be moved. Also, garage opening will be twenty feet from the main access road whereas the property line is thirty-four feet from Washington Ave. Zoning approved permit and variances. Motion by Krueger to approve building permit 2026-5, seconded by Neu. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Begemann and Anson absent.
4. Consideration/Approval of Building Permit 2026-6 – 712 Elm Street – Fence: reviewed zoning meeting notes for permit to install a six-foot chain-link fence in front of the car port extending to the property line to the east. A six-foot privacy fence would extend north from the chain link fence to the length of the trailer and turn west to the end of the trailer. Since the needs and jumping ability of the dog were considered, zoning considered this a Special Purpose Fence and approved permit. Motion by Krueger to approve building permit 2026-6, seconded by Dineen. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Begemann and Anson absent.
5. Consideration/Acceptance of Clerk/Treasurer - Kaitlin Finchum: Kaitlin accepted job offer. Motion by Neu to offer clerk/treasurer position to Kaitlin Finchum, seconded by Krueger. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Begemann and Anson absent.
6. Approval of Nehawka Rescue Squad Volunteer Application – Diane Gaines: Motion by Dineen to approve Rescue Squad volunteer, Diane Gaines, seconded by Krueger. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Begemann and Anson absent.
7. Consideration/Approval of Replacement of One Furnace/AC Unit in Community Bldg installed by Platinum Heating AC: Two estimates were reviewed – furnace/AC unit installed for \$11,482.11 vs heat pump unit installed for \$12,200.94. Discussed that the building is a two-unit system – one of the units is operating at this time. The two systems are the original units. Matter was tabled since the one unit is operating at this time.
8. Consideration/Approval of Tree Service/Removal of Limb by Concession Stand: Krueger noted the limb hangs over the building and needs to be removed. Also noted that a good portion of the tree is dying and removal a consideration. Tree is a hazard to one of the light poles and Verizon equipment. Will ask for removal assistance from the two companies and will get bid for removal. Matter was tabled to consider options.
9. Approve/Adopt Ordinance 2026-2 An Ordinance Adopting the Nebraska Basis Code of Ordinances 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: Noted this version only replaces the previous Basic Code of Ordinances, lists the chapters and sections included, and all other ordinances adopted by the board remain in full force and effect unless repealed. Motion by Krueger to waive the three readings of Ordinance 2026-2, seconded by Dineen. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Begemann and Anson absent.
Motion by Krueger to adopt Ordinance 2026-2, seconded by Neu. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Begemann and Anson absent.
10. Approve/Adopt Ordinance 2026-3 An Ordinance to be Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nehawka, Cass County, Nebraska Setting the Terms of Employment of the Village Clerk/Treasurer Replacing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith and Providing For An Effective Date. Ordinance lists new village clerk/treasurer, Kaitlin Finchum, starting date of August 4, 2026, starting salary of \$1,250.00/month, and list job duties. Motion by Neu to waive the three readings of Ordinance 2026-3, seconded by Krueger. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Begemann and Anson absent.
Motion by Neu to adopt Ordinance 2026-3, seconded by Krueger. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Begemann and Anson absent.

11. Approve/Add Kaitlin Finchum to bank signature card as new clerk/treasurer. New clerk/treasurer to replace McKenna Sobota. Motion by Neu to remove McKenna Sobota on bank signature card, seconded by Dineen. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Begemann and Anson absent.
Motion by Neu to add Kaitlin Finchum to bank signature card and keep Krueger and Neu, seconded by Krueger. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Begemann and Anson absent.
12. Legion Baseball Fundraising Options: Legion will transfer \$8,844.69 from their fundraising account to the village's general account for ballfield lights. Board thanked them for their help with ballfield repairs.
13. Update – Quotes to Install Water Meters at Community Building and United Methodist Church: Adams noted that both buildings will need meter pits installed. Contacted Tri-State and quoted approximately \$2,000 per pit. Motion by Neu, seconded by Krueger. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Begemann and Anson absent.
14. Consideration/Approval of renewal of 2026 Skid Loader Lease (Bobcat): Krueger noted lease is up for renewal and price was \$7,000.00. New Holland was contacted to get a quote and noted a reduced rate if the lease agreement would include multiple years. Additional time was needed and matter was tabled for next month.

Public Comment, Concerns and Input: Dineen noted he was contacted by property owner across street from ballfield and baseball hitting their vehicles. Visitor noted property next to Community Building is need mowing and tall weeds in backyard. Board will draft nuisance citation for owner. Also, noted cars across from library have been moved from sidewalk.

Any other business pertinent to Village Operation: Board reviewed customer balance summary report.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. by Krueger, seconded by Dineen. All members present voted in favor. Motion carried. Begemann and Anson absent.

Attest: Pat Neu, Acting Clerk/Treasurer