

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting & Public Hearing 10-FEB-2026

PROCEEDINGS – VILLAGE OF MEAD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 10, 2026

A Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Mead, NE was held February 10, 2026 at the Village Office. Chairman Thorson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Notice of the meeting was provided in advance thereof by posting notice at the Bank of Mead, U.S. Post Office, and the Village Office as shown by the certificate of posting notice attached to these minutes. Advance notice was also provided to all members of the Board of Trustees. All proceedings were held while the convened meeting was open to the public. Answering roll call were Board Chairman William Thorson and Trustees Jason Felty, Daniel Simon, and Richard Wielage. Absent was Jason Lee. Also present was Clerk Cooper. Guests were Andrew Jackson and Jim Halbmaier.

The posting of the Open Meetings Law was noted.

Motion by Wielage, second by Felty, to adopt the agenda. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee- absent; motion carried 4-0.

The minutes of the January 13 Regular Meeting, and Public Hearing were accepted.

Motion by Simon, second by Wielage, to approve the Treasurer's Report showing \$1,516,889.98 total checking/savings balance ending Jan.31. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Thorson, second by Felty, to approve the claims of \$18,711.47 for payment. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0. Claims being:

4627	AWS Well Co	Pull / Reset Pump	\$675.00
11426	Bank of Mead	Safety Deposit Box 2026	\$12.00
2022601	Black Hills Energy	Gas Service	\$136.48
2022602	Black Hills Energy	Gas Service	\$364.66
2022603	Black Hills Energy	Gas Service	\$22.25
134678	Bomgaars Bromm, Lindahl, Freeman-Caddy &	Batteries, Faucet	\$87.97
134681	Lausterer	Legal Fees Website,Intuit,Publications,Library-water,Theater GC,Fuel	\$211.00
2052601	Chase Ink		\$1,791.34
2052602	Chase Ink	Intuit, Fuel	\$492.68
2052603	Chase Ink	Intuit, Fuel	\$492.67
5651	City of Wahoo	Water Labor	\$387.14
134683	City of Yutan	Contracted Services Police Jan 2026	\$2,500.00
134682	Constellation	Natural Gas	\$199.66
5655	Constellation	Natural Gas	\$30.55
4626	Constellation	Natural Gas	\$30.56
134679	Eakes Office Solutions	Office Supplies- 9270095-0	\$138.49
5652	Eakes Office Solutions	Office Supplies- 9270095-0	\$138.49
4625	Eakes Office Solutions	Office Supplies- 9270095-0	\$138.49
2052604	Internal Revenue Service	47-6006274	\$2,123.32
1262601	Matrix Trust Company	TPA 000362	\$312.20
2092601	Matrix Trust Company	TPA 000362	\$312.20
5653	Nationwide	USDA Fidelity Bond	\$298.00
1192601	NE Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax Dec 2025	\$606.54

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2052605	NE Dept of Revenue	Sales Tax Jan 2026	\$660.34
5654	NE Public Health Environmental Lab	Water Tests	\$545.00
1192602	Nebraska Department of Revenue	0117986	\$1,068.84
5648	Olsson	GIS Map Services	\$285.60
2062601	Omaha Public Power District	Electricity	\$1,183.95
2062602	Omaha Public Power District	Electricity	\$2,017.55
2062603	Omaha Public Power District	Electricity	\$315.52
5656	One Call Concepts	Locate Fees	\$24.60
4624	SECO Electric	Repairs	\$384.38
4628	SECO Electric	Repairs	\$229.00
5659	Shannon Luetkenhaus	Cell Phone Dec 2025 & Jan 2026	\$200.00
1262602	Spectrum	Phone & Internet	\$115.00
1262604	Spectrum	Phone & Internet - VO	\$115.00
1262603	Spectrum	Phone & Internet	\$65.00

Motion by Simon, second by Wielage, to adjourn to the Public Hearing. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:05 pm. Answering roll call were Chairman William Thorson; Trustees Jason Felty, Daniel Simon, and Richard Wielage. Absent was Jason Lee.

The posting of the Open Meetings Law was noted.

Motion by Wielage, second by Simon, to adopt the agenda. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

Thorson introduced Ordinance No. 849 – The Keeping of Backyard Chickens, Second was Simon. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

Thorson called for public input. Jim Halbmeier voiced his opposition.

Motion by Simon, second by Thorson, to approve Ordinance No. 849 on its third reading. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-no, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 3-1.

Thorson introduced Ordinance No. 850 – Amend section 601 of Article 6, Chapter 9 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Mead, pertaining to required minimum occupant capacity of storm shelters for new elementary school buildings, Second was Felty. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

Thorson called for public input. Discussion held with the Chairman of the Mead Planning Commission, Andrew Jackson, regarding the Planning Commission concerns discussed during their 1/26 Regular Meeting, where they voted to table recommending action on this proposed amendment until further plans and information are provided.

Motion by Wielage, second by Simon, to table Ordinance No. 850, Amend section 601 of Article 6, Chapter 9 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Mead, pertaining to required minimum occupant capacity of storm shelters for new elementary school buildings. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

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Simon introduced Ordinance No. 851 – Amend the Official Zoning Map of the Village of Mead, by amending the property located at 1525 Co Rd 10 from SR to TA-1, Second was Felty. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

Thorson called for public input. Discussion held with the Chairman of the Mead Planning Commission, Andrew Jackson, regarding the Planning Commission 1/26 Regular Meeting, where they voted to recommend the Village Board approve the application.

Motion by Simon, second by Wielage, to suspend the statutory rules in regard to passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 851. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Simon, second by Wielage, to adopt Ordinance No. 851. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Simon, second by Thorson, to adjourn to the Regular Meeting at 6:27 pm. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion held regarding digitizing documents, pending written proposal from Bishop Business, status of selling police car, and new website.

NEW BUSINESS

Thorson introduced Ordinance No. 852 – Non-exclusive franchise to Waste Connections to collect & dispose of garbage, Second was Simon. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Simon, second by Felty, to suspend the statutory rules in regard to passage and adoption of Ordinance No.852. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Wielage, second by Simon, to adopt Ordinance No. 852. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Felty, second by Simon, to donate \$500 to Mead Days. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Felty, second by Wielage, to approve Special Permit Applications to Mead Days for street closures, contingent upon Mead Days contacting the impacted residents. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Felty, second by Simon, to approve Park/Pavilion rental to Jennifer Lee for Easter Egg Hunt on 3/28/26. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

Discussion held regarding review of Clerk Cooper probationary period 7/21/25-1/21/26.

Wielage introduced and motioned to suspend statutory rules in regard to passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 853 – Amend wage for Clerk/Treasurer, Second was Thorson. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Wielage, second by Thorson, to adopt Ordinance No. 853. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Felty-yes, Simon-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

UTILITIES/MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Shannon Luetkenhaus

Clerk Cooper presented a written report on completed tasks. Discussion held regarding a backup pump for the sewer plant.

LIBRARY REPORT

The minutes of the February 3 Library Board meeting were accepted.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The minutes of the January 26 Planning Commission meeting were accepted.

CLERK REPORT – Tawney Cooper

Discussion held regarding Clerk School scheduled for 3/16-3/20 cost \$443.00, and the status of FEMA process. Cooper presented the new Nuisance Notice form and the annual letter to residents.

Motion by Thorson, second by Wielage, to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Vote: Thorson-yes, Wielage-yes, Simon-yes, Felty-yes, Lee-absent; motion carried 4-0.

William Thorson, Chairman

Tawney Cooper, Clerk