



VILLAGE OF MEAD

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Mead Messenger

VILLAGE OF MEAD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

(The following is a condensed version. Minutes & Ordinances, in their entirety, may be viewed at the Village Office during regular business hours). Posting at the Bank of Mead, US Post Office, Village Office & all members of the Board were provided notice in advance. A **Special Meeting** of the Chairman & Board of Trustees of the Village of Mead, NE was held 12/9/25 at the Mead Community Building at 4:20pm Answering roll call were Chairman Thorson; Trustees Felty, Simon, Lee & Wielage. Also present was Clerk Cooper. Guests were Jody Weible, Evelyn Keiser, Janece Mollhoff, John Schnell, Harold Kolb, Rachel Hurley, Bill Butler, Don Gunster, and Bob Haus. The posting of the Open Meetings Law was noted. The Agenda was accepted.

Thorson announced the purpose of the meeting is to provide a public forum for the AltEn Facility Response Group (FRG) to present updates on the clean-up progress of the former AltEn site. The Chairman then turned the meeting over to the FRG representatives to deliver their presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

A **Regular Meeting and Public Hearing** of the Chairman & Board of Trustees of the Village of Mead, NE was held 12/9/25 at 6pm at the Mead Community Building. Answering roll call were Chairman Thorson; Trustees Felty, Simon, Lee & Wielage. Also present was Clerk Cooper. The posting of the Open Meetings Law was noted. Approved were the agenda, minutes of the November 11 Regular Meeting & Public Hearing, Treasurer's Report, and Claims.

Nominations called for Chair candidates. Simon nominated Thorson. Motion, second, to cease nominations, carried 5-0. Vote Thorson as Chair, carried 5-0. Nominations were called for Pro Tem Chair candidates. Simon and Wielage nominated Felty. Motion, second, to cease nominations, carried 5-0. Vote Felty as Pro Tem Chair, carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

Called to order at 6:10pm, answering roll call: Chairman Thorson; Trustees Felty, Simon, Lee & Wielage. Thorson reviewed Ord.No.849-The Keeping of Backyard Chickens. Public input was called. The motion to approve Ord.No.849 on its second reading and title agreed to was approved. The Board reconvened to regular session at 6:15 pm.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Discussion Items: PJ Quinn-- not present--discussion RE: school continuing Spruce St. to school buildings.

NEW BUSINESS

The following motions were approved: 2026 Village Appointments: Clerk/Treas--Tawney Cooper; Ut/Mnt Supt--Shannon Luetkenhaus; Water/Sewer Commissioner--City of Wahoo; Attorney--Bromm, Lindahl, Freeman-Caddy & Lausterer; Accountant--Ed Schroeder; Engineer--Olsson; Building Insp--Terry Miller; Bldg&Zoning Admin--Terry Miller; Nuisance Enf Officer--Village Board of Trustees; Hearing Officer--Adam Miller ; 2026 Municipal Board of Health Appointments as Board Chairperson, Mead Fire Chief, and Jodi Ruhe ; Village Street Superintendent- Jack Post, License No. S-1752, Engineer License No. E-21572, Class A, contracted as a consultant beginning January 1, 2026 ; Designate Planning Commission & Library Board to be chosen by Appointment ; Appoint Simon & Wielage to serve on the Common Facility Board 2026 ; Appoint Felty, Lee, Thorson & Wielage; Alt Simon; and the Planning Commission Chair to the Village Board of Adjustment 2026 ; Approve 2026: Ins Carrier-- Inspiro; 401K Admin-Retirement Plan Consultants; and Official Newspaper--Wahoo Newspaper ; Designate method of posting of 2026 meetings as Posting in 3 public places- Bank of Mead, Mead Post Office; and Mead Village Office ; Approve Bank of Mead as the Official Depository for the deposit of all funds for the Village Fiscal Year 10/1/25-9/30/26 ; authorize signing the Year-End Certification of Village Street Superintendent 2025 ; amend the Employee Handbook to allow choice of pay or comp time for OT

The following Resolutions were introduced and approved: Res 25-15, Approving the Chair, Pro Tem Chair, and Clerk as the signatory of the official accounts for the Village of Mead ; Res 25-16 -- Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent 2025. The following Resolution was introduced and tabled: Res 25-17 -- RE: RAP for AltEn Site

Discussion held RE: proposed NE DOT US-77 transportation improvement project

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion held RE: Park Committee mtg on 12/3; Verizon svc & hardware quote for cameras at park; the request to update code for storm shelter min occupancy for new elementary

REPORTS

Utilities/Maint. Supt- Discussed completed and upcoming tasks. Library- 12/2 Library Board minutes were accepted. Jennifer Lee's resignation from the Library board was approved. Clerk- Discussed FEMA, Digitizing Documents & Appreciation Dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

Village of Mead

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Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

*The Village Office will be
CLOSED January 1-2*

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Ut/Mnt Supt: Shannon Luetkenhaus

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As we welcome a **brand-new year**, we want to say **thank you** to our residents for being such an important part of our community. Your **support, involvement, and neighborly spirit** help make our Village a wonderful place to call home.

We're excited for what's ahead and look forward to **working together** in the coming year. Wishing you and your families a **safe, healthy,**

and happy **New Year!**



Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 6p – Mead Public Library

Monday, Jan. 12 at 6p – Mead Fire Dept

Nick Raver, Fire Chief 402-443-9688

Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 6p – Board of Trustees

Chairman William Thorson; Trustees Jason Felty, Jason Lee, Daniel Simon, and Richard Wielage

** Public Hearing for the third and FINAL reading of Ord. 849 - The Keeping of Backyard Chickens*

Mead Public Library News

PHONE: 402-624-6605 EMAIL: meadlibrary@outlook.com

NEW WINTER HOURS:

Monday 4-8P **Tuesday** 8-11A & 4-7P **Thursday** 4-8P

Friday 8a-12P **Saturday** 9a-12N **Sunday** 6-8P

January Events **Closed:** Wednesdays, January 1 & 2

SUNDAYS - Homework Help for grades K-12 from **6p-8p**

TUESDAYS - Join us for **Coffee Time**, anytime from **9a-11a**

TUESDAY, January 6 - Mead Public Library Board meeting **6p.** *The session is open to the public.*

WEDNESDAY, January 14 - Adult Book Club at 6:30p. All adults are welcome to join our fun group! We supply the book & snack!

THURSDAY, January 22 - Stop in at **4:30p** for a **Kids Craft & Book!** Ages **4-10** recommended, with adult assistance for younger kids.

TUESDAY, January 27 - Join us for an **Adult Crafting Night!** Bring your own craft or share one of ours and enjoy a cozy evening with **hot chocolate provided.**

Interested in getting involved with the Mead Public Library?

We currently have a **Library Board vacancy** and an **open Library Director position!**

Details and applications are available in the **Library** section of the Village website- meadnebraska.net

Questions? Contact **Cara Simon** at cjae91@gmail.com

Ring in the New Year with a great read!

Follow the Mead Public Library on Facebook for events, news, and updates!

ENCOUNTER LIFE MINISTRIES

1540 Co Rd 10 402-624-6125

Sunday - Coffee Hour 9:15 am - 9:45 am **Service** 10:00 am

Evening Service held every third Sunday at 6:30 pm

Wednesday - Encounter Youth Group 6:40 pm

Worship and Prayer with the Word 6:40 pm

FREE Community Meal every last Wednesday of the month at 6pm

Explore the Churches' Activities & Announcements on Facebook!

ALMA LUTHERAN

219 W. Fifth St.

402-624-3015

Sunday - 10:30 am

FREE monthly Panera Bread to the

Public - on the Saturday following

the second Friday from 9a-2p

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC

213 E. Eight St.

402-624-3555

stjamesmead.com

Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 4:30 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am

Tue-Fri - 7:00 am

A message from the Village Office:

Looking for an easier way to pay your monthly water/sewer bill? Sign up for **AutoPay** and have your payment automatically drafted from your checking or savings account. Simply complete the **Authorization for Automatic Withdrawal** form (found in the **Documents** section of the Village website) and return it to the Office or email meadclerk1@hotmail.com.

★ A FRESH START...

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES...

WISHING YOU *every good thing*

A NEW YEAR CAN BRING! ★

Snowfall Parking Reminder

To help keep our streets safe and allow for efficient snow removal, residents are reminded of the Village of Mead parking ordinance:

When snowfall reaches two (2) inches or more, parking or standing vehicles on any Village street is prohibited until the street has been cleared of snow.

Please plan accordingly during winter weather events. Remove all vehicles from the street so they can be cleared **quickly** and **safely**.

Thank you for your cooperation!