

## **VILLAGE OF DENTON, NEBRASKA**

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

**January 5, 2026 – Denton Community Center**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Denton, Nebraska, was held at the Denton Community Center on January 5, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. All proceedings were conducted in open session and were open to attendance by the public.

**Board Members Present:** Doug Rosekrans, Amanda Fangmeier, Joe Hobelman, and Ryan Osborn. Trenton Wheatley was absent. Chair Hobelman stated that the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall and available for public inspection. Notice of this meeting was publicly posted prior to the meeting at the Denton Daily Double, the Denton Post Office, and the Denton Community Center, as required by law.

#### **1. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Rosekrans, seconded by Fangmeier, to approve the December 5, 2025, meeting minutes. Carried.**

#### **2. Reports**

##### **Treasurer's Report:**

General \$14,688.54; Water \$31,430.42; Sewer \$688.54; Streets \$48,288.40; Community Center \$194.03; Keno Checking \$249,471.19

##### **Keno Report – November 2025:**

Gross Proceeds \$338,564.11; Payout 78.77%; Unclaimed Wins \$239.83;  
Village Share \$25,887.79; Operator Share \$45,961.81

**Maintenance Report:** Repairs in the radium plant are ongoing. The WRT people will be here on the 13th to replace fittings. Couplers keep failing on the treatment vessels.

**3. Public Comment.** Members of the public wishing to present to the Village Board on any matter of public interest will be invited to do so during this segment of the meeting. Each presenter will be limited to a maximum of three minutes of speaking time.

Lona Anderson inquired about the striping project and the women's restroom stall at the community center.

**4. Resolutions.**

a. **1-1-26 Meeting Conduct. Discuss/Possible Action.** Public Participation Rules and Deadlines for Request for Future Agenda items and making such requests. Read by title. Copies were available for the public. **Motioned Osborn** to approve the Resolution 1-1-26 Meeting Conduct. **Seconded by Fangmeier. Carried.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-1-26**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR CONDUCT OF PERSONS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE OF DENTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND A FORM FOR REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DEADLINES TO MAKE SUCH REQUESTS**

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1412(2) authorizes public bodies to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending meetings of the Village Board of Trustees, and WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Village Board that members of the public be permitted to attend and speak at meetings of the Village Board and to also maintain order for the efficient conduct of business during its meetings, and WHEREAS the Village Board has deemed it in the best interest of the Village to create regulations to address conduct of persons attending and addressing the board at meetings of the Village Board, and WHEREAS, the Village Board intends for such regulations to be enacted and enforced upon execution of this Resolution, with regard to public comment and with regard to requests for placement of items of business upon an agenda, and WHEREAS, the Village Board intends to establish a form for written requests by members of the general public for items for consideration by the Village Board at their meetings, and WHEREAS, that a time setting forth a deadline for submissions of items for meeting agendas be established for board members, other than items of an emergency or special nature, and WHEREAS it is advisable to set such regulations by Resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DENTON, NEBRASKA: Section A. That regulations addressing conduct of persons attending meetings of the Village Board shall be implemented as set forth in Exhibit A and posted at meetings of the Village Board. Section B. That the form setting forth written requests by members of the public for items for consideration by the Village Board at their regular meetings is contained in the attached Exhibit B and the Board approves the use of said form and adopts the regulations set forth therein. A request creates no absolute right of a topic to be placed upon an agenda and the requested business may be re-worded to describe the topic on the agenda. Section C. That members of the Village Board of Trustees should make requests for items for consideration by the Village Board to the Clerk or Chair of the Village Board no later than three (3) business days prior to a regular meeting of the Village Board. Section D. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon the date of its execution.  
Adopted this 5th DAY OF January, 2026.

b. **Resolution 1-2-26 Surplus Sales for Hay Bales from Lagoon Property.** Discussion on hay market. **Motioned by Osborn, seconded by Fangmeier** to pass Resolution 1-2-26 Surplus. **RESOLUTION NO. 1-2-26. Carried.**

**Surplus Property Hay Sales**

WHEREAS, the Village of Denton, Lancaster County, Nebraska, is the owner of the following described items of personal property, to wit:

11 Large Round Brome Hay Bales

and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Denton does not have a present need to retain ownership of said above described items of personal property, and, WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Denton, Nebraska, has determined that the fair market value of each respective item of the above described personal property,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DENTON, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:

Subject to confirmation by the adoption by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Denton, The above items will be offered for public sale through sealed bid at the regular meeting of the Denton Village Board February 2, 2026 commencing at 6:30 P.M. and said bales shall be sold to

the highest on their terms and conditions state herein. That the Village reserves the right to reject any and all bids. That it is determined by the Village Board that the total fair market value of such personal property is less than \$50.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Village of Denton, Nebraska, shall publish notice of the proposed sale of the above described items of personal property, and the terms thereof, by the posting of a notice of said sale in three prominent places within the Village of Denton, Nebraska and the Lincoln Journal Star, for a period of not less than seven (7) days prior to the sale of said items of personal property, after the passage of this Resolution.

Adopted this 5th DAY OF January, 2026.

## **5. Business**

**a. Petition Presented by Concerned St. Mary's Church Parishioners.** Bill Ellerbee, a member of St. Mary's Parish, addressed the Board regarding the St. Mary's Church building project. He presented information from a survey conducted as part of the church's master building plan. Members of the parish also circulated a petition regarding support for building on the existing site, which was submitted to the Village Board.

Mary Splecika, also a member of the parish, spoke regarding the prior zoning request and the existing St. Mary's property in Denton.

**b. Tall Grass Control Legislation report on meeting with Senator Brandt; Trustee Fangmeier** provided background information regarding the Village's obligations under state statute when addressing nuisance properties with excessive grass and weeds. She explained that current law requires the Village to follow a lengthy process before entering a property to perform mowing. Trustee Fangmeier further reported that she contacted State Senator Tom Brandt to review potential legislative changes aimed at tightening the statute.

**c. Grant Application Review for Denton NonProfits: Discuss/possible action.** Five nonprofits in the village area applied for a total of \$ 25,530 in funds. The Dollars for Scholars representative spoke about the organization's focus and request. A Denton Historical Society representative spoke about how they are working to build a shed on their existing site. **Rosekrans motioned to approve the following donations:** Denton Dollars for Scholars, \$2,500; DCAC, \$2,500; Sunnyside Cemetery, \$1,830; Denton Community Historical Society \$4,000; Spring Creek Prairie, \$1200. **Fangmeier seconded. Carried.**

**d. Sewer and Water Rate Increase- discussion on rate study.** Discussion on having Randy Hellbush from Nebraska Rural Water Association attend the next meeting to expound on the rate study. It was noted that at the next meeting, the Board will introduce proposed Water and Sewer Rate Ordinances. The proposed increases include a three-year water rate adjustment consisting of a \$7 annual increase to the flat water rate and a \$1 increase per 1,000 gallons of water usage each year. The proposed sewer rate adjustments include flat rate increases of \$4 in year one, \$5 in year two, and \$5 in year three.

**e. Maintenance Relief -Consideration of Reinstate Terry Orme** Discuss/possible action. Ross Blackledge stated that the State has approved Terry Orme as an employee of the village to enter the water treatment building, water tower, and well house, provided that he makes no changes in the facilities and that he is the only individual permitted to enter them at that time.

**Motion by Rosekrans, seconded by Fangmeier**, to reinstate Terry Orme to his position as part-time maintenance relief for the Village of Denton, effective immediately. **Motion carried.**

f. **24-25 Keno Annual Report and Compliance Procedure Report.** The Board reviewed the report, which was submitted to the Nebraska Charitable Gaming Commission.

g. **Conference Request for the Clerk/Board.** League Midwinter Feb 23-24 credit. Clerks School March cost for tuition \$273.0 March 16-20. Discuss/Possible Action. Trustee Fangmeier requested to go one day of the Mid Winter Conference. **Motion by Rosekrans** to approve TeBrink's attendance at the University of Nebraska—Omaha Clerks School in March and the League of Nebraska Municipalities Midwinter Conference in February, as well as Trustee Fangmeier's attendance at the February conference. **Fangmeier seconded. Motion carried.**

h. **Speed Study Report:** Blackledge reported that he has not received a speed study report yet from the sheriff's department.

6. **Claims and Transfers.** **Motioned by Rosekrans, seconded by Fangmeier** to approve a transfer from Keno Checking to General Fund for \$40,000 claims list A \$45,427.00; Claims List B \$9,755.91 and December Payroll \$11,025.23. **Motion carried.**

7. **Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

I, the undersigned Village Clerk of the Village of Denton, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees meeting held on January 5, 2025, and that all subjects included were contained in the agenda and publicly available as required under Nebraska law.



Charlotte Te Brink  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

## **January 26 Claims**

### **Claims List A**

Farmers Coop	\$1,899.28 propane for main shop and C Center
Great American	\$156.16 Copier services
Norland Pure	\$26.88 water tank- water
Jackson Services	\$110.97 rug service 2 months
Network Consulting	\$33.25 network support
Verizon	\$91.14 maintenance cell
All Road Barricade	\$135.60 ADA Signs
Total Tool	\$1,396.59 Backback blower
Urbe Refuse	\$112.00 refuse
Windstream	\$159.53 telephone
Norris Public Power	\$1,324.08 electricity
USA Blue Book	\$247.50 marking flags
Jason Johnson	\$3,500.00 Fert spreader
Lancaster County Sheriff	\$1,423.48 sheriff patrol
LAE	\$99.00 repair cable for door system
One Call	\$2.46 locate service
NE HHS Lab	\$200.00 water and sewer tests
MARC	\$878.65 superzyme, ice melt
Farm Bureau Finc Service	\$230.25 insurance
Olsson Assoicates	\$191.62 street super services
APMS Inc	\$31,313.00 crack sealing/ striping
WRT	\$1,434.07 Water treatment lease
Greg Mach	\$324.00 cut/bale 11 bales
Hergert Oil	\$137.49 fuel
<b>Total Claims A</b>	<b>\$45,427.00</b>

### **Claims List B**

IRS	\$3,598.59 941 tax
NE Revenue	\$569.10 941 state tax
NE Revenue	\$288.09 Sales tax
NE Revenue	\$293.97 Sales tax
Great America	\$156.16 Copier lease
Hidden River Systems Inc	\$4,850.00 lagoon wind circulator down payment
<b>Total Claims B</b>	<b>\$9,755.91</b>
<b>December Payroll</b>	<b>\$11,025.23</b>

