Village of Denton Meeting Minutes August 11, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Denton, Nebraska, was held at the Denton Community Center on August 11, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Those present: Doug Rosekrans, Joe Hobelman, Amanda Fangmeier, and Ryan Osborn arrived at 6:32 p.m., Trent Wheatley arrived at 6:44 p.m.

Hobelman stated that the Open Meeting Laws are posted on the wall. This is an Open Meeting of the Denton Village Board of Trustees. The Denton Board of Trustees abides by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act in conducting business. As required by Nebraska State Law, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is on display in this meeting room. Notice of meeting and copies of this have been publicly posted prior to the meeting at the Denton Daily Double, Denton Post Office, and Community Center.

Approval of meeting minutes. Motioned by Fangmeier and seconded by Rosekrans to approve the July 7, 2025 meeting minutes. Carried.

AGENDA:

1. Reports

- **a. Treasurer's Report.** General \$20,925.20; Water \$33,370.29; Sewer \$5,435.89; Streets \$27,659.85, Community Center \$1,671.07; Keno Checking \$180,548.85
- **b. Keno Report June 2025** Gross Proceeds \$559,668.03; Payout 82.43%; Unclaimed Wins \$275.62; Village Share \$32,487.76; Operator Share \$65,792.23
- c. Maintenance Report. Johnson Services jetted the sewer lines and checked the lines going into the lagoon. McGuire Iron did their annual maintenance on the water tower.
- 2. 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.

Amanda Blackledge commented on Ross Blackledge's active history in town, current board, public action, and activities.

Daneda Heppner spoke on traffic study comments at the last meeting.

Jenny Lemley made comments on the Southwest Rural Fire Department's response time. Amanda Fangmeier spoke with a member of the fire department, who plans to visit Denton for a meet and greet in the near future.

Lona Anderson asked if the Village would be picking up the branches from the downed trees. Consensus to post notice on Facebook.

3. Business

- a. Traffic Concerns on W Denton Road Speed Study Bids Information.

 Blackledge stated that the Lancaster County Sheriff's speed trailer will be here by the end of August. The speed trailer is at no cost to the village.
- b. Update 9505 W Denton Road future use/zoning/lot dev-Planning Commission Public Hearing Tuesday, August 26, 2025 6:30 p.m.
- c. Crack Sealing and Street Striping Bids. Rosekrans motioned to approve the bid from APMS, quoting a crack sealing rate of 63 cents per linear foot. Parking lot striping \$1,877; layout and striping of streets \$14,436. Fangmeier seconded. Carried.
- d. Omel Property 9030 Austin Drive request to change zoning code 9.07.01 Minimum lot size for Self Storage facility 9.07.03 All access driveway to property line must be a paved surface. Consensus to not move forward on zoning text changes until the zoning book updates are completed.
- e. Resolution 25-8-1 Annual Certification of Street Program Compliance.

 Motioned by Fangmeier, seconded by Rosekrans to approve Resolution 25-8-1 Annual

 Certification of Street Program Compliance. Carried.
- f. Class C Liquor License Renewal Motioned by Osborn, seconded by Fangmeier to approve the renewal of the Class C Liquor License for the Denton Daily Double and the Denton American Legion. Carried.
- g. Charter Communication Franchise Agreement Review. Dave Murdy from Charter Communications was present to review the franchise agreement with the Village Board. Roserkans motioned to approve the franchise agreement with Charter Communications, with the Village Attorney's review and consent. Osborn seconded. Carried.
- h. Budget Discussion on items to be discussed. Trustees reviewed the budget, and a few items were added for equipment and capital outlay.
- i. Nebraska State Arboretum Grant and Project. Blackledge announced the village received a grant of \$2,000 to be used for plantings. The plantings will be around the Community Center beds. The first planting will start on September 3rd at 1:00 p.m. Blackledge requested 5-6 volunteers. The second planting date is scheduled for September 10th, with additional plantings planned for the spring.
- j. Discussion on citizen concern regarding landscaping/maintenance on Village Property. Craig VanSlyke spoke regarding his concerns on street sealing, striping, lagoon repair, outdoor bathrooms, Post Office sidewalk, rubber matting on the playground, and

further concerns on summer landscape.

- k. Personnel Review (maintenance) possible action. Chair Hobelman asked Ross Blackledge, Maintenance Supervisor, if he would like the evaluation of job performance discussed in an open or closed session. The clerk stated the rules of closed session. Hobelman motioned at 7:43 p.m. to go into a closed session to discuss a personnel review with the maintenance supervisor. Osborn seconded. Passed unanimously. At 8:39 p.m., Hobelman motioned to end the closed session and reconvene in open session for public proceedings. Seconded by Wheatley. Motion passed unanimously.
- **4.** Claims, Transfers. Motioned by Rosekrans, seconded by Fangmeier to approve claims list A \$10,468.54 and Claims list B \$6,771.22; Keno Checking Claims \$134,130.00; July net payroll \$9,664.67. Carried.
- 5. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. I, the undersigned Village Clerk for the Village Denton, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board of Trustees on August 11, 2025, at 8:40 p.m. and that all the subjects included in the forgoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the village clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours before said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and before the next convened meeting of said body.

Charlotte Te Brink
Clerk-Treasurer

August Claims		
Claims List A		
League of NeMuni	\$950.00	membership
Farmers coop	\$90.00	tank rental
Hawkins	\$345.00	chemical for water
WRT	\$2,295.91	base treatment charge/license
Norland Pure	\$26.88	water cooler
Lancaster County Sh	\$1,388.76	sheriff patrol
Uribe Refuse	\$224.00	refuse
Edstrom, Bromm, Lir	\$1,622.00	legal service
Sams Club	\$211.44	janitor supplices
Great America	\$156.16	copy machine
Verizon	\$97.75	cell phone
Fairfield Inn Kearney	\$398.00	hotel for water conference
Windstream	\$158.20	telephone
Mattice Lock & Safe	\$62.25	door handle
Norris Public Power	\$994.16	electricity
Olsson Assoicates	\$347.78	prof services
NE HHS Labs	\$69.00	testing
Column Software PE	\$20.35	publish notice
Charles Hroch	\$95.00	backflow testing
Network Consulting :	\$62.46	backup connect
Jackson Service	\$50.67	rug service
Presto X	\$139.46	prof services
US Postal	\$122.00	2 rolls PC stamps
nergert Oil Co	\$279.41	fuel
Ross Blackledge	\$261.90	education
Total Claims A	\$10,468.54	
Claims List B		
IRS	\$3,093.61	
Ne Revenue		941 state tax
NE Revenue		Sales tax
Norris Public Power		electricity 2 months
TeBrink		postage \$73; mileage \$29.40; stamped envelopes 847.10
Total Claims B	\$6,771.22	
Keno Checking		
NE Revenue	\$34.130.00	Quarterly tax
KENO SFIT ACCT		transfer to SFIT
July Payroll	\$9,664.67	