

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 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 April 6, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. All proceedings were conducted in open session and were open to attendance by the public.

Board Members Present: Amanda Fangmeier, Joe Hobelman, Doug Rosekrans and Ryan Osborn. Trent Wheatley was absent from the meeting. 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 March 2, 2026, meeting minutes. Carried.

2. Reports

Treasurer's Report: General \$9,080.73; Water \$39,718.25; Sewer \$750.28; Streets \$22,849.60; Community Center \$770.29; Keno Checking \$208,165.05

Keno Report. February 2026 Gross Proceeds \$449,452.50; Payout 88.84%; Unclaimed Wins \$245.80; Village Share \$22,718.43; Operator Share \$27,405.94

Maintenance Report. Warning track dirt has been ordered. Plant Nebraska will be on May 12th at 9:30, looking for volunteers to help with the project. Had another fitting in the plant blow. DCAC will be bringing in dirt for the in field.

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.

Shay Smith, a candidate for the state legislature, introduced herself to the Board.

Gail Braunsroth announced that the Denton Activities Committee will host a quarter auction fundraiser on April 18. She also noted that Denton Days is scheduled for June 20.

Lona Anderson inquired whether the Denton Community Activities Committee (DCAC) would be able to contribute funding toward the outfield track project. She also provided

vendor contact information related to the playground. Additionally, she raised concerns regarding trash in the park, the potential for planting additional grass in certain areas, and the presence of weeds in the landscaping.

3. Use Permit for Fireworks Stand on Residential Property 7105 Cass Ave. Public Hearing.

At 7:42 p.m., Fangmeier moved to open the public hearing for the Conditional Use Permit for a fireworks stand on residential property located at 7105 Cass Avenue. Rosekrans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public comment was received.

At 7:46 p.m., Rosekrans moved to close the public hearing. Fangmeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Conditional Use Permit for Fireworks Stand 7105 Cass Ave. possible action. Motioned by Rosekrans, seconded by Fangmeier to approve issuance of Conditional Use Permit for a retail fireworks stand on residential property 7105 Cass Ave for 2026. Carried.

5. Business

a. Sewer and Water Rate Increase- discussion on rate study. Randy Hellbusch of Nebraska Rural Water Association presented a rate study for the Village's water and sewer systems. He reported that the sewer system currently serves 94 users and that the existing flat rate of \$47 would need to increase to approximately \$70 to adequately cover expenses.

Hellbusch noted that Denton is the smallest community in Nebraska operating a water treatment plant. He reviewed the primary sources of expenses, including testing, wages, electricity, and treatment maintenance fees.

Hellbusch strongly recommended that the Village review and update its rate studies every two years.

b. Ordinance 26-2-1 Water Rate Increase. discussion and possible action. Fangmeier motioned, seconded by Rosekrans to read Ordinance 26-2-1 by title and approve the first reading. Rosekrans motioned, seconded by Fangmeier to waive the state statutory requirements three reading for passage. Unanimous. Vote on main motion: Unanimous.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2-1 Water Rates

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DENTON, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO ESTABLISH REVISED WATER RATES FOR THE DENTON MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PART THEREOF; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ANY SECTION, CLAUSE, PROVISION OR PORTION FOUND UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR INVALID; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE PUBLISHED WITHIN THE FIRST 15 DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL EITHER IN PAMPHLET FORM OR BY POSTING IN THREE PUBLIC PLACES IN THE VILLAGE OF DENTON, NEBRASKA, AND SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL, AND PUBLICATION, AS PROVIDED HEREIN; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL NOT BE MADE A PART OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF DENTON, NEBRASKA, AND THE SECTIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE MAY BE RENUMBERED TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH INTENTION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIR AND VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF DENTON, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Chapter Article 1, Section Subparagraph of the Code of the Village of Denton is hereby amended to read as follows:

___ Water Services Rates; Billing and Collecting; Future Rate Revisions.

A. The rate charged by the Village of Denton for municipal water services on a monthly rate basis shall be as follows:

1. Time period of May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027
CLASSIFICATION MONTHLY RATE: Residential and Commercial Rate \$85.00 per month service charge plus \$12 per 1,000 gallons or fraction there of usage.
2. Time period of May 1, 2027, through April 30, 2028.
CLASSIFICATION MONTHLY RATE: Residential and Commercial Rate 92.00 per month services charge plus \$13.00 per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof of usage.
3. Time period of May 1, 2028, through April 30, 2029.
CLASSIFICATION MONTHLY RATE: Residential and Commercial Rate 103.00 per month services charge plus \$14.00 per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof of usage.

This Ordinance passed and approved this 4 day of April 2026.

c. Ordinance 26-2-2 Sewer Rate Increase discussion and possible action. Fangmeier motioned, seconded by Rosekrans to read Ordinance 26-2-2 Sewer Rates by title and approve the first reading. Rosekrans motioned, seconded by Fangmeier to waive the Reading. Rosekrans motioned, seconded by Fangmeier to waive the state statutory requirements three reading for passage. Unanimous. Vote on main motion: Unanimous.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2-2 Sewer Rates

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF DENTON, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO ESTABLISH REVISED SEWER RATES FOR THE DENTON SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PART THEREOF; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ANY SECTION, CLAUSE, PROVISION OR PORTION FOUND UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR INVALID; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE PUBLISHED WITHIN THE FIRST 15 DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL EITHER IN PAMPHLET FORM OR BY POSTING IN THREE PUBLIC PLACES IN THE VILLAGE OF DENTON, NEBRASKA, AND SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL, AND PUBLICATION, AS PROVIDED HEREIN; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL NOT BE MADE A PART OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF DENTON, NEBRASKA, AND THE SECTIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE MAY BE RENUMBERED TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH INTENTION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIR AND VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF DENTON, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That Chapter Article 1, Section Subparagraph of the Code of the Village of Denton is hereby amended to read as follows:

___ Sewer Services Rates; Billing and Collecting; Future Rate Revisions.

The rate charged by the Village of Denton for sewer services on a monthly rate basis shall be as follows:

1. Time period of May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027
CLASSIFICATION MONTHLY RATE: Residential and Commercial Rate \$55.00 per month service charge.
2. Time period of May 1, 2027 through April 30, 2028:
CLASSIFICATION MONTHLY RATE: Residential and Commercial Rate \$63.00 per month services charge.
3. Time period of May 1, 2028 through April 30, 2029:
CLASSIFICATION MONTHLY RATE: Residential and Commercial Rate \$71.00 per month services charge.

This Ordinance passed and approved this 6 day of April 26..

d. Question on installing the remote meters and timeline. Craig Vanslyke inquired about the timeline for installation of the next water meters. He also asked how many meters have been installed to date and whether the Village plans to order additional remote-read meters.

e. Update Request for Projects From January 6, 26 Meeting- Craig Vanslyke requested an update on prior discussions concerning the street dip on Cass Avenue, as well as the condition of a tree located at the corner of Lancaster Avenue and Cass Avenue.

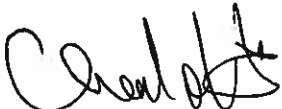
Ross Blackledge stated that someone will inspect the tree to determine whether it is still alive.

f. Street Striping -Review fall project.The Clerk reported that the street striping completed in Fall 2025 is not wearing well and that the contractor will need to be contacted. Ross Blackledge stated that he will follow up with the contractor.

g. Purchase Request for two refrigerators in the kitchen; Fangmeier motioned, seconded by Rosekrans to purchase two Criterion 21.1 cu ft refrigerators from Menards. The current price is \$622.99 each and the regular price is \$799. Carried. Carried.

6. Claims. Rosekrans motioned, seconded by Fangmeier to approve claims list A for \$10,730.00. The list presented total \$13,598.14 but check #19707 will be voided; Claims List B \$4,207.83. March Net Payroll \$14,589.04 Carried. Claims. Carried.

7. Adjournment. 7:42 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 April 6, 2026, and that all subjects included were contained in the agenda and publicly available as required under Nebraska law.



Charlotte Te Brink
Village Clerk/Treasurer

April Claims

Claims List A

Lindahl Edstrom Bromm	\$688.00	legal services plat
Lancaster County Sheriff	\$1,428.20	March patrol
Norland Pure	\$40.84	water supplies
Jay's Oil & Propane	\$35.00	tire repair
Great America	\$156.16	Copier lease
Fairfield Inn Kearney	\$245.90	hotel Water conference
LAE	\$239.94	semi annual access
Verizon	\$91.12	telephone
Windstream	\$156.33	telephone
WRT	\$2,868.14	treatment monthly
Charlene Hobelman	\$249.85	seniors
Column Software	\$14.13	zoning book hearing
Jackson Services	\$61.89	rug service
Network Consulting Service	\$33.25	backup service
TeBrink	\$628.65	postage, hotel, mileage
Ross Blackledge	\$184.15	education
Uribe Refuse	\$112.00	refuse
Norris Public Power	\$1,036.16	Electricity
NE HHS Labs	\$34.00	coliform, arsenic
Summit Fire	\$273.00	alarm inspection
Megan Sebaaly	\$73.31	Ut refund
Sams Club	\$94.84	cleaning supplies
US Postal	\$112.00	postcard stamps
Hergert Oil Co	\$252.26	fuel
Farmers Coop	\$1,620.88	propane
Total Claims A	\$10,730.00	

Claims List B

IRS	\$3,417.40	941 tax
NE Revenue	\$490.32	941 state tax
NE Revenue	\$300.11	Sales tax
Claims List B	\$4,207.83	

March Payroll	\$14,589.04
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