

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 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 February 2, 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: Trent Wheatley, Amanda Fangmeier, Joe Hobelman, and Ryan Osborn. Doug Rosekrans 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 Fangmeier, seconded by Wheatley, to approve the January 5, 2026, meeting minutes. Carried.

2. Reports

Treasurer's Report: General \$32,939.39; Water \$37,504.44; Sewer \$718.50; Streets \$17,659.79; Community Center \$747.12; Keno Checking \$246,646.45

Keno Report December 2025 Gross Proceeds \$445,240.49; Payout 79.45%; Unclaimed Wins \$327.10; Village Share \$29,052.92; Operator Share \$62,443.58

Maintenance. Ross Blackledge reported that repairs at the radium plant have been completed. The speed limit sign on W. Denton is bent; a locate request has been submitted prior to making repairs. The dip in the street surface on Cass Avenue has not worsened. Weather permitting, he will fill the dip in the shoulder in front of the Windstream building. Blackledge also addressed concerns regarding a tree blocking visibility at the intersection of W. Denton and Cass Avenue. He noted that if the tree is removed, the board may wish to consider whether to remove all trees and shrubs within the town right-of-way, should the board choose to pursue that approach.

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. Craig VanSlyke commented that there is a street dip on Cass Avenue and stated it is getting

worse. Also, he stated that the tree on Cass Ave and W Denton Rd is dead and should be removed.

Tim Steward stated that the tree on Cass Ave and W Denton Rd is in line of site when at the stop sign at Cass Ave.

Gail Braunsroth announced Denton Days on June 20th. Also St Marys Church will have a CPA class February 28th

3. Business

a. Sewer and Water Rate Increase- discussion on rate study. Motioned by Fangmeier, seconded by Wheatley to table Sewer and Water Rate Increase and Ordinance 26-1-1 and 26-1-2 until the March 2, 2026 meeting. Carried.

b. Ordinance 26-1-1 Water Rate Increase. discussion and possible action

c. Ordinance 26-1-2 Sewer Rate Increase. Discussion and possible action.

d. Snow removal in the business district discussion and possible action. Scott Zeilinger requested permission to remove snow in the area of his business if the village is unable to do so. He also requested notification if snow removal will not occur, so alternate plans can be made. Mike Sammus noted that the alley between Lancaster Avenue and Cass Avenue has not been receiving snow removal.

No changes were made to the current policy. Chair Hobelman stated that, moving forward, the village will clear snow from village sidewalks, the village parking lot, and the downtown business district. He further noted that the village should maintain a policy to consistently plow these areas.

e. Keno Contract Review; discussion and possible action. To extend the contract amendment one year. **Fangmeier motioned, seconded by Osborn, to approve the contract for one more year, running from February 1, 2026, to January 31, 2026 and authorize the Chair Hobelman to sign the contract. Carried.**

f. Playground Improvement Bid and Rendering; discussion. Fangemier presented a rendering of a playground improvement project. The bid for the structures is \$389,150 and the matting would be \$132,120.00. Mary Sue Wagner said she would help with grant writing.

g. Citizen Inquiries on traffic, street safety & maintenance; Craig VanSlyke stated we covered it earlier in the meeting.

h. Speed Study Report. Fangmeier presented the speed study on W Denton Road from All Traffic Solutions. Discussion on wide rumble strips or an additional flashing sign. The study is available at the Village Office for review.

i. Surplus Bales Bid Review and possible action. No bids were received. Discussion to lower the minimum bid. Osborn motioned, seconded by Wheatley to approve the adoption of Resolution 2-1-26 Surplus. 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 March 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 \$30. 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 2nd DAY OF February, 2026.

J. Ingress/Egress Easements for 9505 W Denton Property; review & pos. Action. Motioned by Wheatley seconded by Fangmeier to table the agenda item Ingress/Egress Easements for 9505 W Denton Property. Carried.

f. Camera Upgrade Bid. Discussion and possible action. Possibly add extra cameras to the maintenance shop, well, water tower properties. Fangmeier motioned, seconded by Osborn to accept the bid from NCS IT Support for 4 camera replacement and software for \$905.26. Carried.

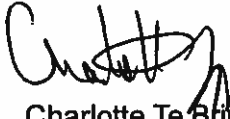
g. Nebraska Rural Water Annual Conference, March 9-11, request for Ross Blackledge to attend. Discussion and possible action. Fangmeier motioned, second by Wheatley, to approve Blackledge to attend the NE Rural Water Annual Conference March 9-11, 2026. Carried.

h. Firework Show for 2026 discussion on dates and budget. Fangmier motioned seconded by Osborn to set a budget of \$6,000 for the July 4th 2026 Fireworks Show and request that Midwest Firework do the show on 3rd or 4th. Carried.

i. Village Attorney Billing for Linda's Retirement Subdivision. The clerk will be billing Linda's Retirement the attorney fees for the lagoon agreement and easement work.

4. Claims and Transfers. Motioned by Fangmeier, Wheatley seconded to approve Claims List A for \$24,526.09 and Claims List B \$5,325.03 and February net payroll \$10,832.21. Carried.

5. Adjournment. The meeting was declared adjourned. 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 February 2, 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

March Claims

Claims List A

Jackson Services	\$60.85	Rug service
NE HHS Labs	\$634.00	EPA 524, Coliform, BOD
Verizon	\$91.12	maintenance cell phone
Network Consulting	\$33.25	date backup firewall
Stella Flags	\$408.14	USA & NE Flags
Southeast Area Clerks Associati	\$10.00	membership for clerk
Norris Public Power	\$500.16	electricity
Assurity Life Insurance	\$1,760.00	disability policy
One Call	\$2.03	locate for utilities
Lancaster County Sheriff	\$1,423.48	Sheriff Patrol
WestGate Bank	\$30.00	Deposit Box
Windstream	\$157.59	Landlines 2 services
Charlene Hobleman	\$223.34	Seniors chicken reim
Ross Blackledge	\$21.17	parts for treatment plant
Edstrom Bromm, Lindhal	\$2,437.50	legal services
Charlotte TeBRink	\$71.75	mileage, office supplies
Wholesale Heating & Cooling	\$357.25	motor for exhaust fan treatment
Hawkins, Inc	\$505.50	Water treatment chemicals
Uribe Refuse	\$112.00	refuse
Hergerts Oil Co	\$146.73	fuel
WRT	\$1,434.07	water treatment chemicals
Great America	\$156.16	office supplies/mileage
HBE	\$13,950.00	audit waiver
Total Claims A	\$24,526.09	

Claims List B

IRS	\$4,004.41	941 tax
NE Revenue	\$628.39	941 state tax
IRS	\$370.99	membership fees, cleaning supplies
NE Revenue	\$321.24	Sales tax
Total Claims B	\$5,325.03	
February Payroll	\$10,832.21	

