

**VILLAGE OF UNION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 2008**

The Union Village Board met in regular session on May 14, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. at the ALA hall. The Open Meeting Laws are displayed. On roll call: McClane, Wingett, Brown & Kahland were present. One position remains vacant. Angela Minihan, representing Reinsch, Slattery & Bear, PC, LLO, was also present.

James McClane took the oath of office & was seated as a new board trustee.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed & were approved with a motion made by Brown & 2nd by Kahland. Trustee votes are as follows: T. McClane – Aye, Wingett – Aye, Brown – Aye, Kahland – Aye & J. McClane - Aye. Motion approved.

Claims & Accounts were presented separately. A motion to approve the claims & accounts was made by Wingett & 2nd by J. McClane. Trustee votes are as follows: T. McClane – Aye, Wingett – Aye, Brown – Aye, Kahland – Aye & J. McClane - Aye. Motion approved.

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS

April 9, 2008

NPPD	FIREBARN*	\$123.76	
	AREA LIGHT RENTAL	\$6.85	
	BALLFIELD**	\$35.27	
	WATER PUMP	\$414.08	
FIREBARN (TOWN BLDG)		\$51.16	
NEW TOWER (WATER)		\$15.86	
	TRAFFIC LIGHT	\$15.79	
	AREA LIGHT RENTAL	\$17.52	
	STREETLIGHTS	\$389.50	
	NEW SEWER PUMP	\$134.71	
	ALA HALL	\$25.72	
REINSCH, SLATTERY & BEAR		\$300.20	
	GRAINGER	\$148.50	Paving Material
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB		\$101.00	WATER TESTS
	ALLIED REFUSE	\$1,381.80	
	SHARP ELECTRIC, INC	\$70.00	Work on siren
	WINDSTREAM OFFICE	\$53.20	
	WINDSTREAM FIRE	\$81.55	

DEB MCWHA	\$572.95	
MILLER-MONROE-FARRELL	\$9,837.00	Insurance
JOHNSONS GAS N GO	\$225.75	
THE COLUMBUS TELEGRAPH		Meeting Ad & Meeting Minutes
WATKINS TRUE VALUE	\$194.25	
STEVE MCWHA	\$1,301.03	Salary
WACONDA WELDING	\$367.38	Repair Montana tractor
MURRAY BUILDING & SUPPLY	\$16.92	

Correspondence included a notice from Sarpy County informing the village of a grant of \$250.00 to assist with prevention of West Nile virus. Motion to apply for grant money was made by Brown & 2nd by Wingett. Trustee votes are as follows: T. McClane – Aye, Wingett – Aye, Brown – Aye, Kahland – Aye & J. McClane - Aye. Motion approved. Clerk will send in the paperwork. T. McClane discussed our tax base as an answer to some questions from the public.

Village manager's report included the water usage for the month was 1,037,000 gallons, approximately 34,000 gallons per day. All water tests were good. The sewer pumps ran for 23 hours. Some parts had to be ordered for the lift station pumps. The siren at Todd Park is not working again & Windstream has ordered some parts to repair it. There have been some items put in the burn pile that's not supposed to be there. The burn pile is intended for yard debris such as grass & limbs not construction material. Steve discussed replacing the gate with the farmer that uses the road to access his fields. There will be no problems as long as he can contact someone to open it for him. Suggestions were to have a sign showing the hours the gate will be open for its intended use. A representative from DEQ reviewed our paperwork & questioned as to why the village has a permit to discharge from the lagoons. Since the new lagoons were added, they can handle wastewater for over 1000 residents, more than the village should ever need. Steve will look into getting the permit canceled. The weed eater needed to be replaced. T. McClane suggested getting some help to remove the trees from the lagoon area.

Fire/Rescue Report. There were 2 fire & 4 rescue calls. All the bunker gear has arrived & the radio is working in the new squad. They will have their traditional pancake feed on May 26, 2008 @ Lake Waconda.

The Main Street Bldg Committee met on May 7, 2008 @ the fire station. Several suggestions about fundraising & uses for the building were noted. Also, they will be checking out grant programs. Al Long asked that everyone bring a letter to the next meeting about some of the questions to ask the public about what they would like for the building. Then it will be presented at the June board meeting for approval & sent out to all residents. The next meeting of the Main St Committee is scheduled for June 4, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. @ the fire station.

Dave Taladay & Steve Eveans attended the meeting to discuss the feasibility study of the Main Street Building, which will cost \$8400.00. They explained that the committee needed to develop a master plan to determine what the structure will be used for. There will be a topography survey & environmental assessment done to insure there are no contaminates. They need a POC to have access to the building. A motion to authorize T. McClane to sign feasibility study contract was made by Wingett & 2nd by J. McClane. Trustee votes are as follows: T. McClane – Aye, Wingett – Aye, Brown – Aye, Kahland – Aye & J. McClane - Aye. Motion approved. Motion to authorize T. McClane to sign amendment to the professional services/consultant agreement was made by Brown & 2nd by Wingett. Trustee votes are as follows: T. McClane – Aye, Wingett – Aye, Brown – Aye, Kahland – Aye & J. McClane - Aye. Motion approved.

The Brown Bottle is sponsoring a softball tournament for May 31st & June 1st at the ballpark. Motion to approve & authorize T. McClane to sign temporary liquor license was made by Wingett & 2nd by J. McClane. Trustee votes are as follows: T. McClane – Aye, Wingett – Aye, Brown – Abstain, Kahland – Aye & J. McClane - Aye. Motion approved.

A plat change for Tax Lot 46 (property on 12th St) was submitted by Ed Brink. The intended use to for the property is to sell for growing produce. T. McClane asked if homes are put on the lot eventually, could Union be able to provide fire/rescue support? It was explained that the board's job is to evaluate the change as requested & not speculate on future uses. Motion to approve & authorize T. McClane & clerk to sign plat change after the Village Planning Board approves & signs it, was made by Kahland & 2nd by J. McClane. Trustee votes are as follows: T. McClane – Aye, Wingett – Aye, Brown – Aye, Kahland – Aye & J. McClane - Aye. Motion approved.

Problem properties were discussed. There are complaints about 125 B St, the former Kinnison property & the Bescheinen property on Main St. Motion to authorize the chairman to contact the Health Board to inspect the properties in question was made by Brown & 2nd by Kahland. Trustee votes are as follows: T. McClane – Aye, Wingett – Aye, Brown – Aye, Kahland – Aye & J. McClane - Aye. Motion approved.

Water/sewer/trash bills were discussed. Clerk will continue to send letters to account in arrears.

Brown has informed the board members of damage at the ballpark. Several of the benches are broken, damage to the concession stand & circuit box. We ask the public to help us by keeping a closer eye on the area & parents to make their children accountable. Some discussion about a community picnic for the 28th of June, details to follow.

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. was made by Wingett & 2nd by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows: T. McClane – Aye, Wingett – Aye, Brown – Aye, Kahland – Aye & J. McClane - Aye. Motion approved. Next regular board meeting to be held June 11, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the ALA Hall.

Terry McClane
Chairman