

**VILLAGE OF UNION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 11, 2007**

Karen Kahland read & signed the Oath of Office prior to the meeting called to order.

The Union Village Board met in regular session on July 11, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at the ALA hall. On roll call: Meredith, Brown, Kahland & McClane. Trull was absent. Angela Minihan, representing Reinsch, Slattery & Bear, PC, LLO, was also present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with a motion made by McClane & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Kahland – Aye, and Trull was absent. Motion approved.

Claims & Accounts were presented separately. After consideration, all were allowed on a motion made by Brown & 2<sup>nd</sup> by McClane. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Kahland – Aye, and Trull was absent. Motion approved.

Claims & Accounts  
July 11, 2007

NPPD	FIREBARN*	\$44.23	
	AREA LIGHT RENTAL	\$8.76	
	BALLFIELD**	\$35.29	
	WATER PUMP	\$496.84	
FIREBARN (TOWN BLDG)		\$15.80	
	NEW TOWER (WATER)	\$15.87	
	TRAFFIC LIGHT	\$15.79	
	AREA LIGHT RENTAL	\$6.67	
	STREETLIGHTS	\$389.50	
	NEW SEWER PUMP	\$103.39	
	ALA HALL	\$40.33	
	CABOOSE	\$16.66	
REINSCH, SLATTERY & BEAR		\$269.40	
	STATE OF NE HHS	\$8.00	WATER TESTS
	ALLIED REFUSE	\$1,258.96	
GREAT PLAINS ONE-CALL			
	WINDSTREAM OFFICE	\$53.51	
	WINDSTREAM FIRE	\$83.18	
	DEB MCWHA	\$554.58	\$415.58 salary \$139.00 reimburse dehumidifier

BORNEMEIER WELL DRILLING	\$330.00	Pressure tank
JOHNSON'S GAS N GO	\$300.05	\$31.63 bill to URFD
THE COLUMBUS TELEGRAPH	\$82.19	Meeting Ad & Meeting Minutes
WATKINS TRUE VALUE	\$192.84	
OUTDOOR POWER	\$799.00	Shredder deck
USA BLUEBOOK	\$63.38	Bushings, pressure gauge, ball valve
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC OF NE	\$24.46	Fiber gaskets
STEVE MCWHA	\$1,301.03	Salary

Correspondence included two letters of appreciation for the clerk & village manager; FEMA Flood Insurance; EMC audit insurance & notification the village should be receiving the last of the FEMA claim from May 2004.

Village manager's report included the water usage for the month was 1,500,000 gallons. West-E-Con was supposed to put in a new pressure switch but put in used instead. The invoice included the cost for new. Steve notified them that we would not pay the invoice. Steve is still working on clearing the trees in the lagoons. It'll take some time due to the surface being so slanted. Once the trees are gone, he will spray to keep them from growing back. Took the tires left at the ballpark to the recycling center. The village cleanup went well, he spent most of the day there to assist residents with their items. Thanked Terry McClane for volunteering to monitor the area. McClane went around with Steve to check out the condition of the Kubota & Snapper mowers. The Kubota will probably need a new radiator & the condition of Snapper is questionable. It needs new hydraulics & tires. Steve got some estimates for new John Deere, Hustler & Snapper mowers. After some discussion, McClane stated that John Deere has a good reputation, warranty work will be in Plattsburgh & they will pick up & return the mower to the village at no additional cost, plus the village will receive a discount since it is a municipality. McClane made a motion & Kahland 2nd to replace this mower with a John Deere & the cost not to exceed \$8,000.00. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Kahland – Aye, and Trull was absent. Motion approved.

Motion to approve Backflow Ordinance 200-3 & authorize the clerk & chairman to sign was made by Brown & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kahland. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Kahland – Aye, and Trull was absent. Motion approved.

Bids to remove tree on 4<sup>th</sup> Street next to the Espinosa property were Cooke Construction \$950.00 & Lumberjack Co \$964.00. Motion to authorize clerk to contact Cooke Construction was made by McClane & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Kahland – Aye, and Trull was absent. Motion approved.

Motion to approve Mike Tellez to repair roof on the fire station not to exceed \$2500.00 was made by McClane & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kahland. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Kahland – Aye, and Trull was absent. Motion approved.

Dave Taladay from SENDD discussed some of the options for the Wiysel building purchased by the village. He suggested we set up a committee to handle this project. Motion to authorize Taladay to initiate advertisement for RFQ project made by Brown & 2<sup>nd</sup> by McClane. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Kahland – Aye, and Trull was absent. Motion approved.

Motion to approve SENDD membership & authorize clerk to pay the dues of \$78.00 & \$250.00, was made by Kahland & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Kahland – Aye, and Trull was absent. Motion approved.

The owner of the property located at 215 A St was notified by registered mail that the property needed to be cleaned & mowed. They have 15 days from receipt of the letter to get the work done. If it isn't done, the village is authorized to hire an outside company to do the work & a lien will be put on the property for the cost of cleanup & allowable fines. Motion to authorize clerk to hire a company to mow & clean it up was made by McClane & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Kahland – Aye, and Trull was absent. Motion approved.

The village manager had checked into putting in the street signs on Main St, which is also hwy 34. He was told that the “No Engine Braking “ signs needed to state the ordinance number prohibiting that. Angie stated the ordinance number was not required. Steve will contact the roads department to put up the signs & will order the poles needed to put in the rest throughout the village.

The clerk discussed the need for a kennel to house stray dogs. She stated that Lily Wolfe & herself have been keeping them at their homes & can no longer do that. Chairman said that since this was discussed before that Steve could get the materials to put a double kennel together & erect it behind the fire station.

Motion to exit regular session at 8:40 p.m. was made by Kahland & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Kahland – Aye, and Trull was absent. Motion approved.

Motion to enter executive session at 8:40 p.m. was made by Brown & 2<sup>nd</sup> by McClane to discuss overdue water/sewer/trash accounts. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Kahland – Aye, and Trull was absent. Motion approved.

Motion to exit executive session at 9:05 p.m. was made by McClane & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kahland. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Kahland – Aye, and Trull was absent. Motion approved.

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Motion to authorize clerk was made by Brown & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kahland to send out letters to all residents with a balance of \$200.00 or more. They must pay the current month's charges plus 10% of the balance in arrears within 15 days. If not, service will be disconnected & polycart will be removed. Before services will be reconnected, the balance plus \$40 reconnect fee plus \$50 deposit will be required. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Kahland – Aye, and Trull was absent. Motion approved.

The rescue department is finally collecting for rescue calls. Will now split the bills in thirds with the village.

Motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. was made by McClane & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Kahland – Aye, and Trull was absent. Motion approved.

Next regular board meeting to be held August 8, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the ALA Hall.