

**VILLAGE OF UNION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2007**

The Union Village Board met in regular session on Sept 12, 2007. The clerk called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the ALA hall. On roll call: Trull, Brown, Kahland & McClane, one position is vacant. Angela Minihan, representing Reinsch, Slattery & Bear, PC, LLO, was also present.

The first item on the agenda was to appoint a new chairman. Motion to appoint Terry McClane to fill the chairman position was made by Terry McClane & 2nd by Trull. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Brown – Aye & McClane – Aye, one position vacant. Motion approved.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with a motion made by Kahland & 2nd by Trull. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Brown – Aye & McClane – Aye, one position vacant. Motion approved.

Claims & Accounts were presented separately. After consideration, all were allowed on a motion made by Trull & 2nd by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Brown – Aye & McClane – Aye, one position vacant. Motion approved.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS
September 12, 2007**

NPPD	FIREBARN*	\$86.29	
	AREA LIGHT RENTAL	\$8.76	
	BALLFIELD**	\$35.30	
	WATER PUMP	\$635.44	
FIREBARN (TOWN BLDG)		\$15.79	
NEW TOWER (WATER)		\$15.86	
	TRAFFIC LIGHT	\$15.79	
	AREA LIGHT RENTAL	\$6.67	
	STREETLIGHTS	\$389.50	
	NEW SEWER PUMP	\$102.79	
	ALA HALL	\$42.31	
	CABOOSE	\$15.79	
REINSCH, SLATTERY & BEAR		\$69.40	
	STATE OF NE HHS	\$48.00	
			WATER TESTS

ALLIED REFUSE	\$1,106.96	
GREAT PLAINS ONE-CALL		
WINDSTREAM OFFICE	\$53.24	
WINDSTREAM FIRE	\$81.65	
DEB MCWHA	\$415.58	
WEST-E-CON	\$195.00	Bypass pressure switch
JOHNSON'S GAS N GO	\$351.95	\$23.50 billed to URFD
THE COLUMBUS TELEGRAPH	\$208.03	Meeting Ad & Meeting Minutes
WATKINS TRUE VALUE	\$126.06	
LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	\$253.00	Yearly membership dues-utility section
JA TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	\$665.00	Street sign poles & hardware
NE MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOC	\$10.00	Yearly dues
STEVE MCWHA	\$1,301.03	Salary
WACONDA WELDING & AUTO	\$83.54	Repair Village truck
BALL INSURANCE	\$1,092.00	Life Insurance for fire/rescue & board members
MIKE TELLEZ	\$1,950.00	Roof repair for fire station

Correspondence included upcoming training for NIMS IS700/IS100; Retree Workshop offered by NE Statewide Arboretum; & census training by the US Dept of Commerce.

Village manager's report included the water usage for the month was 1,200,000 gallons, approx 30,000 gallons per day. A water leak on Main St was repaired which resulted in a savings of approx 10,000 gallons per day. The sewer pumps ran for 49 hours. A notice from HHS Labs will be sent to all homeowners due to a positive coliform test. Steve & Jesse Keene (licensed water operator) will call to order more test kits to see if we can find where the contamination stems from. Brown asked about testing the water at the well house & Steve explained that the state does not want the testing to be there. He will continue to chlorinate. The notices will be sent with the water/sewer/trash bills to save on postage. Got an estimate on the exhaust for the truck. One estimate was from Waconda Welding for \$275.00. Will get a couple more estimates. The Montana tractor was picked up for repair of the clutch & leak in the hydraulics that works the bucket. Motion to have the truck exhaust repaired not to exceed \$275.00 was made by Brown & 2nd by Kahland. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Brown – Aye & McClane – Aye, one position vacant. Motion approved.

Fire/Rescue Report. They responded to 3 rescues, no fires. Took the International truck to the King Korn Karnival but it really needs the brakes repaired. Gaille Brown received a full scholarship from Creighton to attend

an EMT course. The siren at Todd Park needs to be checked because it hasn't been ringing. Per information from the fire chief, the fuses tend to burn out so Steve will check the fuses to see if that's the problem.

Delinquent water/sewer/trash accounts were discussed. Clerk will send notices to all that exceed \$200.00 balances to make partial payments of 5% of existing balance plus the current bill. Motion made by Trull & 2nd by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Brown – Aye & McClane – Aye, one position vacant. Motion approved.

Steve Rishel from Rishel & Pfeiffer accounting firm explained the FY 2008 budget. Motion to approve the resolution to set the tax base was made by Brown & 2nd by Kahland. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Brown – Aye & McClane – Aye, one position vacant. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the FY 2008 budget & authorize the clerk to sign was made by Kahland & 2nd by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Brown – Aye & McClane – Aye, one position vacant. Motion approved.

The audit is finally completed by Dana Cole & Co & Brown made a motion to approve & authorize the chairman to sign & Trull 2nd the motion. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Brown – Aye & McClane – Aye, one position vacant. Motion approved.

Trull requested the board discuss the use of public buildings. There was a situation where the fire chief locked the doors, which led to the bay & public meeting room in the fire station. The village owns the building & it is used by several groups to hold meetings. The decision was made that if this happens again, the village can refuse access to anyone. A notice will be sent to anyone locking the doors & the responsible person will be banned from the property. Trull stated if it happens again, he would contact the sheriff's office & file the necessary charges per guidance of the village attorney.

Motion to approve renewal of the liquor license for the Brown Bottle was made by Trull & 2nd by Kahland. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, McClane – Aye, Brown abstained. Motion approved.

A plot change was submitted by the Wirth family for the property south of town on highway 75. The Village Zoning Committee approved the change. Motion to approve the change & authorize clerk & chairman to sign was made by Brown & 2nd by Trull. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Brown – Aye & McClane – Aye, one position vacant. Motion approved.

The following people were interviewed to fill the vacant board position: Charles Wingett, William Bescheinen & Glenn Wolfe.

Motion to exit regular session at 8:56 p.m. was made by Brown & 2nd by Kahland. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Nay, Kahland – Aye, Brown – Aye & McClane – Aye, one position vacant. Motion approved.

Motion to enter executive session at 8:56 p.m. was made by Brown & 2nd by Kahland. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Nay, Kahland – Aye, Brown – Aye & McClane – Aye, one position vacant. Motion approved.

Motion to exit executive session at 8:57 p.m. was made by Brown & 2nd by Trull. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Brown – Aye & McClane – Aye, one position vacant. Motion approved.

Motion to enter regular session was 8:57 p.m. made by Brown & 2nd by Kahland. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Brown – Aye & McClane – Aye, one position vacant. Motion approved.

Trull brought to the attention of the board; section 1-113 of our village ordinances does not allow executive sessions to discuss applicants. The executive session was ended & no discussion was held.

Chairman nominates Charles Wingett to fill the vacant trustee position. Trustee votes are as follows: Kahland – Nay, Trull – Aye, Brown – Aye & McClane – Aye. Nomination approved. Wingett will be given the oath of office at the beginning of the next board meeting.

At the next board meeting, the health committee will be reorganized. Clerk will advertise for applicants to fill the position that is vacant. Clerk will also advertise for applicants to form a committee to oversee the Main Street building (formerly known as the Wiysel building) project.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. was made by Trull & 2nd by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Brown – Aye & McClane – Aye, one position vacant. Motion approved.

Next regular board meeting to be held October 10, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the ALA Hall.