

**VILLAGE OF UNION
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2007**

The Union Village Board met in regular session on Oct 7, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. at the ALA hall. The Open Meeting Laws are displayed & Chmn McClane stated that if anyone has questions or comments, they would have the opportunity to speak at the end of the meeting. On roll call: McClane, Brown, & Trull, Brown was absent. Angela Minihan, representing Reinsch, Slattery & Bear, PC, LLO, was also present.

The first item on the agenda was to administer the Oath of Office to Chuck Wingett & the clerk sign.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with changing KKK to King Korn Karnival on a motion made by Trull & 2nd by Kahland. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Wingett – Aye & McClane – Aye, Brown was absent. Motion approved.

Claims & Accounts were presented separately. There were some questions about the bill submitted by Jesse Keene. He charges \$75.00 for each water test as well as mileage. Once Steve goes to class in November 2007 for his license, that cost will be eliminated. After consideration, all were allowed on a motion made by Kahland & 2nd by Wingett. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Wingett – Aye & McClane – Aye, Brown was absent. Motion approved.

Claims & Accounts
October 10, 2007

NPPD	FIREBARN*	\$82.66
	AREA LIGHT RENTAL	\$8.76
	BALLFIELD**	\$35.30
	WATER PUMP	\$557.80
FIREBARN (TOWN BLDG)		\$15.79
	NEW TOWER (WATER)	\$15.87
	TRAFFIC LIGHT	\$15.79
	AREA LIGHT RENTAL	\$7.03
	STREETLIGHTS	\$389.50
	NEW SEWER PUMP	\$111.90
	ALA HALL	\$55.62

CABOOSE	\$16.66	
REINSCH, SLATTERY & BEAR	\$229.30	
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB	\$175.00	WATER TESTS
ALLIED REFUSE	\$1,106.96	
GREAT PLAINS ONE-CALL	\$1.84	
WINDSTREAM OFFICE	\$53.03	
WINDSTREAM FIRE	\$82.71	
DEB MCWHA	\$415.58	
KERNS EXC CO.	\$554.44	Repair water leak Main St
JOHNSONS GAS N GO	\$233.42	\$23.50 billed to URFD
THE COLUMBUS TELEGRAPH	\$24.40	Meeting Ad & Meeting Minutes
WATKINS TRUE VALUE	\$117.98	
RISHEL & PFEIFER P.C.	\$450.00	Prepare village budget
JA TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	\$127.57	Manual drive cap
RURAL DISTRIBUTION SVC	\$986.50	Water Operator
STEVE MCWHA	\$1,301.03	Salary
WACONDA WELDING & AUTO	\$296.58	Replace truck exhaust & repair 3 flat tires on mower
JOHN'S TRACTOR SHOP L.L.C.	\$1,766.25	Repair Montana Tractor
DANA COLE & CO L.L.P.	\$1,800.00	Audit

Village manager's report included the water usage for the month was 990,000 gallons. The sewer pumps ran for 87 hours. Sent in 4 tests & all the tests are coming up negative. The water tower is scheduled for maintenance by Utility Services, Inc. Steve will drain the tower & the water will bypass the tower so the village will not be without water. All homeowners will be notified with the water bills about the work being done & that there may be some pressure fluctuations, or slight water discoloration. Utility Services Inc. will sandblast the inside of the tower, paint, repair any damage, & disinfect before refilling the tower. The tower will be down for approximately 15-20 days depending on the weather.

Steve discussed the repair of the brace on the truck that holds the snow blade. He got an estimate from Waconda Welding & Auto Repair of \$40.00 to weld the piece & will get it done before it's needed. Discussed the use of a power washer to get all the mowing equipment cleaned up before storing them for the winter. Trull asked about renting a power washer. Steve will get some information on it. He will also get some estimates on repair of some of the sidewalks, curb cuts etc.

Fire/Rescue Report. They responded to 5 rescues, 2 fires. The rescue squad is having some mechanical problems. There was a suggestion that they had

bad fuel so they should use up what they have in the tank then refuel & put in some fuel additive.

Dave Taladay from SENDD explained what the next step in the Main St building project was. Motion to approve & authorize the chairman & clerk to sign Resolution 2007-4 was made by Trull & 2nd by Kahland. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Wingett – Aye & McClane – Aye, Brown was absent. Motion approved. Motion to authorize chairman & clerk to sign all necessary documents was made by Trull & 2nd by Wingett. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Wingett – Aye & McClane – Aye, Brown was absent. Motion approved.

Problem properties were discussed. Angie was asked to research status of possible foreclosure action & send a notice to the responsible parties about cleaning up the property. McClane asked permission to contact Haveman Grain about the tanks that may contain chemicals & are parked on the railroad property. He also wants to contact Hauschild about removing some of the junk around their grain bins. McClane also wants to check into getting the scrap metal removed. The clerk went to the county surveyor's office & got copies of the survey maps for the area between Main & 1st and Main & E. Union Drive. Steve & McClane measured out the areas to see where the property lines are. McClane wants to talk to Bill Bescheinen about moving the equipment that is not on his property. And, he also wants to talk to Mr. Horn (with the railroad) about cleaning up the area belonging to the railroad. All the board members agreed.

McClane nominated Lily Wolfe to the Health Committee. At the next board meeting, the current health committee members & zoning committee members will be reappointed. We are also looking for volunteers to form a Main St building committee. The board members will get together at a working meeting on Oct 17 @ 7 p.m. @ the fire station to decide what they want the Main St building committee to do.

Glenn Wolfe is concerned about the lack of law enforcement in the village. He & his wife, Lily, have called for police assistance & were told that the Cass County Sheriff's office does not enforce the village ordinances. Several other village residents have also been told the same thing. Clerk will send a letter to the sheriff's office & request Sheriff Brugemann attend a board meeting to discuss these problems.

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. was made by Trull & 2nd by Wingett. Trustee votes are as follows; Trull – Aye, Kahland – Aye, Wingett – Aye & McClane – Aye, Brown was absent. Motion approved.

Next regular board meeting to be held November 14, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the ALA Hall.