

**VILLAGE OF UNION
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2007**

The Union Village Board met in regular session on Nov 14, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. at the ALA hall. The Open Meeting Laws are displayed. On roll call: McClane, Brown, & Trull were present, & Kahland & Wingett were absent. Angela Minihan, representing Reinsch, Slattery & Bear, PC, LLO, was also present.

McClane & Trull had a serious discussion about some policies & procedures.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with correcting the roll call (sentence 5) from Brown to Kahland here, with a motion made by Trull & 2nd by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows: McClane – Aye, Brown – Aye & Trull – Aye. Kahland & Wingett were absent. Motion approved.

Claims & Accounts were presented separately. Motion to approve made by Brown & 2nd by Trull. Trustee votes are as follows: McClane – Aye, Brown – Aye & Trull – Aye. Kahland & Wingett were absent. Motion approved.

**CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS
NOVEMBER 14, 2007**

NPPD	FIREBARN*	\$58.74	
	AREA LIGHT RENTAL	\$8.76	
	BALLFIELD**	\$35.28	
	WATER PUMP	\$409.87	
FIREBARN (TOWN BLDG)		\$15.79	
NEW TOWER (WATER)		\$15.87	
	TRAFFIC LIGHT	\$15.79	
	AREA LIGHT RENTAL	\$6.85	
	STREETLIGHTS	\$389.50	
	NEW SEWER PUMP	\$86.88	
	ALA HALL	\$44.25	
	CABOOSE	\$15.79	
REINSCH, SLATTERY & BEAR		\$219.40	
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENV LAB		\$266.00	WATER TESTS
	ALLIED REFUSE	\$1,184.41	
GREAT PLAINS ONE-CALL			
	WINDSTREAM OFFICE	\$51.75	
	WINDSTREAM FIRE	\$81.64	

DEB MCWHA	\$415.58	
LINWELD	\$149.20	\$74.60 to be paid by Union Fire & Rescue
JOHNSONS GAS N GO	\$252.10	
THE COLUMBUS TELEGRAPH	\$56.32	Meeting Ad & Meeting Minutes
WATKINS TRUE VALUE	\$79.60	
NE WORKFORCE DEV.	\$25.00	Unemployment tax
MILLER-MONROE-FARRELL	\$220.00	Public Official Bond
MILLER-MONROE-FARRELL	\$608.00	Errors & Omissions Policy
STEVE MCWHA	\$1,301.03	Salary
WACONDA WELDING & AUTO	\$374.24	Replace starter & weld snowplow support truck
UTILITY SERVICES INC	\$12,569.74	Water tower maintenance contract
CARRAWAY COMP SYS	\$290.82	Water bill cards
MIDWEST LABS	\$28.50	Water tests

Village manager's report included the water usage for the month was 851,000 gallons, approximately 27,451 gallons per day. The sewer pumps ran for 120 hours. All water tests were good; the water tower is still being disinfected with chlorine. When that is complete, an inspection will be done (by an independent inspector). Once that step is complete, new locks will be put on & we will begin refilling the tower. The Christmas lights are scheduled to be put up by NPPD on Nov 26. Steve is in Grand Island the 28th to 30th November for water training. He requested the cost of the motel & fuel be provided. Motion to approve expenses was made by Brown & 2nd by Trull. Trustee votes are as follows: McClane – Aye, Brown – Aye & Trull – Aye. Kahland & Wingett were absent. Motion approved. The sign prohibiting people from the lagoon area was ripped off & had to be put back up. Steve spoke with Kevin from NPPD about putting up a couple streetlights, 1 by the mower shed & 1 by the water tower. The poles are already in place & the rest of the cost would be absorbed by NPPD. The only cost to the village would be the monthly electric cost (approx \$15 for each). Motion to authorize Steve to get in touch with NPPD to get this done, was made by Brown & 2nd by Trull. Trustee votes are as follows: McClane – Aye, Brown – Aye & Trull – Aye. Kahland & Wingett were absent. Motion approved. The school crossing light is not working so Steve will have NPPD check it out.

Fire/Rescue Report. There was no fire or rescue report.

Water/sewer/trash bills were discussed. Will continue with the same policy of if the amount in arrears is over \$200.00, the current month's charge plus 5% of the amount in arrears will need to be paid to avoid shutoff. Motion to

authorize Angie to file a lien on the Woodard property was made by Trull & 2nd by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows: McClane – Aye, Brown – Aye & Trull – Aye. Kahland & Wingett were absent. Motion approved.

Problem properties were discussed. The Kinnison property is in foreclosure & Angie has contacted the attorney handling the case. They are in the investigating process where a military attorney had to be appointed to insure the Soldier & Sailor's Relief Act does not apply to this property. So far, she hasn't heard back on the status. The clerk was provided with the information needed to contact the legal office to see when the property will be cleaned up. The water service will be shutoff but the curb stop has been damaged so we may need to replace it.

McClane & Steve have estimates on the concrete work to repair some sidewalks & roads to include 5 handicapped cutouts, 3 sidewalk areas, corner of East Union Rd & Main St, & 3 areas in Birch Drive. From Briggs Concrete, \$12,000.00 (less \$1,500.00 if we have an area to get rid of the old concrete) & Walters, \$17,632.00. Will advertise for bids in the spring. Motion to delay work was made by Trull & 2nd by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows: McClane – Aye, Brown – Aye & Trull – Aye. Kahland & Wingett were absent. Motion approved.

McClane wanted to rescind the appointment of Lily Wolfe to the Health Committee. McClane stated he made an error, he thought he was nominating Wolfe for the Main St building committee. Guidance from the village attorney was that she couldn't be removed without it voted on by the board. McClane appointed Amy Seyler to the Health Board. McClane appointed Al Long & Jean Ziegelbein to the Main St building committee. McClane appointed Lavern Ziegelbein & Steve McWha to the Zoning Committee. Will advertise for more volunteers for the Main St building committee for the next meeting.

Motion to appoint Dave Taladay to Street Superintendent & authorize chairman to sign was made by Brown & 2nd by Trull. Trustee votes are as follows: McClane – Aye, Brown – Aye & Trull – Aye. Kahland & Wingett were absent. Motion approved.

Clerk discussed the cost of a liquor license. The state dictates \$300.00 per year for a Class C license & the village is authorized to double that which has been done in the past. The clerk suggested making a change to that

policy. The suggestion was to charge only \$50.00 over what the state requires for administrative costs such as running an ad in the newspaper, etc. Since Brown would have to abstain, this will be held in abeyance until the December meeting due to not enough board members available to pass it.

Motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. was made by Brown & 2nd by Trull. Trustee votes are as follows: McClane – Aye, Brown – Aye & Trull – Aye. Kahland & Wingett were absent. Motion approved.

Next regular board meeting to be held December 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the ALA Hall.