

**Village of Lodgepole  
PO Box 266 • 630 Orchard St.  
Lodgepole, NE 69149**

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**Minutes for Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, August 1  
Panther Activity Center (PAC)  
630 Orchard Street Lodgepole, NE 69149**

Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting at the Village Office (PAC), Lodgepole Post Office, the Nancy Fawcett Memorial Library, and published in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph.

**Board Members**

Present: RJ Savely, Brenda Parsons, Gwen Devie, Mark Bartling. Absent: Ron Shellhorn

**Proceedings**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chair, RJ Savely.

**Community Comments**

Abby Brott asked the Clerks to complete the salon license renewal paperwork before the end of September.

**Consent Agenda**

Parsons moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the extraction of the July 20, 2023, Emergency meeting minutes and the Claims Report. Devie seconded. Savely, Parsons, Devie, Bartling – yes; none – no.

The extracted July 20, 2023, Emergency meeting minutes, Bartling, Savely – yes; Devie, Parsons – abstained.

Devie moved to approve the August Claims Report with the amended changes to include payment to NPPD for \$10,304.40 and \$7,234.41 and to also correct claims coded to the incorrect departments. Parsons seconded. Savely, Parsons, Devie, Bartling – yes; none – no.

CLAIMS: GENERAL FUND: CLINE WILLIAMS 2296.00; ETHAN KRAUS 40.00; FINNEY'S 341.93; FOX INSURANCE 1050.00; FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP 344.08; HIGHLINE 369.17; HOMETOWN LEASING 87.30; IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM 186.02; MATT LOFTON 40.00; MILLER & ASSOCIATES 3740.00; SIDNEY SUN-TELEGRAPH 309.73; SPIC & SPAN CLEANERS 955.80; STOLL SPRINKLER 10000.00; VIAERO95.52. ROAD & STREET NMC 24.88. ELECTRIC DUTTON-LAINSON 5399.38; FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP 315.69; HOMETOWN LEASING 87.29; NEBRASKA POWER REVIEW BOARD 32.61; ONE CALL CONCEPTS 13.86; PREMIER AUTO PARTS 162.41; WATER

CHAPPELL LUMBER 772.05; MUNICIPAL SUPPLY 870.71; REMBOLT-LUDTKE 919.00; SARGENT DRILLING 700; WHEAT BELT PUBLIC POWER 577.96.  
PAYROLL 8448.77.

## **Reports and Recommendations**

Miller Consulting Engineers, Mike Trbovich, provided an update on the water tower project. Discussion on USDA inspection, checklist of minor items to be completed, water flow issues regarding filling new tank to capacity without overflowing old tank and awaiting payment from USDA.

Maintenance Supervisor Matt Lofton provided updates—all electric meters in stock and installation continues, access to Temetra software proceeding, and water meters have not shipped. Kacey Huff recommends Norton 360 for virus protection on all Village computers and tablet. Additionally, Lofton is waiting for response from JEO on conducting electric rate study. Lofton will pull numbers if JEO unable to conduct study. Additionally, ordinance from July 2023 meeting regarding the water and sewer rates will be presented at the September 2023 meeting. Savely signed the Total Coliform Repeat Monitoring Sample Site Selection form. The sewer reserve account not discussed as was covered in a previous meeting.

Building Inspector, Marshall Hall, provided a new IGA. Devie moved to approve after removing the word nuisance from Section II “Duties” and add the word “code” back into the agreement for Section II “Duties” subheadings b, c, e. Parsons seconded. Savely, Parsons, Devie, Bartling – yes; none – no. Discussion regarding an RV trailer park and the Village’s commercial zoning definition. Hall noted the ordinance is unclear regarding this use of the property. Hall recommended the ordinance be revised to include primary and conditional uses.

ARPA funds tabled to September agenda. Devie mentioned the new accounts were established and the ARPA money will be moved from the general account to the designated account.

Devie moved to invite attorneys from the law firm, Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder, Ossian and Vogl, LLC to the September meeting. Bartling seconded. Savely, Parsons, Devie, Bartling – yes; none – no.

Summer Ball Checking Account. Discussion tabled.

PAC sign delivered and installation date to be determined.

Audit update.; audit continuing as accounts still need to be balanced.

Parsons moved to set the Board workshop session to August 10, 6:30 p.m., with Rauner & Associates for 2024 Budget. Devie seconded Savely, Parsons, Devie, Bartling – yes; none – no.

Visions, Rita Bartling. Discussion regarding using the PAC for Halloween Haunted House. Date and details to be discussed by Visions board meeting August 7, 2023. Usage of PAC does not need board approval.

Parsons moved to approve a \$500 contribution to Old Settlers Committee by the Village. Devie seconded. Savely, Parsons, Devie, Bartling – yes; none – no.

Devie moved to approve the expenses for Ethan Kraus to attend the Western Nebraska Fall Pre-conference and Conference in September, Parsons seconded. Savely, Parsons, Devie, Bartling – yes; none – no.

Treasurers' discussion regarding debit cards for staff. Treasurers directed to research credit card option as approved in the March meeting.

Treasurers requested signatures for SABP for WAPA contract. Parsons moved the Village continue to purchase allocation from WAPA. Bartling seconded. Savely, Parsons, Devie, Bartling – yes; none – no.

Devie moved to approve the declaration of Constitution Day and Constitution Week be read into the minutes. Whereas: September 17, 2023, marks the two hundred and thirty-sixth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and WHEREAS: it is fitting an proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and WHEREAS: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week, Now therefore, I, RJ Savely by virtue of the authority vested in me as chair of the Village of Lodgepole do herby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week. AND ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained. And ask that businesses, school children and teachers, and citizens ring bells as 4 PM on September 17 commemorating the day and hour the Constitution was signed in 1787. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village to be affixed this first day of August of the year of Lord two thousand twenty-three. Signed and Sealed, Linda Hardeman, Village of Lodgepole Treasurer/Clerk. Parsons seconded. Savely, Parsons, Devie, Bartling – yes; none – no.

### **Unfinished Business**

Abby Brott's request to move salon to Village's former office space. Discussion regarding work to be done and cost sharing of related expenses followed. Board

requested Brott bring itemized budget of related expenses to September meeting.

**Executive Session**

Parsons moved at 8:46 p.m. to move into Executive Session. Bartling seconded. Savely, Parsons, Devie, Bartling – yes; none – no.

Bartling moved at 9:50 p.m. to come out of Executive Session. Parsons seconded. Savely, Parsons, Devie, Bartling – yes; none – no.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tanya Engel and Linda Hardeman, Village of Lodgepole Treasurer/Clerks. Amended 9/20/2023 as per 9/5/2023 meeting motion.