

Village of Lodgepole

Board Meeting Minutes

Lodgepole Community Hall: 732 Bates Blvd. Lodgepole, NE 69149

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Present: Jaime Dykman, Ken Kepler, Susan Mitchell, Al Runge, and Rod Wilkins. None were absent.

Board Chairman comments were made. Chairman informed the public of the location of the posted Open Meetings Act.

Chairman informed the Public of Closed Session Section 84-1410.

Community Comments – the following made comments: Gwen Devie, Cindy Bartling, Randy Miller, Glenda Shelhorn, and Tony Mannino.

Runge moved and Kepler seconded for approval of the agenda. Voting in favor Yes: Dykman, Kepler, Mitchell, Runge, and Wilkins. No: none. Motion carried.

Wilkins moved and Dykman seconded passage of Resolution #297 calling for a Recall Election on May 12, 2026. Voting in favor Yes: Dykman and Wilkins. No: Kepler and Runge. Mitchell abstained. Motion did not pass.

The Board received an update on the status of the audit and other matters related to needs the State Auditor requested, and the financial statement of the Village of Lodgepole.

Kepler moved and Wilkins seconded to offer the candidate the maintenance position at \$21.00 per hour were with a \$2.00 raise when applicant obtains his CDL and an additional \$2.00 raise when the applicant receives his water license. Yes: Dykman, Kepler, Mitchell, Runge, and Wilkins. No: none. Motion carried.

Runge moved and Kepler seconded, to offer the candidate the clerk position at \$18.00 per hour wage, and with a maximum of 20 hours a week to begin. Yes: Dykman, Kepler, Mitchell, Runge, and Wilkins. No: none. Motion carried.

First Reading on Ordinance #285 re-zoning 431 Sheldon St (PID #170049779) and 423 Sheldon St (PID #170049760), to Commercial.

First Reading on an ordinance amending the Village Code to change the residency requirements for the library Board.

Discussion regarding responses to public records requests.

Runge moved and Kepler seconded to pay Andy Markel for trash truck repair of \$3,750. Runge moved and Kepler seconded. Yes: Kepler, Mitchell, Runge, and Wilkins. No: Dykman. Motion carried.

Discussion on maintenance update.

Discussion on Clerk duties update.

Kepler moved and Runge seconded that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation regarding EEOC complaint Yes: Dykman, Kepler, Mitchell, Runge, and Wilkins. No: none. Motion carried. Closed session began at 6:47 p.m. The Board came out of closed session at 7:19 p.m. No action was taken.

Runge moved and Kepler seconded for approval of the Consent Agenda.

a) Claims of \$31,670.09

b) Approval of February 3, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes with abbreviated minutes to be used for publication

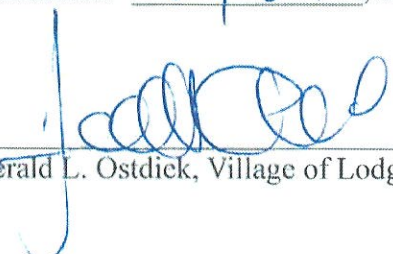
Voting in favor Yes: Dykman, Kepler, Mitchell, Runge and Wilkins. No: None. Motion carried.

Chair made Comments

No Board Member Comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees is set for April 7, 2026, at 5:30 PM at the Lodgepole Community Hall.

Submitted: July 24, 2026



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