

**VILLAGE OF UNION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2007**

The Union Village Board met in regular session on June 13, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. at the ALA hall. On roll call: Meredith, Trull, Brown, & McClane. One position is vacant. Angela Minihan, representing Reinsch, Slattery & Bear, PC, LLO, was also present.

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

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

**Claims & Accounts
June 13, 2007**

NPPD	FIREBARN*	\$36.65	
	AREA LIGHT RENTAL	\$8.76	
	BALLFIELD**	\$40.02	
	WATER PUMP	\$311.84	
FIREBARN (TOWN BLDG)		\$15.80	
NEW TOWER (WATER)		\$16.73	
	TRAFFIC LIGHT	\$15.79	
	AREA LIGHT RENTAL	\$7.03	
	STREETLIGHTS	\$389.50	
	NEW SEWER PUMP	\$54.10	
	ALA HALL	\$23.25	
	CABOOSE	\$16.66	
REINSCH, SLATTERY & BEAR		\$229.40	
	STATE OF NE HHS	\$19.00	WATER TESTS
	ALLIED REFUSE	\$1,258.96	
GREAT PLAINS ONE-CALL			
	WINDSTREAM OFFICE	\$55.95	
	WINDSTREAM FIRE	\$83.55	
	DEB MCWHA	\$415.58	
D&D COMMUNICATIONS		\$278.00	Repair of Radio Repeater
JOHNSON'S GAS N GO			
	THE COLUMBUS TELEGRAPH	\$46.02	Meeting Ad & Meeting Minutes

EVANGELINE SPECIALTIES CO.	\$528.38	Street Signs
WEIS FIRE & SAFETY EQUIP	\$129.31	Fire Dept Supplies
MIDWEST FARMERS COOP	\$406.00	ALA Hall will pay 1/2 \$203.00
MIDWEST FARMERS COOP	\$611.22	Diesel for tractor
OUTDOOR POWER	\$95.00	Battery & rental of mower deck
CVS SYSTEMS INC.	\$1,114.45	Flags, & brackets
USA BLUEBOOK	\$206.66	Bushings, pressure gauge, ball valve
USA BLUEBOOK	\$416.22	Chlorine pump
MEESKE HARDWARE	\$27.94	Various clamps, connectors, etc
DAKOTA PUMP	\$291.50	Check valve, alt relay, & gasket
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC OF NE	\$476.22	Flex check valve, & gasket pack
STEVE MCWHA	\$1,301.03	Salary
BESCHEINEN	\$92.50	Lifting fuel tank & pushing brushpile back
EARTHMOVING		
WATKINS TRUE VALUE	\$263.26	dehumidifier, weed killer, weed eater rental & supplies

Correspondence included a building code change for the county & liability on parks.

Village manager's report included the water usage for the month was 1,318,000 gallons, approx 42,000 gallons per day. All the mowing is done, the lagoon area was mowed & the weeds sprayed, replaced the lock on the gate that closes off access to the lagoons. Jesse Keene is assisting Steve with the water system until he is able to attend classes to get his certification. They installed the chlorine injector on the water pumps & it's working fine. They have discovered that not all the water in the village comes from the water tower. The waterline splits & part goes directly to the village & part goes through the water tower. Therefore, in some areas the chlorine is higher than in others. There is an option of putting injectors in both water lines. Trull asked if putting the injector closer to the water tower so it the chlorine can go directly to the tower rather than through the village waterlines. Jesse stated that maybe separate water lines should be run for the water tower. This would make the system run more effectively. He also stated that there may be a small leak but so far he hasn't found it so he'll contact rural water to see if they can assist him. He took off the pressure switch but couldn't find the problem as the pressure is still spiking. Was not able to check the check valve due to rust. Jesse recommends getting online to monitor the system constantly. He also found some maps from 1983, 1984, & the most recent sewer project that shows the majority of the water lines in the village. He thinks if we combine the information from all the maps we can get a more accurate map of the water lines running to each residence. Steve stated

he is now able to turn the pumps off & on manually. The pressure needs to be adjusted to be able to use the auto switch.

As for the mowing, Steve rented a 6 ft deck shredder from Tom Pike to mow the lagoon area & to also determine which size mowing deck would work best for the village. The 6 ft worked well so that is the one the village will purchase from Pike. Steve will get into the lagoons & cut out the trees.

Rescue/Fire Report. There were 3 rescues, no fires. They will be having a pancake feed at Lake Waconda on Sunday, July 1, 2007. The Brown Bottle sponsored a softball tournament on May 19 & 20, which resulted in \$300 in donations. The rescue squad needs 2 new batteries. Asked about village garage sales & July 14 with a rain date of July 21 was agreed upon. The fire & rescue department will have a carwash the same day.

The yield resolution was approved & the chairman & clerk authorized to sign by a motion made by Trull & 2nd by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye & Trull – Aye, one position is vacant. Motion approved.

Purchase price of the Wiysel property is \$12,500 w/ closing costs of \$200 shared equally by buyer & seller. All the taxes were paid & the death certificate filed with the county. Motion to close on Wiysel property was made by McClane & 2nd by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Trull – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Brown – Aye, one position is vacant. Motion approved. Angie will file the warranty deed, filing fee is \$7.00, & provide all the documents.

Brown requested a speed limit change for B Street from 25 MPH to 10 MPH. Trull agreed stating it is a congested area. Angie stated the state statute is 25 MPH. Motion made by Trull & 2nd by McClane to have Angie draft a resolution to change the speed limit. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Trull – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Brown – Abstained, one position is vacant. Motion approved. Christina Keene said, “What good does it do if the cops don’t catch them?” Trull asked for some options.

Brown also asked about having an old fashioned primitive campout at the park on July 3 & 4th. She stated the fire chief would give permission for campfires. This is not a fundraiser. Motion to allow campout & have Angie draft a liability waiver that everyone attending must sign was made by McClane & 2nd by Trull. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Trull

– Aye, McClane – Aye, & Brown – Abstained, one position is vacant. Motion approved. Jean Ziegelbein will contact Brown to make plans for a Union 120th year celebration. May ask for a temporary liquor license.

Clerk was only able to get 1 estimate to remove the tree on 4th Street & 1 in the ballpark from the Lumberjack Co for \$965.00. Motion to approve made by Trull & 2nd by Gaille. McClane requested that we try to get more therefore, the motion was rescinded.

Trull will do more investigating on roof repair for fire station.

Water/sewer/trash policy was discussed. Any accounts that are \$200 or more are in default & to avoid shutoff, payment in the amount of the current month's bill plus 10% of the previous balance must be paid. No exceptions. The water commissioner will accompany the Village Manager when shutoffs are being done. At the next board meeting the delinquent accounts will be reviewed & any arrangements that may have been made as well as those honoring the arrangements. These records will not be made public.

Village cleanup has been rescheduled for June 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Need volunteers to man the location.

Motion to exit regular session at 8:20 p.m. was made by Trull & 2nd by Brown. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Trull – Aye, one position is vacant. Motion approved.

Motion to enter executive session at 8:20 p.m. was made by Trull & 2nd by Brown to discuss petition. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Trull – Aye, one position is vacant. Motion approved.

Motion to exit executive session at 9:00 p.m. was made by Brown & 2nd by McClane. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Trull – Aye, one position is vacant. Motion approved.

Motion to enter regular session at 9:00 p.m. was made by Brown & 2nd by Trull. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Trull – Aye, one position is vacant. Motion approved.

Petition to recall newly hired Village Manager submitted to the board. The Board's decision that pursuant to ordinance & statute "Recall" petition is not proper or authorized. Voting discussion regarding the chairman was discussed. The chairman is allowed to vote on all motions.

Board position applicants presented their position as to why they can help the board.

Bill Bescheinen was interviewed first & presented his position as to how he would help the board. He brought up using Robert's Rules to conduct meetings & Angie explained that state laws supercede Robert's Rules.

Karen Kahland was the second applicant to be interviewed. She has bought some properties in the village & made improvements. She's planning on living here a long time because she sees potential in the future of Union. Karen is involved with several organizations that assist in educating & empowering women to grow.

McClane nominated Karen Kahland to fill the vacant board position, Brown 2nd the nomination. Trustee votes are as follows: Meredith – Aye, McClane – Aye, Brown – Aye, Trull – Nay, & one position is vacant. Nomination passes. Clerk will bring trustee oath & Karen Kahland will be sworn in at the beginning of the next meeting on July 11, 2007.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. was made by Brown & 2nd by Trull. Trustee votes are as follows; Meredith – Aye, Brown – Aye, McClane – Aye, & Trull – Aye, one position is vacant. Motion approved.

Next regular board meeting to be held July 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the ALA Hall.