VILLAGE OF CLEARWATER, NEBRASKA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Clearwater met for a regular meeting Monday, November 9, 2026, at 7 p.m., in the fire hall meeting room. Meeting opened at 7 p.m. Notice of meeting was given in advance by publication in *Summerland Advocate-Messenger*, posted at US Post Office, Clearwater Market, and Cornerstone Bank and given to Board members prior to meeting. Public was informed of location of Open Meeting Act poster.

Present: Kelly Kerkman, Marsha Hart, Cody Kester, Brian King, Jeff Schlecht. Others present: Clerk Angie Hupp, Utilities Superintendent Michael See, Attorney Kyle Petersen, Engineer John Zwingman.

No board members absent.

Motion by Kester, seconded by Hart, to approve minutes from October 12, 2026 regular meeting as presented. Voting aye: Kester, Hart, Kerkman, Schlecht, King. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Hart, seconded by Kerkman, to approve treasurer's report as presented. Voting aye: Hart, Kerkman, Schlecht, King, Kester. Voting nay: none.

No public comment heard.

Motion by Hart, seconded by Kester, to enter executive session at 7:01 p.m. to receive legal advice regarding permitting customers to request shut-off at curbstop. Voting aye: Hart, Kester, King, Schlecht, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Hart, seconded by Schlecht, to exit executive session at 7:09 p.m. Voting aye: Hart, Schlecht, Kerkman, Kester, King. Voting nay: none. No public discussion held.

Discussion with Street Superintendent John Zwingman regarding traffic study requirements. Most towns don't do traffic study but is required by state statute. Not as important if lowering speed limit but should do for increasing speed. Quote from one company of $9,800 for study along 515.5 Ave. and River Rd. Zwingman stated discussion with Antelope County engineer that once half a street incorporated into Village, Village responsible for entire street with county property adjacent. Attorney Kyle Petersen stated that if residential on one side of street and agricultural on other, speeds revert to residential statutes. Kerkman asked if River Rd. can remain at 35 mph but 515.5 Ave. revert to 25 mph. Zwingman to ask Madison County and company that provided quote what cost would be to borrow traffic counters and speed readers to do amended study but more required if increasing speed.

Motion by Hart, seconded by King, to table agenda items 7-9, regarding 515.5 Ave. and River Rd. speed limits and traffic study. Voting aye: Hart, King, Schlecht, Kerkman, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Hart, seconded by Kester, to approve amendment to Advanced Consulting Engineering Services contract for grant #25-PWI-006 changing Item 2: effective date of contract from date of notice of award to date of release of funds, and Item 17: from Age Description Act to Age Discrimination Act, as requested by Dept. of Economic Development. Voting aye: Hart, Kester, King, Schlecht, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

Motion by Hart, seconded by Kerkman, to approve Drawdown #2 of grant #25-PWI-006 to Advanced Consulting Engineering Services of $16,180 with $1,618 in match funds. Voting aye: Hart, Kerkman, Schlecht, King, Kester. Voting nay: none.

Discussion with Zwingman regarding geotechnical report for Nebraska St. Soil good with high clay content. Angie Hupp asked on behalf of resident about replacing edges of driveways along project area that are torn up during project. Zwingman stated everything is replaced with materials comparable to what was there before. For example, if a driveway is gravel, they will replace edge with gravel, concrete for concrete, etc. Can check for lead lines along project area at same time, as well. Schlecht said could also fix any water pressure issues.

Motion by Schlecht, seconded by Kester, to approve Drawdown #3 of grant #25-PP-003 to Five Rule Rural Planning of $11,250 with $1,125 in match funds. Voting aye: Schlecht, Kester, King, Hart, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

Discussion regarding Flenniken Electric not providing assurances of culvert project completion by deadline. Kerkman stated culverts have arrived, but missing o-rings, which should be here next week. Flenniken will be out of town but said will begin project by end of following week. Kester worried if contract terminated, won't be able to find anyone else to do it.

Motion by Kester, seconded by Kerkman, to approve tabling one more month to see if project is completed. Voting aye: Kester, Kerkman, Schlecht, King, Hart. Voting nay: none.

Opened one bid for library roof replacement. Strom Construction quoted $69,120, more than double previous quotes for project last year. Kester hesitant to accept such high bid, but not many options since only one bid received and insurance company anxious for it to be completed. Strom can do this year if weather holds. Kerkman asked Hupp to contact insurance and see about increased reimbursement due to upgrade. Motion by Kester, seconded by Schlecht, to approve Strom Construction quote of $69,120 to replace library roof. Voting aye: Kester, Schlecht, Kerkman, Hart, King. Voting nay: none.

Economic and maintenance reports presented. Michael See received wastewater operator's certificate.

Hupp was informed that Bill Kruger owns two end guns on stands that are part of Village surplus sale and confirmed with Steve Hankla that Village borrowed years ago and Kruger was supposed to reclaim about five years ago. Kruger told Hupp he didn't need them, so Village could sell, but he wanted funds from the sale. Kerkman and attorney preferred to remove items from sale and ask Kruger to retrieve.

Motion by Kester, seconded by Kerkman, to remove two end guns on stands from sale and ask Kruger to reclaim. Voting aye: Kester, Kerkman, King, Schlecht, Hart. Voting nay: none.

Discussion regarding Tree Diversity Initiative through USDA Forest Service. Several trees along Cowboy Trail are dead and need to be replaced. Hupp to ask Linda Hankla for help choosing trees.

Discussion regarding lead line replacement requirements. Plan needs to be in place by November 2027. Zwingman stated it wouldn't be difficult to check along Nebraska St. during paving project.

No library or sheriff's reports presented.

Clerk report presented. Village received $599.48 in keno funds for third quarter. Lead line requirements workshop in Creighton on Dec. 9. See and Hupp will both attend. Possible annual fee of $300 for SCADA system. Hupp to ask company about directional yagi antenna instead. Office to be closed week of Thanksgiving and week between Christmas and New Year to work on organizing storage and filing.

Motion by Hart, seconded by Kester, to approve Resolution 2026-9 establishing permit, license, usage and related fees. Voting aye: Hart, Kester, King, Schlecht, Kerkman. Voting nay: none.

Discussion regarding employee handbook updates.

Motion by Kerkman, seconded by Schlecht, to approve closing general CD #8446 and transferring to general checking. Voting aye: Kerkman, Schlecht, King, Kester, Hart. Voting nay: none.

Confirmed next regular meeting date of Monday, Dec. 14, but moved time to 7:30 p.m.

Kester mentioned that Jay Snider hasn't moved hay bales off Village land yet. He's aware contract date has passed and is doing his best to remove them.

Motion by Hart, seconded by Kerkman, to approve claims of $72,560.61 and payroll of $6,393.99. Voting aye: Hart, Kerkman, Schlecht, King, Kester. Voting nay: none.

General Checking: ALLO Business, srv, 132.00; Antelope Co. Sheriff, srv, 1,352.25; Bomgaars, sup, 182.77; City of Neligh, srv, 5,124.30; ColdType Publishing, adv, 258.58; ERPPD, util, 1,312.91; Economic Money Market, tnfr, 3,121.33; Jarecki Sharp & Petersen, lgl, 300.00; Kayton International – Albion, sup, 6,250.00; Main St. Repair, rpr, 1,078.80; NNTC, util, 192.99; Northeast Neb. Clerks Association, dues, 20.00; Quill, sup, 55.09; Three & Co. Baking, sup, 29.00; Two Rivers Auto Parts of Neligh, sup, 65.98; Western Oil, fuel, 732.37; Capital One, sup, 120.40; EMC Insurance, ins, 10,376.09; Neb. Dept. of Revenue, tx, 1,987.76; Payroll, pay, 5,877.17.

Water/Sewer Checking: ASAP Express, srv, 20.00; Bud's Sanitary Service, util, 3,606.25; ERPPD, util, 661.42; Municipal Supply of Omaha, sup, 67.92; Neb. Public Health Environmental Lab, srv, 15.00; One Call Concepts, srv, 11.05; US Post Office, sup, 164.00; Capital One, sub, 240.00; Neb. Dept. of Revenue, tx, 710.07; Sewer Reserve Savings, tnfr, 6,500.00.

Fire Checking: Heartland Fire Protection, srv, 328.75.

Grant Checking: Advanced Consulting Engineering Services, srv, 16,180.00; Five Rule Rural Planning, srv, 11,250.00.

Library Checking: Capital One, sup, 113.53; Payroll, pay, 516.82.

Credit Card: Amazon, sup, 172.95; Harbor Freight, sup, 60.98; Tactacam, sub, 240.00.

No attorney report presented.

Motion by Hart, seconded by King, to approve adjourning and closing meeting at 8:35 p.m. Voting aye: Hart, King, Schlecht, Kerkman, Kester. Voting nay: none.

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Chairperson Kelly Kerkman Clerk Angie Hupp