

Village of Page

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Regular Monthly Meeting – March 9, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Page was held Monday, March 9, 2026, at the Village office as per notices posted at three public places within the Village of Page and published in the Summerland Advocate.

Chair Linquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Trustees Sobotka, Tyrrell, Cunningham, and Leichleiter present. Also present: Dennis VanEvery, Mike Scott & Cora Calkins. Absent member(s): None.

Chair Linquist advised all persons present that this meeting was in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and the Open Meeting Laws are posted at the Village Office for inspection at any time.

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting - After a call for discussion, Cunningham made a Motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2026, regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Tyrrell. Motion passed all Ayes.

Treasurer's Report - Calkins presented the following for approval:

General Fund

Bank statement balance 1/31/2026	\$ 51,482.71
Total income	\$ 5,819.19
Total Expenditures	\$ (6,480.57)
Bank statement balance 02/28/2026	<u>\$ 50,821.33</u>

Bills Due:		
Calkins, Cora	Wages	\$ (1,296.89)
ColdType Publishing	Publication expense	\$ (51.00)
Dana Cole & Company	Prof. Accounting Services	\$ (2,640.00)
Great Plains Communications	Phone/Internet	\$ (136.22)
Hwy Alloc Savings	Mar 25% Match	\$ (774.00)
Intuit	Payroll / Accounting Software	\$ (195.00)
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	\$ (748.87)
NCPD	street lights / office	\$ (641.59)
Scott, Michael	Wages	\$ (888.41)
Scott, Michael	Mileage	\$ (24.00)
VanEvery, Dennis	Wages	\$ (1,128.49)
Visa	Clerk/Chair Bond	\$ (100.00)
Total bills due:		\$ (8,624.47)

Utility Fund

Bank statement balance 1/31/2026

Total Income

Total expenditures

Bank statement balance 02/28/2026**\$ 151,956.19**

\$ 7,615.36

\$ (7,179.04)\$ 152,392.51**Bills Due:**

A.S.A.P. Express	Postage	\$ (20.00)	
Calkins, Cora - Wages	Wages	\$ (166.23)	
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	\$ (123.46)	
J & J Sanitation	Garbage pick-up	\$ (2,076.92)	
NCPD	wells	\$ (572.74)	
NE Public Health Lab	Testing	\$ (31.00)	
VanEvery, Dennis	Wages	\$ (570.68)	
Visa	Stamps	\$ (156.00)	
			\$ (3,717.03)

Tyrrell made a Motion, 2nd by Leichleiter, to pay all bills as presented. Motion passed - all Ayes.

Calkins advised that the 2024 Security Grant for the GIS mapping of the water system has been reviewed and has been closed. She reported that the total cost to the Village for the project ended up at \$10,425.00 and the NDEE reimbursed \$9382.50. These funds were auto debited to the general fund checking and need to be moved to the utility fund. Tyrrell made the motion to approve the transfer of \$9382.50 from the GF to the UF checking account. Motion was seconded by Sobotka. Motion passed with all trustees voting - Aye.

Public Comments – None.

Water & Utilities Report – Calkins advised that Todd Flinn with NeRWA was in town on March 2nd to advise on lagoon maintenance and manhole riser options.

Discussions were held regarding generator structure and the go ahead was given to initiate repair to the display screen on the outside unit. Calkins will contact CAT to schedule general maintenance and replacement.

Village Maintenance Report – A discussion was held regarding estimated repair costs and work needed on the batwing mower. A Motion was made by Sobotka, seconded by Cunningham to allow Don Linquist to acquire parts and proceed with repairs up to the estimated \$2500.00 including parts and labor. Motion passed all voting – Aye.

Trustee Sobotka advised that he had inspected to find the cause of the electrical issue at the Village shop. He discovered a missing neutral on a GFI which is causing the interruption of power to effected parts of the building. No additional conduit should be needed to facilitate the repair. He also advised that installation of heaters at the treatment plant can proceed with installation of a different breaker to accommodate the heaters on hand. He will get these repairs slated in his schedule.

An inspection of the park facilities was done by Mike Scott. He advises to replace the small child seats and perhaps have a couple of the regular swing seats on hand for replacement in the near future. Repairs will begin to clean up the picnic tables prior to start of the season. Discussions were held regarding options for addressing sandburs and cat issues in the park. Sobotka also advised that Jannan would like to continue with planting and maintaining the flower beds.

Ordinance Enforcement: Nuisance Abatement Program (CNEDD) – Calkins provided some information on the Nebraska Vacant Property Registration Act (LB256) which can be implemented to address empty buildings that aren't being maintained or affecting property values. This Act allows municipalities to adopt ordinances to require annual fees from the property owners in an effort to encourage addressing the properties to either be demolished or refurbished for habitation. The board would like to review an ordinance proposal which will be presented at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS –

Repairs to Shop (roof/electrical) – Refer to Maintenance section above.

2026 Asphalt Repairs – Chair Linquist and Trustee Sobotka will inspect streets to determine priorities to discuss with board and contractors.

2026 Projects – Work continues on the issues listed. Additional personnel are helping to clear list in a timely fashion.

NEW BUSINESS

Complete Pest Elimination/Mosquito Spraying 2026: Calkins presented the proposed contract for the 2026 season for review. Calkins advised that there was no increase from last year. Motion by Tyrrell, 2nd by Sobotka to approve the contract at a cost of \$2603.00 after the pre-pay discount if paid before April 1, 2026. Motion passed with all present voting Aye.

Mowing 2026 Season: A letter from Kathy VanEvery was presented for the board's review. She is offering to assist with mowing at a rate of \$5.00 per hour using Village equipment or \$10.00 per hour when using her own equipment. Motion was made by Cunningham, seconded by Sobotka to utilize her services at this rate. Motion passed with Sobotka, Cunningham, Tyrrell, and Linquist voting – Aye. Leichleiter – Abstained.

Liquidation of unused items (compressor/fuel barrel, etc.): The board is in agreement to liquidate these items plus any other unused items. Chair Linquist will check with M & M auction to find out when their next open auction is scheduled.

SDL Request – Firehall March 27, 2026 Fundraiser: Calkins advised that the Page Fire District #4 is requesting municipal approval to serve beer only at a fish fry fundraiser to be held on March 27, 2026 in the firehall. Motion by Sobotka, seconded by Tyrrell to approve the request for this SDL. Passed with unanimous vote of Ayes.

OTHER / ANNOUNCEMENTS - Calkins presented a copy of an email received from the Holt County Treasurer regarding properties that were offered on the latest back tax sale. Discussions were held regarding other vacant lots currently being processed for the next sale. Treasurer will advise which will be offered and date of sale once arrangements have been finalized.

There being no further business, Tyrrell made a Motion to adjourn, 2nd by Leichleiter. Motion passed with all members present voting - Aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Next month's meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2026, at 7 p.m.

/s/Rachel Linquist, Chairperson
/s/Cora L. Calkins, City Clerk/Treasurer