

Village of Page

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Budget Hearing Minutes

The Budget Hearing for the Village of Page, Nebraska was held on the 8th day of September 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Notice of the budget hearing was published in the Summerland Advocate newspaper on the 3rd day of September, 2025 and was also posted at three public places within the Village of Page.

Chairperson Linquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Trustees Cunningham and Leichleiter present. Also present: Dennis VanEvery & Cora Calkins. Absent member(s) – Tyrrell & Sobotka.

Three copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public.

Village Clerk, Cora L. Calkins, made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget.

Following the presentation, Chair Linquist opened the floor to public comment on the proposed budget.

There being no comment from the public wishing to address the governing body, a reasonable amount of time for discussion was deemed concluded. A Motion was made by Cunningham and seconded by Leichleiter to close and thereby adjourn the Budget Hearing. Roll call votes recorded as follows: Cunningham – Aye; Linquist – Aye; Leichleiter – Aye; Tyrrell – Absent; Sobotka – Absent. Motion passed all present voting Aye.

Chair Linquist declared the budget hearing closed at 7:13 p.m.

TAX REQUEST HEARING

The Tax Request Hearing for the Village of Page, Nebraska was held on the 8th day of September 2025. Notice of the Tax Request hearing was published in the Summerland Advocate newspaper on the 3rd day of September 2025 and was also posted at three public places within the Village of Page.

Chair Linquist declared the Tax Request Hearing open at 7:13 p.m. with Trustees Cunningham and Leichleiter present. Also present: Dennis VanEvery & Cora Calkins. Absent member(s) – Tyrrell & Sobotka.

Village Clerk, Cora L. Calkins, presented information regarding the property tax request change to the board and public.

Chair Linquist opened the floor for public comment regarding the tax request.

There being no comment from the public wishing to address the governing body on the subject of the 2025-2026 tax request, a reasonable amount of time for discussion was deemed concluded. A Motion was made by Leichleiter, seconded by Cunningham, to close and thereby adjourn the Tax Request Hearing. Roll call votes recorded as follows: Cunningham – Aye; Leichleiter – Aye; Linquist – Aye. Motion passed all present voting Aye. Tyrrell & Sobotka – Absent.

Chair Linquist declared the tax request hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

Regular Monthly Meeting – September 8, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Page was held Monday, September 8, 2025, at the Village office as per notice published in the Summerland Advocate and posted at three public places within the Village of Page.

Chairperson Linquist called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. with Trustees Cunningham and Leichleiter present. Also present: Dennis VanEvery & Cora Calkins. Absent member(s) – Tyrrell & Sobotka.

Chair Linquist informed 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 Meeting - After a call for discussion, Cunningham made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Leichleiter. Motion passed Linquist, Leichleiter, & Cunningham – Aye. Tyrrell & Sobotka – Absent.

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

General Fund

Bank statement balance 07/31/2025	\$ 44,093.45
Total income	\$ 3,724.41
Total Expenditures	\$ (11,613.77)
Bank statement balance 08/31/2025	<u>\$ 36,204.09</u>

Bills Due:

Bomgaars	Lawnmower blades	\$ (76.74)
Calkins, Cora	Wages	\$ (1,369.09)
Farmers Pride	Propane Contract	\$ (730.00)
Great Plains Comm.	office - includes DSL	\$ (135.99)
Helzer, Wendy	Park Cleaning	\$ (80.00)
Hwy Alloc Savings	Sept 25% Match	\$ (725.00)
Intuit	Payroll / Accounting Software	\$ (191.00)
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	\$ (613.05)
NCPD	street lights / office	\$ (648.71)
NE Dept of Ag	pet licenses	\$ (57.50)
O'Neill Schools	Liquor & Tobacco Licenses	\$ (310.00)
Scott, Michael	Wages	\$ (304.75)
VanEvery, Dennis	Wages	\$ (881.04)
VanEvery, Kathy	Mowing Services	\$ (210.00)
Visa	Office supplies/Comm Award	\$ (360.44)
Total bills due:		\$ (6,693.31)

Utility Fund

Bank statement balance 07/31/2025	\$ 175,900.38
Total Income	\$ 8,376.35
Total expenditures	\$ (8,884.14)
Bank statement balance 08/31/2025	<u><u>\$ 175,392.59</u></u>

Bills Due:

Calkins, Cora - Wages	Wages	\$ (220.25)
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	\$ (227.20)
J & J Sanitation	Garbage pick-up	\$ (1,997.19)
Miller & Assoc Engineering	GIS Mapping - Security Grant	\$ (8,340.00)
NCPD	wells	\$ (424.93)
NE Public Health Lab	Testing	\$ (38.00)

Scott, Michael	Wages	\$	(256.27)	
VanEvery, Dennis	Wages	\$	(745.08)	
Visa	Postage / Locates	\$	(204.66)	
				\$ (12,453.58)

There being no questions, a Motion was made by Leichleiter, 2nd by Cunningham to pay claims as presented. Motion passed with all present voting aye.

Calkins then requested authorization to transfer \$13,589.00 from UF Checking to the USDA Water Account. She explained that this is for the following expenses: Loan 1 (189K) – Payment \$6910.00 / Loan 2 (40K) – Payment \$1307.00 / Emergency fund - \$822.00 (annually) / Short lived asset fund - \$4550.00 (annually). Calkins explained that the payment amounts will auto withdraw annually beginning Oct. 3, 2025. The emergency fund and short-lived asset amounts will be retained in the account for future use on approved water-related expenses. Motion to move \$13,589.00 from the UF Checking to USDA Water account was made by Cunningham, 2nd by Leichleiter. Motion passed with all members present voting – Aye.

Public Comments – None.

Water & Utilities Report – Calkins presented a copy of the result of the Sanitary Survey conducted last month by the NDEE. She explained that one deficiency was noted (lack of tracking actual volume of hypochlorite used) and that a method to track use has already been implemented.

Calkins then presented the proposed FY 2025-2026 Water Budget for the Board's review. She explained that this is due to the USDA by September 30th for compliance with outstanding loans.

A brief discussion was then had regarding repairs needed on a curb stop that is preventing shut off/discontinuance of services for non-payment. During this process, it was also discovered that the customer had been receiving trash services not approved by the village.

Village Maintenance Report – Chair Linquist advised that cameras are pending installation at village locations. She proposed that regular trail cams be traded in for internet accessible cameras available from Kathleen VanEvery if the Board chose to approve such exchange. This will allow easier access, data storage, and review if needed. Linquist then made a Motion to approve the exchange, 2nd by Cunningham. Roll call: Linquist – Aye; Cunningham – Aye; Leichleiter – abstained. Absent: Tyrrell & Sobotka.

Dennis VanEvery then proposed that we put additional products on the gravel streets before winter. Discussions were also held about the status of manhole extension purchases, camera inspection of the firehall sewer line, and culvert purchases and replacement status.

Ordinance Enforcement – Campbell was not present for updates. The Board discussed additional complaints about camper residents in town which will be forwarded for investigation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Building Permit(s) – Sukup – Linquist advised that permit requested projects are on hold pending their work on basement issues at a rental site.

Replacement of East Office Window – Linquist advised that the replacement window has been ordered and will be installed by Camo Specialty when received.

NEW BUSINESS

Building Permit - Sukup – Tabled

Building Permit – Storjohann – Motion by Cunningham, 2nd by Leichleiter to approve permit for a pole barn build. Motion passed all present voting – Aye.

Wage Reviews – A discussion was held regarding wages for the upcoming year. Calkins will draft an Ordinance for wage increase per direction of the board for presentation at next month's meeting.

Ro2-2026: Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2025 – Motion by Leichleiter, 2nd by Cunningham to approve Ro2-2026. Motion passed all present voting – Aye. Ro2-2026 reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2026

SIGNING OF THE MUNICIPAL ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE 2025

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2520(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, Section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each municipality shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the municipality authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the Village Board Chairperson of the Village of Page, Nebraska is hereby authorized to sign the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this 8th day of September, 2025 at Page, Nebraska.

Motion by Leichleiter, 2nd by Cunningham. Roll Call: Linquist – Aye; Cunningham – Aye; Leichleiter – Aye. Nay – None. Absent: Tyrrell and Sobotka.

Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as adopted.

Attest: /s/ Cora L. Calkins, Clerk

Ro3-2026: Approve / Adopt 2025-2026 Budget – A Motion was made by Cunningham, 2nd by Leichleiter, to approve the 2025-2026 Budget as presented at the annual Budget Hearing held earlier this evening by adoption of Ro3-2026. Roll call votes recorded as follows: Cunningham – Aye; Leichleiter – Aye; Linquist – Aye. Motion passed all present voting Aye. Tyrrell & Sobotka - Absent. Resolution 03-2026 adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF PAGE, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING
THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.**

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Page, Nebraska has prepared a proposed budget statement for the fiscal year beginning **October 1, 2025**, and ending **September 30, 2026**, in accordance with the Nebraska Budget Act; and

WHEREAS, proper notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary was published in the Summerland Advocate on September 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 8, 2025, to consider the proposed budget, with proper notice having been published as required by law; and

WHEREAS, all interested citizens were given an opportunity to be heard on the proposed budget at said hearing; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the Village Board made a final review and considered any public comments regarding the proposed budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF PAGE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. After complying with all procedures required by law, the budget presented and set forth in the budget statement is hereby adopted for the fiscal year beginning **October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.**

Section 2. This Resolution is adopted with a motion made by Cunningham, 2nd by Leichleiter and roll call vote as follows: Linquist – Aye; Cunningham – Aye; Leichleiter – Aye. Tyrrell – Absent; Sobotka – Absent.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

Village of Page, Nebraska
/s/ Rachel Linquist, Chairperson
/s/ Cora L. Calkins, Clerk / Treasurer

Ro4-2026: Setting Property Tax Request FY 2025-2026 – Motion was made by Linquist, 2nd by Cunningham to adopt Ro4-2026 as presented. Motion passed with all present voting Aye. Ro4-2026 adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF PAGE, NEBRASKA, SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statutes, specifically § 77-1632 and 77-1633, provide that the governing body of a political subdivision must pass by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting its annual property tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was duly held on **September 8, 2025**, at **7 p.m.**, at the Village Office, to hear and consider public comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, proper notice of the hearing was published in **Summerland Advocate**, a newspaper of general circulation in the area, at least five days prior to the hearing; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the governing body has reviewed and considered all relevant information, including public comments, concerning the property tax request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF PAGE, NEBRASKA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The 2025-2026 property tax request be set at: General Fund: \$ **31,046.57**

SECTION 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by **6.83** percent.

SECTION 3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be **0.421224** per \$100 of assessed value.

SECTION 4. The Village of Page proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be **0.45** per \$100 of assessed value.

SECTION 5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the Village of Page will increase last year's budget by **1.76** percent.

SECTION 6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

Motion by Linquist, seconded by Cunningham to adopt this Resolution 04-2026 as written.

Roll Call Vote: Leichleiter – Aye; Cunningham – Aye; Linquist – Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Tyrrell and Sobotka.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED this 8th day of September 2025.

VILLAGE OF PAGE, NEBRASKA

/s/ Rachel Linquist, Village Chairperson

/s/ Cora L. Calkins, Village Clerk

R05-2026: Request for Audit Waiver – Motion by Leichleiter, 2nd by Cunningham to pass R05-2026 as presented. Motion passed with all present voting Aye. R05-2026 adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF PAGE, NEBRASKA, TO WAIVE THE ANNUAL AUDIT REQUIREMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statutes, specifically § 19-2903 and § 84-304, allow municipalities to request a waiver of the annual audit requirement under certain conditions and with the approval of the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts (APA); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Page has determined that it meets the criteria for requesting an audit waiver, including that its total annual disbursements for the fiscal year 2024-2025 are within the threshold set by the APA; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed and approved the summary of the financial activity and position of the municipality for the stated fiscal year, to be attached to the formal request for waiver; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the municipality to request a waiver of the audit for the specified fiscal year due to the financial cost of the audit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF PAGE, NEBRASKA, THAT:

Section 1. The Village Board hereby authorizes and directs Dana Cole & Associates as the Village accountant to prepare and submit the formal audit waiver request to the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

Section 2. The Village Clerk shall ensure that the request is submitted and includes all necessary supporting documentation, such as a summary of financial activity and a copy of the minutes from this meeting.

Section 3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be attached to the audit waiver request as documentation of the governing body's decision.

Motion by Leichleiter, seconded by Cunningham to adopt Resolution 05-2026 as written.

Roll Call Vote: Cunningham – Aye; Linquist – Aye; Leichleiter – Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Tyrrell and Sobotka.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED this 8th day of September 2025.

VILLAGE OF PAGE, NEBRASKA

/s/ Rachel Linquist, Chairperson

/s/ Cora L. Calkins, Clerk

Ro6-2026: Adoption of FY 2025-2026 USDA Water Budget – Motion by Cunningham, 2nd by Leichleiter to adopt Ro6-2026 as presented. Motion passed with all present voting Aye. Ro6-2026 adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF PAGE, NEBRASKA, ADOPTING
THE ANNUAL USDA WATER BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.**

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Page, Nebraska has prepared a proposed USDA Water Budget statement for the fiscal year beginning **October 1, 2025**, and ending **September 30, 2026**; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget statement was made available for public inspection at the regular village board meeting on September 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, following review of the proposed USDA Water Budget for FY 2025-2026, the Village Board made a final review and considered any public comments regarding the proposed budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF PAGE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. After consideration of all public comments and board review, the budget presented and set forth in the USDA Water Budget FY 2025-2026 is hereby adopted.

Section 2. This Resolution is hereby adopted by the procedural process as follows:

Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Leichleiter to adopt Resolution 06-2026 as written.

Roll Call Vote: Cunningham – Aye; Linquist – Aye; Leichleiter – Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Tyrrell and Sobotka.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8th OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

Village of Page, Nebraska
/s/ Rachel Linquist, Chairperson
/s/ Cora L. Calkins, Village Clerk

OTHER / ANNOUNCEMENTS – Calkins advised a Flu Shot Clinic sponsored by North Central Health Dept. will be held at the Page Firehall from 11 am to 1 pm. on September 23, 2025.

There being no further business, Leichleiter made a Motion to adjourn, 2nd by Cunningham . Motion passed with all members present voting - Aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Next month's meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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