

# Village of Page

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## **Budget Hearing Minutes**

The Budget Hearing for the Village of Page, Nebraska was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Notice of the budget hearing was published in the Summerland Advocate newspaper on the 11th day of September, 2024 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 VanEvery, Tyrrell and Campbell present. Also present: Cora Calkins. Absent member(s) – Leichleiter.

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 Tyrrell and seconded by Campbell to close and thereby adjourn the Budget Hearing. Roll call votes recorded as follows: VanEvery – Aye; Campbell - Aye; Tyrrell – Aye; Linquist – Aye; Leichleiter - Absent. Motion passed all present voting Aye.

Chair Linquist declared the budget hearing closed at 7:17 p.m.

## **TAX REQUEST HEARING**

Chair Linquist declared the Tax Request Hearing open at 7:17 p.m. with Trustees VanEvery, Tyrrell, and Campbell present. Also present: Cora Calkins. Absent member(s) – Leichleiter.

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 2024-2025 tax request, a reasonable amount of time for discussion was deemed concluded. A Motion was made by Tyrrell, seconded by VanEvery, to close and thereby adjourn the Tax Request Hearing. Roll call votes recorded as follows: VanEvery – Aye; Tyrrell – Aye; Linquist – Aye; Campbell - Aye. Motion passed all present voting Aye. Leichleiter – Absent.

Chair Linquist declared the tax request hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

## **Regular Monthly Meeting – September 16, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Page was held Monday, September 16, 2024, at the Village office as per notice published in the Summerland Advocate on September 11, 2024 and posted at three public places within the Village of Page.

Chairperson Linquist called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. with Trustees VanEvery, Tyrrell and Campbell present. Also present: Cora Calkins. Absent member(s) – Leichleiter.

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, Campbell made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 12, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Tyrrell. Motion passed all ayes.

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

**Utility Fund**

<b>Bank statement balance 7/31/2024</b>	<b>\$ 186,512.46</b>
Total Income	\$ 7,019.07
Total expenditures	<u>\$ (4,923.11)</u>
<b>Bank statement balance 08/31/2024</b>	<u><u>\$ 188,608.42</u></u>

**Bills Due:**

Calkins, Cora - Wages	Wages	\$ (314.15)	
Dept of Agriculture	Pet License remittance	\$ (67.10)	
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	\$ (217.37)	
J & J Sanitation	Garbage pick-up	\$ (1,924.97)	
Johnson Service Company	Sewer Maintenance 2023-2024	\$ (8,000.00)	
Linguist, Don	Wages	\$ (39.24)	
NCPPD	Treatment plant and well house	\$ (438.52)	
NE Public Health Lab	Testing	\$ (15.00)	
O'Neill Pest Control	Prof. Services	\$ (60.00)	
Utility Services	Qtrly Maint. contract	\$ (2,729.21)	
VanEvery, Dennis	Wages	\$ (757.97)	
VanEvery, Dennis	Reimb plumbing supplies	\$ (24.16)	
Visa	postage / 811 locate fees	\$ (48.75)	
			\$ (14,636.44)

**General Fund**

<b>Bank statement balance 07/31/2024</b>	<b>\$ 67,025.57</b>
Total income	\$ 3,701.48
Total Expenditures	\$ (15,360.58)
<b>Bank statement balance 08/31/2024</b>	<u><u>\$ 55,366.47</u></u>

**Bills Due:**

Anson Insurance	Qtrly Premium	\$ (2,991.00)
Boyd Holt E911	Prof. Services	\$ (202.50)
Calkins, Cora	Wages	\$ (1,249.68)
Cold Type Publishing	Publication fees	\$ (53.50)
Farmers Pride	Propane	\$ (143.86)
Great Plains Comm.	office - includes DSL	\$ (135.77)
Helzer, Wendy	Park Cleaning Sept	\$ (80.00)
Hwy Alloc Savings	Sept 25% Match	\$ (702.00)
Intuit	Payroll / Accounting Software	\$ (173.00)
IRS USA Tax	payroll liabilities	\$ (624.24)
McNally Law Office	Legal Fee	\$ (195.00)
NCPPD	street lights / office	\$ (611.66)
O'Neill Pest Control	Prof. Services	\$ (65.00)
VanEvery, Dennis	Wages	\$ (1,155.82)

Total bills due:

\$ (8,383.03)

There being no questions, a Motion was made by Tyrrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Campbell NOT to pay Boyd Holt E9111 bill for interest. Motion passed all present voting - Aye.

Motion by Tyrrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Campbell to pay remaining claims as presented. Motion passed all Ayes.

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. 4, 2024. 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 VanEvery, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tyrrell. Motion passed with all members present voting – Aye.

**Public Comments** – None.

**Water & Utilities Report** – Calkins presented a copy of the final 2024-2025 USDA Water Fund Budget submitted for the board's review. Motion by VanEvery, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Campbell to accept proposed USDA Water Fund Budget as presented. Motion passed all voting Aye.

Updates were given regarding work at 5<sup>th</sup> & Market, with discussion regarding concrete repair of that area. Carkowski Construction inspected 3 meter pits for replacement, clay valve at South Well, and will assist in locating extra water line to old ballfield.

Motion by Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tyrrell to approve \$8000.00 from the 2024-2025 budget to Johnson Service Company to continue with sewer maintenance and videoing. Motion passed unanimously.

**Village Maintenance Report** – Street repairs were discussed with plans to complete before weather changes.

Calkins presented a quote for the interior of the Page Clinic that was damaged due to water in the amount of \$1872.00. Motion made by VanEvery, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tyrrell to hire Camo Specialty Construction for clinic repairs. Motion passed all Ayes.

**Ordinance Enforcement** – Calkins presented a complaint received regarding the vacant property at 4<sup>th</sup> & Main. Campbell will begin process of finding new address and notification of the property owner to start action.

Approval of Code Enforcement guidelines are still under review with the Village attorney and should be completed shortly for legal action preparation on past complaints.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Printer Purchase** – Discussion was held regarding replacement of the over 10 year old village printer which is starting to malfunction. Options will be presented at October meeting.

**Approve 2024-2025 Budget** – A Motion was made by Tyrrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Campbell, to approve the 2024-2025 Budget as presented at the annual Budget Hearing held earlier this evening by adoption of Ordinance 126.25. Roll call votes recorded as follows: Campbell – Aye; VanEvery – Aye; Tyrrell – Aye; Linquist – Aye. Motion passed all present voting Aye, Leichleiter - Absent. Ordinance reads as follows:

**ORDINANCE 126.25**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2024/2025 BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND TO SET THE FINAL LEVY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF PAGE, NEBRASKA:**

**Section 1.** That after complying with all procedures required by law, the budget presented and set forth in the budget statement is hereby approved as the Annual Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. All sums of money contained in the budget statement are hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Village of Page. A copy of the budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capital, Lincoln, Nebraska and to the County Clerk of Holt County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

Tyrrell moved for the passage of Ordinance 126.25. Seconded by Trustee Campbell. Record of the roll call vote is as follows:

YES:	Linguist, Tyrrell, VanEvery & Campbell	NO:	None
ABSTAINED:	None	ABSENT:	Leichleiter

Chairperson Linguist declares Ordinance 126.25 passed and thereby adopted this 16th day of September 2024.

**/s/ Rachel Linguist, Chairperson**  
**Attest: /s/ Cora L. Calkins, Clerk**

**Approval Tax Request Resolution** - A Motion was made by Tyrrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by VanEvery, to approve Resolution 01-2025 for new property tax request. Said resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST  
01-2025**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the Village of Page passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Village of Page resolves that;

1. The 2024-2025 property tax request be set at:  
General Fund: \$ 29,061.25
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 4.31 percent.
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 0.431403 per \$100 of assessed value.
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.

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 1.65 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2024.

Motion by Tyrrell, seconded by VanEvery to adopt Resolution 01-2025.

Roll Call Vote: VanEvery – Aye; Campbell – Aye; Tyrrell – Aye; Linquist – Aye; Nay: None. Leichleiter – Absent.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.**

**/s/ Rachel Linquist, Chairperson**

**Attest:**

**/s/Cora L. Calkins, Clerk**

**Increase total restricted funds by an additional 1%** - A Motion was made by Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by VanEvery to increase the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. Roll call votes recorded as follows: VanEvery – Aye; Campbell - Aye; Tyrrell – Aye; Linquist – Aye. Motion passed all present voting Aye. (Leichleiter – Absent.)

**Request Audit Waiver** – A Motion was made by VanEvery, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tyrrell to request an audit waiver for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Roll call votes recorded as follows: VanEvery – Aye; Campbell - Aye; Tyrrell – Aye; Linquist – Aye. Motion passed all present voting Aye. Leichleiter – Absent.

**Execution of Dana Cole Management Representation Letter** – A Motion was made by Tyrrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by VanEvery to execute the management representation letter as presented. Motion passed all ayes.

**OTHER / ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Calkins advised a Flu Shot Clinic sponsored by North Central Health Dept. will be held at the KC Bar & Grill on October 22nd from 11 am to 1 pm. and presented copies of the final November ballots to the board.

There being no further business, Tyrrell made a Motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Campbell . Motion passed with all members present voting - Aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next month's meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

/s/Rachel Linquist, Chairperson

/s/Cora L. Calkins, City Clerk/Treasurer