



Village of Staplehurst

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VILLAGE OF STAPLEHURST

MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 28TH, 2026

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 28th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Staplehurst Village Hall. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting in three designated places.

Chairperson Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall of the meeting room for public review.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Frank, Trustees Wilken, Benedict, Novotny

Approval of Village Claims

The Village Board reviewed and approved claims for the period of March 30, 2026 through April 28, 2026, totaling \$13,067.82 from Jones National Bank. Claims approved included: Svehla Law Offices, P.C. \$374.00; John Deere Financial \$151.61; Waste Connections of Nebraska \$141.97; Northeast Neb Tele Co \$59.63; Farmers Cooperative \$158.54; Jones Group Insurance \$105.00; Seward County Independent \$17.34; Midwest Laboratories, Inc. \$430.92; Crouchs Farm and Hardware \$112.90; Constellation NewEnergy-Gas \$356.23; Black Hills Energy \$250.19; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab \$385.00; Farmers Cooperative \$172.00; Spickelmier & Sons \$875.00; Craig Stava \$400.00; Debbie Frank \$1,190.00; Connie Wilken \$680.00; Shaun Benedict \$480.00; Jarod Hans \$480.00; Corden Novotny \$40.00; Staplehurst Volunteer Fire Department \$1,409.00; Norris Public Power District \$1,388.45; Post Office \$80.34; Reardon Lawn & Garden \$836.98; Anthropic-Claude \$200.00; and Chris Eckles \$2,292.72. Motion by Novotny, seconded by Benedict, to approve the Village claims. All in favor: Wilken, Frank, Benedict, Novotny

Sheriff's Department Report

The board reviewed the report from March, no action needed.

Fire Department Claims

No claims presented for April-added to May Agenda

Fire Department Report

1 Rescue call, 2 fire calls, mentioned Seward County Gives-Sunday breakfast May 3rd, still working on 3-phase, breaker, compressor, installing another set of lockers.

Women's Club

Requested donation to help pay for Community Hall bathroom remodel. Trustee Wilken mentioned \$2,000 to come from Donation GL. Motioned, Benedict, seconded by Novotny, all in favor, Wilken, Frank, Benedict, Novotny.

Resolution 2026-03:

Declaring structures at 150 South Street to be dangerous building defined by Section 2-405 of the Village Code of Staplehurst. Certified letters to be sent to property owners and posted with Seward County Register of Deeds.

Motion to approve resolution, Novotny, seconded by Benedict, all in favor; Frank, Wilken, Novotny, Benedict.

Resolution 2026-04:

Declaring structures at 400 A Street to be dangerous building defined by Section 2-405 of the Village Code of Staplehurst. Certified letters to be sent to property owners and posted with Seward County Register of Deeds.

Motion to approve resolution, Novotny, seconded by Benedict, all in favor; Frank, Wilken, Novotny, Benedict.

Alley Behind Post Office:

Chair Frank would like to fix the dip that retains water behind the Post Office. Bids received from Jr. Bobcat for creating a ditch facing North would be \$1500. Request of additional bid going East to West and will be added to May agenda.

Street Maintenance at 145 South 5th:

Maintenance Operator will look at street and determine best solution for a fix. Further street discussion to be added to May agenda.

Maintenance Report

State did sanitary survey-will go out May 1st invoice mailings, needs to have a 75% return rate.

Park to be sprayed for weeds late Saturday night, best time as there are less children playing. Posted on FB News page. Continuing to look for curb stops using GPS provided by Miller & Associates. H&S invoice is being worked on and clarification needed before payment is made. Chris will price asphalt patching bags or pallet, Trustee Benedict suggested Beaver Hardware. Painting building next to shop was quoted at \$900 for materials with a total of \$2700 for full service. Chris will look at additional options. Chris will work on creating a weed sprayer boom.

Chair Report:

Maintenance Officer Pay Scale Resolution 2505-05 presented to board members for a pay scale for current and future raises based on certifications and time. Motioned by Benedict, seconded by Novotny, all in favor, Frank, Wilken, Benedict, Novotny.

Maintenance Operator Raise: Frank noted to Resolution document stated pay for \$30.50 and requested vote for approval. Motioned by Novotny, seconded by Benedict, all in favor, Frank, Wilken, Novotny, Benedict. Pay increase to begin in May.

Residents Comments: None**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Benedict, seconded by Novotny. All in favor: Wilken, Frank, Benedict, Novotny
Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Next Meeting, May 26th at 7pm

Village Clerk, Bobbi McVey-Blath