

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE OF MILLIGAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES 01/14/26

The Village of Milligan Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 14, 2026, notice of meeting being posted in three public places in advance of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Milton at 5:32 p.m. On roll call, the following Trustees were present: Eric Milton, Eric Johnson, Shawn Slezak, and Laura Steuben. Absent: Kim Gurley. Others present: Randy Hellbusch of the Nebraska Rural Water Association and Vicky Thompson, Clerk. Chairman Eric Milton made notice that the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and is accessible to members of the public.

### CONSENT AGENDA

The following bills were presented for payment:

Black Hills Energy, utilities	2,209.31	Verizon, cell phones	108.58
Perennial Public Power, utilities	2,225.21	Windstream, telephone & internet	598.23
Kopcho & Sons Sanitation, garbage	3,969.00	Hometown Leasing, repairs & maint.	92.88
NE Public Health Env. Lab, water tests	32.00	The Nebraska Signal, publications	108.91
Lois Kotas, contract labor	56.00	One Call Concepts, Inc., misc. exp.	11.48
Fillmore Co. Registrar of Deeds, misc.	10.00	Belle Prairie Electric, repairs & maint.	37.50
Nebraska Rural Water Assoc., dues	200.00	Nebraska Rural Water Assoc., misc.	100.00
Nebraska Rural Water Assoc., misc.	445.00	Business World Products, supplies	10.76
Milligan Fire Dept., fire & rescue	1,346.20	Mid-American Research Chem., supplies	366.00
Momar, supplies	1,214.62	Chem Search, supplies	625.45
Culligan of York, fire & rescue	300.00	Larry Michl, fire & rescue	200.00
Interstate All Battery Center, fire & res.	232.32	Geneva Parts City, supp., rep. & maint.	667.93
Solheim Law Firm, LLC, prof. fees	105.00	Geneva Home Center, supplies	21.56
Farmers Coop, supplies & fire & res.	1,943.46	BMG Certificated Accountants, prof fees	340.00
Milligan Farming Service, fire & res.	649.35	Lois Vavra, contract labor	57.00
941 Tax Deposit	1,482.52	Payroll/Wages	6,825.21
Library Expenses	536.36		

S. Slezak moved, seconded by E. Johnson, to approve all items on the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda include the minutes from the December 9, 2025, meeting, financial reports and all bills. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak, and L. Steuben. Nays: none. Absent: K. Gurley. Motion carried.

### REGULAR AGENDA

Randy Hellbusch of the Nebraska Rural Water Association presented a water rate study and a sewer rate study for the Village. After review and discussion of the suggested rates to meet projected financial requirements, it was the general consensus that rates on both water and sewer needed to be adjusted.

L. Steuben moved, seconded by S. Slezak, to increase water base rates to \$30.00 per month with a usage rate of \$3.25 per 1,000 gallons and to increase the sewer rate to \$20.00 per month beginning April 1, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak, and L. Steuben. Nays: none. Absent: K. Gurley. Motion carried.

Discussion held on changing the quarterly utility billing to six times per year. S. Slezak moved, seconded by E. Johnson, to change from quarterly billing to billing every other month (six times per year) beginning April 1, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak, and L. Steuben. Nays: none. Absent: K. Gurley. Motion carried.

The Milligan Fire Department asked to approve Trenton Vossler as a new member. L. Steuben moved, seconded by S. Slezak, to approve Trenton Vossler to the Milligan Fire Department. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak, and L. Steuben. Nays: none. Absent: K. Gurley. Motion carried.

The Library Board approved to increase librarian wages by \$.50 per hour. E. Johnson moved, seconded by S. Slezak, to approve a \$.50 raise to the head librarian and the assistant librarians effective January 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak, and L. Steuben. Nays: none. Absent: K. Gurley. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Other Discussion:

- Sales tax receipts for October (received in December) were \$3,814.33
- Clerk filed a lien on a property for unpaid mowing bill
- Banner Permit was renewed
- Updates on the water tower project – working on a State Revolving Fund loan
- NIMS classes need to be completed by members of the Board
- General village maintenance

Next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. L. Steuben moved, seconded by S. Slezak, to adjourn. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, E. Johnson, S. Slezak and L. Steuben Nays: none. Absent: K. Gurley. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. Minutes can be viewed on the website [www.milligannebraska.org](http://www.milligannebraska.org).

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Vicky Thompson, Village Clerk