

PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE OF MILLIGAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES 02/10/2026

The Village of Milligan Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 10, 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, Shawn Slezak, Laura Steuben and Kimberly Gurley. Absent: Eric Johnson. Others present: Ashley Havel, Vicky Thompson, Clerk and John Zelenka, maintenance and representing the Milligan Auditorium. 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	2,746.73	Verizon, cell phone	114.13
Perennial Public Power, utilities	2,173.20	Windstream, telephone & internet	630.73
Kopcho & Sons Sanitation, garbage	3,946.00	Hometown Leasing, repairs & maint.	92.88
NE Public Health Env. Lab, water tests	15.00	The Nebraska Signal, publications	72.43
Lois Kotas, contract labor	56.00	Oliva Insurance Agency, misc. exp.	200.00
Business World Products, supplies	8.78	Mid-Amer. Research Chem., supplies	366.00
Sargent Drilling, rep. & maint.	900.00	Federal Licensing Inc., fire & rescue	119.00
EMF School District, misc. exp.	250.00	Kassik Milling Co., Inc., misc. exp.	150.00
Larry Michl, fire & rescue	200.00	Farmers Coop., supplies	74.94
Geneva Parts City, supp, rep, maint.	515.19	Geneva Home Center, supplies	113.49
941 Tax Deposit	1,635.04	Nebraska U.C. Fund, unempl. tax	16.06
Nebr. Dept. Revenue, NE WH	639.04	Nebr. Dept. Revenue, sales tax	592.61
Payroll/Wages	5,761.19	Library Expenses	1,442.23

S. Slezak moved, seconded by K. Gurley, to approve all items on the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda include the minutes from the January 14, 2026, meeting, financial reports and all bills. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, S. Slezak, L. Steuben, K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: E. Johnson. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

A letter of complaint referencing certain dogs constantly running at large was read and discussed. The Board was of the consensus to have the village attorney pursue this matter.

E. Milton introduced Ordinance 2026-01 – AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF MILLIGAN, MILLIGAN, NEBRASKA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MILLIGAN, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1: RATES

Customer Charges per Month:

Water:
\$30.00 per meter
Water Usage Fees:
\$3.25 per 1,000 gallons of water used
Sewer:
\$20.00

SECTION 2: CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2026

These rates shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, publication and posting as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

L. Steuben moved, seconded by K. Gurley, to waive the three-reading requirement. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, S. Slezak, L. Steuben, K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: E. Johnson. Motion carried.

S. Slezak moved, seconded by L. Steuben, to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-01. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, S. Slezak, L. Steuben, K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: E. Johnson. Motion carried.

Kim Gurley and Ashley Havel, representing the Milligan Rescue Unit, discussed several items of concern with rescue unit calls and rescue unit licensing and training. EMT licenses renew March 31, 2026. The new unit should be arriving around April 1, 2026. The wrap will be done locally.

John Zelenka, representing Scott Oliva for the Milligan Community Club, requested approval to block off Street west of Main Street and 6th Street east of the water tower to Main Street as well as parts of Main Street, and the alleyway behind the Milligan Auditorium by the Milligan Community Club during June Jubilee. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, S. Slezak, L. Steuben, and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: E. Johnson. Motion carried.

John Zelenka, representing the Milligan Auditorium, asked that the alley behind the Auditorium be blocked off for activities being held in the Beer Garden on the dates of May 30, 2026, June 20, 2026, and June 27, 2026. L. Steuben moved, seconded by K. Gurley to approve the dates of May 30, 2026, June 20, 2026, and June 27, 2026, for the alley behind the Auditorium to be blocked off. . Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, S. Slezak, L. Steuben, and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: E. Johnson. Motion carried.

Correspondence was read and discussed. Included was a thank you from the Nebraska Rural Water Association for our donation to their equipment fund, Sargent Drilling letter with well testing results, and the annual franchise payment from Black Hills Natural Gas.

Other Discussion:

- Sales tax receipts for November (received in January) were \$5,179.02
- Food trucks
- Annexation questions
- Updates on the water tower project
- Library report will be completed by March 15, 2026
- Updates on the housing project
- Donation received from the Milligan Community Club to the library for the Dollywood Foundation postage expense
- Discussion on the frequency of water bills due to the rate increases
- Clerk's resignation letter
- General village maintenance – received proposal for street work to be done this summer and discussed the north and south well test results

Next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. S. Slezak moved, seconded by L. Steuben, to adjourn. Roll call vote: Ayes: E. Milton, S. Slezak, L. Steuben and K. Gurley. Nays: none. Absent: E. Johnson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m. Minutes can be viewed on the website www.milligannebraska.org.

Vicky Thompson, Village Clerk