

Utica Nebraska

Village Board of Trustees

January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 12, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Utica Auditorium. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting in three designated places and advance notification of the trustees by delivery. Chairperson Swanson called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered by Trustees Jim Swanson, Sharon Powell, Joshua Ramsey, McKenzie Parr, and Nick Bloebaum. A quorum was determined to be present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Chairperson stated that the Open Meetings Act is located on the back wall for review.

Moved by Powell, seconded by Parr to approve consent agenda (includes agenda, minutes, Treasurer's report, Sheriff's log, and payment of claims). RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Ramsey, Bloebaum & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: Bloebaum 5A. Carried.

Public Comments: None

Fire Dept. Report: They are doing Bingo night as a fund raiser; they are looking at several Thermal imaging cameras and getting quotes; will be testing hoses; and have a possible new member.

Sheriff Report: Was examined by the board.

Zoning Inspector Report: Attached and made a part hereof.

Maintenance Report: Attached and made a part hereof.

Chair Report: No report

Park Report: Not received

Senior Center: Attached and made a part hereof.

Clerk Report: Attached and made a part hereof.

Treasurer's Report: Attached and made a part hereof.

Trustees: Powell informed the board that 200 bills have been introduced to the Nebraska Legislature. Motion Powell, seconded by Parr to accept all of the reports as presented. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Bloebaum, Ramsey & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) The board discussed wording/definition of the nuisance ordinances. Ramsey will continue working with attorney to change some of it. There were a number of complaints about 501 E street. This will be given to the Board of Health for their recommendation.
- 2) Ramsey reports that the County Attorney never responded to him about contracting to handle Village citations. Motion Ramsey, seconded by Bloebaum to use the Village Attorney for prosecuting citations. RCV: Ayes: Ramsey, Bloebaum, Parr, Powell, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried. We will have to work on a fee schedule for the county court.
- 3) Discussed the recording of Trustee Board meetings. Discussed audio recordings verses video recordings, and equipment needed. Motion Powell, seconded by Bloebaum to proceed with audio recordings to be stored in the Clerk's office and then let demand dictate about future of video recordings. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Bloebaum, Ramsey, Parr, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried. Audio recordings will be made available to the public at the Clerk's office.

- 4) Discussed moving the compost pile to new site to avoid smoke problems. Motion Parr, seconded by Powell to move the compost to the old dump site. RCV: Ayes: Parr, Powell, Bloebaum, Ramsey, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.
- 5) Discussed after putting water in the gutter system at the pool and losing the water that the next step would be to cut into the concrete decking to locate the T they think may be leaking. Motion Ramsey, seconded by Powell to proceed with Pool Techs & Construction as described in the estimate. RCV: Ayes: Ramsey, Powell, Parr, Bloebaum & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.
- 6) Electronic sign postponed until 2026-27 Budget.

New Business:

- 1) Discussed tree roots in Cunningham's sewer system where it taps into the Village's line. The code book says the home owner is responsible for their own line. Board decided to follow the code and leave it as the home owner's expense.
- 2) Motion Parr, seconded by Bloebaum to appoint Randy Steinhausen, Mitch Peeks, and Derek Dubas to the Park Board. RCV: Ayes Parr, Bloebaum, Ramsey, Powell & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.
- 3) Postpone appointment because the candidate hasn't responded yet.
- 4) The Board discussed locations for a new fire hall. The fire dept along with Ramsey & Bloebaum are to look into locations and/or possibility of buying land.
- 5) Rick Micek has volunteered to refinish the auditorium floor if the Village will pay for the materials. Motion Ramsey, seconded by Powell to have Rick Micek refinish auditorium floor. RCV: Ayes: Ramsey, Powell, Bloebaum, Parr & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.
- 6) Motion Ramsey, seconded by Powell to introduce Ordinance #798 to Repeal Village Code Section 131.02 Street Games. RCV: Ayes: Ramsey, Powell, Parr, Bloebaum & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried. Motion Powell, seconded by Parr to suspend 3 readings of Ordinance 798. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Ramsey, Bloebaum & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.
- 7) Board discussed if the Village wants to follow Federal or State paid holidays. Postpone until next meeting.
- 8) Discussed the Aging Commission by-laws not matching with the Villages Ordinance. Village will let the Aging Commission decide on the number of board members they want. The Village will then write a resolution to comply.
- 9) The clerk received a request from a food truck to come to the Village. Motion Powell, seconded by Parr for the Village to help advertise for any food truck and to allow them to park on public property. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Bloebaum, Ramsey & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.

Motion Powell, seconded by Parr to adjourn at 9:11 pm RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Ramsey, Bloebaum & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.

Next meeting will be February 2, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Utica Auditorium.

Claims: Norris Public Power, services 4614.10; US Bank, services 397; League of NE Municipalities, education 2437; Quadient Finance, postage 300; Bound Tree, supplies 1130.57; Z. Crouch, mileage 174; Microsoft, services 21.39; University of NE, education 273; Hobby Lobby, activities 54.59; Sparetime Lounge, meals 258.49; Walgreens, activities 59.56; Solheim Law, services 300; NE Rural Water Assn., dues 300; Zito, services 1320.50; Central Valley Ag, Fuel 198.53; First Bank of Utica, services 9; Centennial Public Schools, fees 20; Lincoln Winwater Works, supplies 2407.50; 1 to 1 technologies, services 273.78; The Lincoln National Life, benefits 239.34; Bel-Con Refuse, services 66; Great Plains

Pest Management, services 220; Kopchos, services 126.50; Amazon, supplies 265.91; Anniebels, meals 971.32; Centennial Market, meals 179.66; Black Hills Energy, services 1433.29; C. Williams, mileage 51.80; Seward County Sheriff, services 504; TASC, benefits 620; AT & T Mobility, services 38.79; Colonial Life, benefit 49.64; Mierau & Co, services 130; Walmart, supplies 453.10; Verizon, services 272.86; Utica Parts & Service, supplies 66.80; York Ace Hardware, supplies 13.98; Seward County Independent, services 66.48; Beaver Hardware, supplies 55.05; Pac N Save, meals 15.50; Gierhan Concrete, services 1933; NE Emergency Medical, fees 410; Pool Techs & Construction, services 2500; Dinges Fire Company, equipment 12545.85; Aflac, benefit 348.84; NE Public Health, services 49; Mid-American Research, supplies 2410; Municipal Supply Inc, supplies 2466.90; One-call Concepts, services 32.80; IRS, payroll taxes 6062.39; NE Dept of Revenue, payroll taxes 861.09, sales tax 583.56; Wages 17263.92; Empower, benefits 1659.23.

Submitted by
Rita Maier
Clerk/Treasurer

UTICA AGING SERVICES COMMISSON
Dec. 10, 2025

Notice of this meeting was given in advance by the Village Clerk's posting in three designated places, and advance notification of the committee by email. The Open Meetings Act is posted on the bulletin board in the Senior Center.

PRESENT: Pat Koch (Chairperson), Cortney Williams (Manager), Jim Swanson, Lyn Hemphill, Sandi Swanson, Ron Erks, Ken Baack and Bob Brauer

ABSENT: Jody Wiemer, Diane Steinhausen, Becky Sandman

GUESTS: Karon Dvorak (new member beginning 2026)

Pat opened the meeting at 1:03 pm at the home of Jim & Sandi Swanson. The minutes from the November 12, 2025 meeting were discussed. The correction regarding 2.c. was addressed. Jody changed "All members were in favor." to "All responding members were in favor." Bob moved to accept the minutes as amended. Lyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The November Manager's Report was given by Cortney:

- The Center was open 14 days in November. (Tues. & Thurs. mornings included.)
- 241 congregate approved meals were served.
- 8 home delivered meals that qualified as home-delivered congregate meals were served.
- 7 to-go meals that qualified as congregate meals were served.
- 8 meals that were non-approved as congregate meals were served (eat-in guests under age 60).
- 0 to-go meals were non-approved as congregate (under age 60)
- 161 total senior meals were served. (256 of these are reimbursable meals)
- 242 exercise units represented 26 people doing exercises. Exercise room use was 96 units and chair yoga were 65 units.
- 12 blood pressure checks were reported.
- 218 social units represent 36 people participating in games & activities.
- 200 or more newsletters with monthly menus & programs were distributed.
- 102 volunteer hours were provided at the Senior Center during regular meal days (an average of 8 volunteers per meal day).
- November activities were: Speaker from Hope Rescue Mission; Crafting Holiday gifts for seniors; Cards and Visiting, Fall Family Feud; Packing holiday items for seniors, Wheel of Fortune, BINGO with Cortney
- The nutrition lesson was on Wednesday Nov. 12th.
- Chair Yoga classes held on Wednesday and Friday afternoons beginning at 12:15. Attendance continues to increase

- Rentals Scheduled: Dec. 14, 2025 (Volzke)
Dec. 25, 2025,(Bayless)
Dec. 28, 2025 (Rhodes)
Jan. 10, 2026
Jan. 24, 2026 (Robinson)
Feb. 9, 2026 (Byron Wiemer Agency)
May 16, 2026,
May 23, 2026
July 12, 2026
Nov. 21, 2026

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>Income:</u>	Meal donations	\$ 1,583.00
	Fund-raising	0.00
	Rental income	150.00
	t-shirt donations	22.00
	CD/Savings interest	0.00
	Bank Account Interest	<u>25.38</u>
	November income	<u>\$ 1,780.38</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	Meals Purchased	\$2,734.24
	Raw Food	1,079.08
	Supplies-office/printer ink	104.97
	Supplies-kitchen	62.74
	Activities	59.91
	Mileage, pickup/deliver meals	157.50
	Payroll wages (cleaning/maint.)	270.00
	Payroll taxes (cleaning/maint.)	20.65
	Repairs & Maintenance	23.60
	Utilities:	
	Electric	200.00
	Trash	66.00
	Phone	103.87
	Natural Gas	<u>106.03</u>
	November expenses	<u>\$ 4,988.59</u>

Resulting in a Net Loss of **-\$3,208.21**

Rita reported the ending balance in the Village's Account as of 11-30-2025:

\$ 26,499.84	Village's Revolving Fund
322.38	Debit card account
<u>2,002.31</u>	Gift Trust/Aging Services account
\$ 28,824.53	
<u>73,632.55</u>	CD's
\$102,457.08	TOTAL ASSETS

Ron made a motion to accept the Manager's Report. Lyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Thank you to Becky for her service. Welcome to Karon Dvorak.
2. Concrete Pad for the Dumpster:
The village will pay for this. It has been completed. Cortney had a bill from Volzke Corporation for \$379.90. Dylan talked to Byron about treating the concrete. Byron did this. He will submit a bill for \$30.
3. Museum Update:
The committee will resume updates after Christmas.
4. Holiday Giving Projects:
Over 200 handmade crafts were given out to Kinship Pointe, Greenhouse, and Ridgewood in Seward, Legacy Square in Henderson and the VA home in Tennessee (where Cortney's brother was). Cortney has gotten Thrivent cards to purchase things from Bath & Body Works, etc.
5. Thrivent Card:
Bob has given a \$250 Thrivent card to be used for postage.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Thank you's to Cortney and Lyle
Cards with gift certificates were given to Lyle and Cortney from the board members, thanking them for all they do for the Senior Center throughout the year.

2. Schedule Gift Exchange

Cortney has planned a gift exchange for the Senior Center guests for December 19th. Guests can bring a gift between \$7-\$10.

3. New Year's Eve Party:

There will be BINGO at noon. The Senior Center will be open for New Year's Eve card playing and visiting.

4. Election of Officers:

Election will take place at the January meeting.

5. Thank you Jim & Sandi:

We sincerely appreciate your hospitality in hosting our December meeting.

Public Comments

1. New Podium

Garry Dittmar could get a new podium that the Legion would pay for. Cortney and Lyn will investigate finding one that is collapsible.

The next meeting will be **January 14th at 12:30 at the Utica Senior Center.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob and seconded by Ron. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Merry Christmas to all.

Respectfully submitted,
Jody Wiemer (secretary)

(Information and minutes were provided by Sandi Swanson. THANK YOU SANDI!)

January 12, 2025 Board Meeting Maintenance Report

- Pool Update
- New chemical scale was installed at WTP.
- Holiday décor was taken down and stored until next season.
- Tennis and pickleball nets were taken down and stored for season.
- Repairs were made to lubrication line at the South well and a new spicket was added.
- We are experiencing a heavy grease load at the sewer lift station; additional treatment has been necessary to mediate the issue. I encourage all to carefully consider what is put down drains.
- We are having a few issues with the fuel system on the Vac truck, repairs are scheduled.
- We attended the Utilities conference in Lincoln, this is a good conference with useful resources and continuing education opportunities.
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Zoning

- Zima subdivision lot 7/ Foundation for home being moved in/ Meets zoning requirements
- 600 7th Street/ Installing egress windows/ Meets zoning requirements

CLERK'S REPORT

January 12, 2026

19 disconnect letters sent. 11 Owners & 8 renters.

4 Door hangers, 0 Disconnects

- 1) Resident asked if they can sell shaved ice from their driveway?
- 2) Vehicle Titles. Will start procedure for replacement title.
- 3) Scanning to be picked up on Wed.
- 4) Dog licenses are do and we are receiving payments.
- 5) Garbage Haulers fees are due and have collected 2 of the 3.
- 6) Liquor license renewal notice has been sent to the paper.
- 7) I'll be working on 1099's.

Village of Utica
 Profit & Loss
 December 2025

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	Dec 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
General Income	
Compost Sales	408.25
Bank Interest	2,067.26
County Treasurer	764.24
County Treasurer-Bond	136.31
Franchise payments	10.67
Labor income	1,000.00
Licenses- other, dog	100.00
Licenses for Centennial	20.00
Sales Tax Collection Fee	18.24
Sales Tax revenue	10,579.72
State Equalization	10,033.84
	25,138.53
Total General Income	
Rural Fire District Income	
Bank Interest	89.28
	89.28
Total Rural Fire District Income	
Rural Fire Rescue	
Transport	1,050.20
Bank Interest	26.86
	1,077.06
Total Rural Fire Rescue	
Park Income-Board	
Donation	500.00
	500.00
Total Park Income-Board	
Senior Center Income	
Bank Interest	12.19
Fundraising - donations	500.00
Interest Earned-CD	704.26
Meal Contributions	1,788.00
USDA reimbursement-meals	469.00
Rental fees	500.00
	3,973.45
Total Senior Center Income	
Sewer Income	
Late Fee	280.00
Sewer Sales	8,609.00
	8,889.00
Total Sewer Income	
Water Income	
Late Fee	280.00
Parts sold	75.21
Shut off	20.00
Start up	20.00
Water-Commercial	1,169.24
Water Sales	17,178.09
	18,742.54
Total Water Income	
Streets Income	
County Motor Vehicle tax	1,344.20
Sales Tax revenue	5,406.60
State Highway Allocation	10,800.14
	17,550.94
Total Streets Income	
Total Income	75,960.80
Gross Profit	75,960.80

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	Dec 25
Expense	
General	
Bank & CC fees	24.00
Computer software & fees	279.17
Dues & Fees	100.00
Education	273.00
Insurance Expense	-143.80
Law Enforcement	504.00
Office Supplies	308.00
Postage	60.00
Professional Services	4,511.00
Publishing / Printing	862.00
Rent	150.00
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
Utilities	256.99
Auditorium	
Repairs and Maintenance	29,681.56
Supplies	0.00
Utilities	209.73
Total Auditorium	29,891.29
Library	
Payroll Wages	30.00
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
Utilities	169.80
Total Library	199.80
Senior Center-City paid	
Payroll	2,453.00
Payroll taxes	144.73
Profession Services	55.00
Repairs & Maint.	379.00
Total Senior Center-City paid	3,031.73
Total General	40,307.18
Payroll-city paid	
457 matching Benefit	1,227.61
Employee Benefits	859.34
Payroll Federal Taxes	2,024.39
Payroll Wages	23,152.67
Longevity Pay	959.59
Trustee Wages	3,210.00
Total Payroll-city paid	31,433.60
City Fire Dept	
Janitor wages	37.50
Professional Services	33.00
Utilities	675.93
Total City Fire Dept	746.43
Rural Fire District	
Equipment Purchase	1,274.08
Miscellaneous	27.00
Total Rural Fire District	1,301.08
Rural Rescue	
Fees	5.00
Squad repair	945.99
Hotspot	38.79
Total Rural Rescue	989.78
Park-City	

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 Profit & Loss
 December 2025

	Dec 25	
Chemicals	0.00	
Professional Services	33.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	
Utilities	218.00	
Total Park-City		251.00
Pool-City paid		
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	
Utilities	245.71	
Total Pool-City paid		245.71
Senior Center		
Activities	97.76	
General Supplies/Printing	171.34	
Meals purchased	1,229.81	
Mileage	157.50	
Payroll Wages	202.50	
Payroll Tax	15.50	
Supplies/Kitchen	195.05	
Raw Food	364.98	
Repairs and maintenance	0.00	
Utilities		
Electric	127.00	
Trash	66.00	
Phone	207.74	
Natural Gas	200.90	
Total Utilities	601.64	
Total Senior Center		3,036.08
Sewer Dept		
Chemicals	1,540.25	
Education & Licenses	350.00	
OMR Contribution	360.00	
Postage	120.00	
Supplies & Parts	1,705.88	
Utilities	235.14	
Total Sewer Dept		4,311.27
Street Dept		
Automobile Expense	0.00	
Equipment Purchase	12,086.18	
Equipment repair	79.21	
Fuel	274.21	
Maintenance wage	9,655.39	
Office Supplies	54.71	
Professional Services	33.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	
Small Tools	110.00	
Street signs/markings	79.90	
Supplies & Parts	65.27	
Uniform-Dylan	164.00	
Uniform-Zach	143.34	
Utilities	1,704.17	
Work by others	20,478.85	
Total Street Dept		44,928.23
Water Dept		
Education & Licenses	692.00	
Bond Payment-Water	130,000.00	
Interest payment on Bond	10,162.50	
Admin Fee on loan	200.00	
Postage	120.00	
Professional Services	214.00	

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Profit & Loss
December 2025

	<u>Dec 25</u>
Supplies & parts	2,670.57
Utilities	<u>2,447.76</u>
Total Water Dept	146,506.83
Total Expense	<u>274,057.19</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-198,096.39</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-198,096.39</u></u>