

Utica Nebraska

Village Board of Trustees

**March 2, 2026 Regular Meeting**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 3, 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, 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 Parr, seconded by Ramsey to approve consent agenda (includes agenda, minutes, Treasurer's report, Sheriff's log, and payment of claims). RCV: Ayes: Parr, Ramsey, Bloebaum & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Absent: Powell Carried.

Trustee Powell arrived at 7:03.

**Public Comments: None**

Tyler Dickinson introduced himself. He is running for Seward County Commissioner for District 3.

Travis Arnold from AMGL presented the audit that was done in November 2025 for the Village.

**Fire Dept. Report:** NEMSA conference in Kearney 13-15th, Soup Supper 3/22 4:30-7:30, house burn is planned for 3/28, next steps for Fire station would be a feasibility study, & bingo is still going.

**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:** Reminder to Trustees to talk to employee about any problem, not the public; follow the Chain of Command

**Park Report:** Have 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:**

Motion Ramsey, seconded by Powell to accept all of the reports. RCV: Ayes: Ramsey, Powell, Parr, Bloebaum & Swanson. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1) Motion Parr, seconded by Ramsey to waive food truck fee for August 1, auto show. RCV: Ayes: Parr, Ramsey, Powell, Bloebaum & Swanson. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Carried.
- 2) Motion Ramsey, seconded by Parr to open pool for 2026 season. RCV: Ayes: Ramsey, Parr, Powell, & Swanson. Nays: Bloebaum. Abstain: None. Carried. Motion Parr, seconded by Ramsey to replace the media in the filter for the pool. RCV: Ayes: Parr, Ramsey, Bloebaum, Powell & Swanson. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Carried.
- 3) Motion Powell, seconded Parr to advertise for ballfield maintenance and lifeguards. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Ramsey, Bloebaum & Swanson. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Carried.

**New Business:**

- 1) Motion Powell, seconded by Ramsey to approve renewal of liquor licenses for Centennial Market and Bronco Spur. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Ramsey, Parr, Bloebaum & Swanson. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Carried.
- 2) On the Village appointments list, change Emergency Management to Emergency Management Director and Jim Swanson. Motion Parr, second Powell to accept the Village Appointment list with changes and the Emergency Contact list. RCV: Ayes: Parr, Powell, Bloebaum, Ramsey & Swanson. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Carried.
- 3) Motion Parr, seconded by Powell to appoint Dave Donohoe to the LB 840 Economic Development Review Committee and Amber Crouch to the LB 840 Citizens Advisory Loan Review Committee. RCV: Ayes: Parr, Powell, Ramsey, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Carried.
- 4) Discussed the property at 501 E. Street. Motion Parr, seconded by Ramsey to send Declaration of Nuisance with 30 days to abate both certified and regular mail. RCV: Ayes: Parr, Ramsey Powell, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Carried.
- 5) Discussed Ordinance 800, Sight Triangle. It was discussed if the 75 feet distance may be more than necessary. Postpone until next meeting.
- 6) Motion Powell, seconded by Parr to approved audit from AMGL as presented. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Ramsey, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Carried.
- 7) Swanson reported that he discussed with Dylan about getting some kind of water truck or tank to spray area around the compost site before burning and to burn more frequently. Dylan will work with the State to get the necessary permits.
- 8) Motion Powell, seconded by Parr to approve Resolution 2026-2 to support Nebraska Department of Economic Development's Leadership Certified Community Program recertification. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Bloebaum, Ramsey, & Swanson. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Carried.
- 9) Motion Powell, seconded by Parr to approve sending support letters to Flood and Fischer for paving Road 420. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Ramsey, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Carried.
- 10) Motion Parr, seconded by Ramsey to approve an application through SENDD for congressional funds. RCV: Ayes: Parr, Ramsey, Powell, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Carried.

Bloebaum was asking about getting packets earlier before the meetings. It was decided to email 'draft' agendas in advance of the packets.

Motion Powell, seconded by Parr to adjourn at 8:35 pm. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Bloebaum, Ramsey, & Swanson. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Carried.

Next meeting will be April 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Utica Auditorium.

**Claims:** Abeco, repairs 195.55; Mierau, services 266; Seward County Clerk, fees 10; Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker, education 723; Norris Public Power, services 4751.10; Blink, services 128.39; Google, services 1.99; Anniebel's, meals 679; Dollar Tree, supplies 16.13; Central Valley Ag, fuel 1061.47; Midwest Auto, repairs 515.18; Utica Parts & Service, repairs 114.88; One Billing Solutions, services

4293.86; Centennial Market, supplies 174.74; Penners Tire & Auto, repairs 335; Seward County Independent, services 22.10, York Ace Hardware, supplies 54.99; Moessner Heavy Truck, repairs 1485; Empower, benefits 1441.17; Walmart, supplies 385.77; Lincoln Winwater Works, supplies 1029.60; Pool Techs & Construction, repairs 14650; Quadiant Finance, postage 300; Uline, supplies 82.50; C. Williams, supplies 88.05; DWEE, permits 80; Pac N Save 22.34; NE Dept. of Agriculture, fees 75.64; M. Parr, mileage 58; J. Ramsey, mileage 58; S. Powell, mileage 58; Black Hills Energy, services 1890.34; Nebraska Equipment, repairs 1058.90; Olsson, services 123.23; Walmart, supplies 170.98; NE Public Health, services 33; Municipal Supply Inc, supplies 1986.16; 1 to 1 technologies, services 273.78; AT & T Mobility, services 39.29; Bel-Con, services 66; Great Plains Pest Management, services 220; Kopchos, services 126.50; Solheim Law Firm, services 350; US Bank, services 149; The Lincoln National Life, benefits 243.95; Zito, services 660.25; First Bank of Utica, fees 9; Seward County Sheriff, services 504; TASC, benefits 531; Aflac, benefits 232.56; Colonial Life, benefits 49.64; Verizon, services 272.84; NE Dept of Revenue, sales tax 703.61, employee taxes 712.77; IRS, employee taxes 2581.13; Wages 18995.18.

Submitted by

Rita Maier

Clerk/Treasurer

## **UTICA AGING SERVICES COMMISSON**

**Feb. 11, 2026**

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, Jody Wiemer, Bob Brauer, and Karen Dvorak

**ABSENT:** Ken Baack and Diane Steinhausen

**GUEST:** Diane Lurz

Pat opened the meeting at 12:32 pm.

The minutes from the January 14, 2026 meeting were discussed. In the list of rentals, we will not have the Feb. 10 listing. This has been removed. Sandi moved to accept the minutes as written. Karen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The January Manager's Report was given by Cortney:

- The Center was open 18 days in January. (90 hours)
- 289 congregate approved meals were served.
- 25 home delivered meals that qualified as home-delivered congregate meals were served.
- 14 to-go meals that qualified as congregate meals were served.
- 2 meals that were non-approved as congregate meals were served (eat-in guests under age 60).
- 2 to-go meals were non-approved as congregate (under age 60)
- 332 total senior meals were served. (328 of these are reimbursable meals)
- 189 exercise units represented 27 people doing exercises. Exercise room use was 118 units and chair yoga were 71 units. (This is an increase in numbers.)
- 14 blood pressure checks were reported.
- 314 social units represent 42 people participating in games & activities.
- 200 or more newsletters with monthly menus & programs were distributed.
- 126 volunteer hours were provided at the Senior Center during regular meal days (an average of 9 volunteers per meal day). This is an increase in volunteers.
- January activities were: Sharing Christmas memories and cookies, pitch tournament, surprise BINGO with Cortney, Price is Richt Grocery Game, Winter Family Feud, Cribbage Tournament, BINGO with Kinship, and Wheel of Fortune
- The nutrition lesson was on Wednesday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Spice Up Your Kitchen
- Chair Yoga classes held on Wednesday and Friday afternoons beginning at 12:15. Attendance continues to increase

- Rentals Scheduled: Feb. 19, Feb. 28  
May 17, May 23  
July 12  
Nov. 21

Fundraisers Scheduled: Feb. 15 Sunday Night Sundaes  
Mar. 8 Potato Bake  
July 19 Potato Bake

Cortney mentioned that we may need to have a discussion regarding special exceptions to the \$150 fee to rent the Senior Center. Several organizations and a political candidate have asked to have the fee waived. The board discussed this and took no action at this time.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

<u>Income:</u>	Meal donations	\$ 2,837.00
	Fund-raising	0.00
	Rental income	350.00
	CD/Savings interest	0.00
	Bank Account Interest	12.37
	USDA Reimbursement	<u>301.70</u>
	January income	<b><u>\$ 3,501.07</u></b>
<u>Expenses:</u>	Meals Purchased	\$2,226.99
	Raw Food	251.94
	Supplies-office/printer ink	23.93
	Supplies-kitchen	72.65
	Activities	140.00
	Mileage, pickup/deliver meals	51.80
	Payroll wages (cleaning/maint.)	348.75
	Payroll taxes (cleaning/maint.)	26.68
	Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
	Refund	50.00
	Utilities:	
	Electric	167.00
	Trash	66.00
	Natural Gas	<u>309.29</u>
	January expenses	<b><u>\$ 3,735.03</u></b>
	Resulting in a Net Loss of	<b><u>\$233.96</u></b>

Rita reported the ending balance in the Village's Account as of 1-31-2026:

\$ 25,821.81	Village's Revolving Fund
999.56	Debit card account
<u>2,004.33.</u>	Gift Trust/Aging Services account
\$ 28,825.70	
<u>74,334.79</u>	CD's
\$103,160.49	TOTAL ASSETS

Bob made a motion to accept the Manager's Report. Sandi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Bylaws for Aging Commission Revision  
Diane Lurz was able to find the bylaws on the computer so the revisions agreed upon at the January meeting can be completed. Jim said the Village Board has already included the revisions in their documents.
2. Sunday Night Sundaes Feb. 15, 2026 5:00-7:00  
Everything needed has been planned for. Jody provided a \$250 Thrivent Action Team card to pay for materials needed. Board members are asked to help clean up.
3. March 8, 2026 Potato Bake  
Neal Koch has provided a \$250 Thrivent Action Team card. Volunteer sign up and salad/dessert donation sheets were passed around. Reminder that this date begins Daylight Savings Time. Sandi will chop onions. Potatoes will be washed and wrapped on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 a.m.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Substitute Janitor: Lyle/Diane  
Due to health issues for Lyle, Diane is doing the custodian duties. She may need help. Lyle will possibly be back after March 4<sup>th</sup>. Many volunteered. Diane will contact board members for help as needed.
2. How can we utilize other Thrivent Action Team grants in the future?  
Discussion took place regarding other ways these grants could be beneficial to the Senior Center.

The next meeting will be **March 11th at 12:30 at the Utica Senior Center.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob and seconded by Karen. Motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jody Wiemer (secretary)

## **March 2, 2025 Board Meeting Maintenance Report**

- Pool update.. Piping was replaced and concrete was poured back in problem section.
- 2008 service trucks brakes and rotors were replaced.
- Snow equipment has been serviced and repaired after the last snow. The dump truck may need some front suspension work in the near future.
- Case tractor hydraulic steering pump was repaired. Tire was also replaced on the front axle; it developed a large bubble on the outside.
- Monthly samples were taken and submitted in the water system.
- We have received many compliments on the library building upgrades.
- We have replaced a few water meters lately. I would like to make up a change out program so we can finish replacing all the aging meters. The oldest meters were installed in 1999. We will need to budget for this.
- Discuss progress on clearing deep drainage ditch.

### **Zoning**

- Waiting on Centennial School's Permit

## CLERK'S REPORT

March 2, 2026

23 disconnect letters sent. 15 Owners & 8 renters.  
6 Door hangers, ?? Disconnects

- 1) Southern 7 was cancelled because of snow.  
Small meeting 3/5 to finish items for conference.
- 2) March 18-20 Clerks Conference at LaVista.
- 3) Handouts about SCCDP meeting about Land Banks March 31

Village of Utica  
**Profit & Loss**  
February 1 - 27, 2026

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	<u>Feb 1 - 27, 26</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>General Income</b>	
Compost Sales	353.25
County Treasurer	10,556.41
County Treasurer-Bond	2,498.46
Franchise payments	25,512.95
Licenses- other, dog	65.00
Traffic Tickets-Centennial	35.00
Sales Tax Collection Fee	18.22
Sales Tax revenue	11,387.43
<b>Auditorium Income</b>	
Rent	75.00
<b>Total Auditorium Income</b>	<u>75.00</u>
<b>Total General Income</b>	50,501.72
<b>Rural Fire Rescue</b>	
Transport	1,338.53
<b>Total Rural Fire Rescue</b>	<u>1,338.53</u>
<b>Park Income-City</b>	
RV camp fee	20.00
<b>Total Park Income-City</b>	<u>20.00</u>
<b>Senior Center Income</b>	
Fundraising - donations	618.00
Meal Contributions	1,648.50
USDA reimbursement-meals	231.70
Rental fees	450.00
<b>Total Senior Center Income</b>	<u>2,948.20</u>
<b>Sewer Income</b>	
Late Fee	130.00
Sewer Sales	7,529.00
<b>Total Sewer Income</b>	<u>7,659.00</u>
<b>Water Income</b>	
Late Fee	130.00
Start up	100.00
Water-Commercial	1,039.38
Water Sales	14,551.19
<b>Total Water Income</b>	<u>15,820.57</u>
<b>Streets Income</b>	
County Motor Vehicle tax	2,081.41
Sales Tax revenue	3,713.97
State Highway Allocation	10,561.73
<b>Total Streets Income</b>	<u>16,357.11</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>94,645.13</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	94,645.13
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>General</b>	
Bank & CC fees	9.00
Centennial Public Pass-through	35.00
Computer software & fees	465.67
Dues & Fees	110.00
Education	723.00
Insurance Expense	-78,682.70
Law Enforcement	504.00



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	<u>Feb 1 - 27, 26</u>
Office Supplies	336.82
Postage	80.99
Professional Services	993.00
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
Utilities	251.57
Auditorium	
Supplies	16.17
Utilities	223.29
<b>Total Auditorium</b>	<b>239.46</b>
Library	
Payroll Wages	30.00
Repairs & Maintenance	6,761.39
Utilities	233.67
<b>Total Library</b>	<b>7,025.06</b>
Senior Center-City paid	
Insurance	4,265.57
Payroll	2,007.50
Payroll taxes	159.88
Profession Services	55.00
Repairs & Maint.	0.00
<b>Total Senior Center-City paid</b>	<b>6,487.95</b>
<b>Total General</b>	<b>-61,421.18</b>
Payroll-city paid	
457 matching Benefit	836.27
Employee Benefits	1,371.51
Payroll Federal Taxes	1,611.97
Payroll Wages	15,496.63
<b>Total Payroll-city paid</b>	<b>19,316.38</b>
City Fire Dept	
Insurance-property	19,163.45
Janitor wages	30.00
Dues	750.00
Professional Services	33.00
Utilities	805.76
<b>Total City Fire Dept</b>	<b>20,782.21</b>
Rural Fire District	
Equipment Purchase	496.73
<b>Total Rural Fire District</b>	<b>496.73</b>
Rural Rescue	
Education-Training	900.00
Hotspot	39.29
<b>Total Rural Rescue</b>	<b>939.29</b>
Park-City	
Insurance	8,129.70
Chemicals	0.00
Professional Services	33.00
Repairs and Maintenance	0.00
Supplies	97.00
Utilities	232.00
<b>Total Park-City</b>	<b>8,491.70</b>
Pool-City paid	
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00

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Profit & Loss  
February 1 - 27, 2026

	<u>Feb 1 - 27, 26</u>
Utilities	169.39
<b>Total Pool-City paid</b>	<b>169.39</b>
<b>Senior Center</b>	
Activities	147.41
Fundraiser expenses	79.86
General Supplies/Printing	179.43
Meals purchased	1,295.62
Mileage	133.40
Payroll Wages	251.25
Payroll Tax	19.22
Supplies/Kitchen	134.01
Raw Food	256.40
Repairs and maintainance	0.00
Utilities	
Electric	149.00
Trash	66.00
Phone	103.87
Natural Gas	307.70
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>626.57</b>
<b>Total Senior Center</b>	<b>3,123.17</b>
<b>Sewer Dept</b>	
Insurance	2,520.44
Chemicals	1,842.25
Postage	161.99
Supplies & Parts	130.00
Utilities	184.57
<b>Total Sewer Dept</b>	<b>4,839.25</b>
<b>Street Dept</b>	
Insurance	11,962.75
Automobile Expense	0.00
Equipment repair	186.43
Fuel	110.30
Maintenance wage	6,863.22
Office Supplies	14.99
Professional Services	161.39
Repairs and Maintenance	335.66
Small Tools	141.97
Supplies & Parts	97.00
Utilities	1,810.51
<b>Total Street Dept</b>	<b>21,684.22</b>
<b>Water Dept</b>	
Insurance	32,640.79
Chemicals	805.91
Postage	161.99
Professional Services	313.00
Supplies & parts	0.00
Utilities	2,817.17
<b>Total Water Dept</b>	<b>36,738.86</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>55,160.02</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>39,485.11</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>39,485.11</b>