

Village of McGrew, Nebraska
262 East 3rd Street, Rt 2 Box 844, McGrew, Nebraska
Regular Business Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 2026

- I. Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting for the Village of McGrew was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Martin (Vic) Staab. Notice of this meeting and the agenda were posted prior to the meeting in three public places; Community Room, Fire Hall and the Pink Palace. The Open Meetings Act was placed on the table to the East of the room. Roll was taken by Village Clerk Courtney Cerny. Board of Trustee Members present: Martin (Vic) Staab, Penny Cooper, Tom Cooper, Lisa Hutchison, and Donald (Scott) Mackrill. Board of Trustee Member absent: none. Quorum was declared. No attorney was present.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance:
- III. Approve Agenda/Emergency Items if Necessary: T. Cooper made a motion to approve the agenda. Approving the agenda was seconded by Hutchison. Yes: Staab, P. Cooper, T. Cooper, Hutchison, and Mackrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- IV. Approve Minutes of the Past Meeting: T. Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of the past meeting. It was seconded by Mackrill. Yes: Staab, P. Cooper, T. Cooper, Hutchison, and Mackrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- V. Payment of Bills:

Name and Description	Amount	Method
CenturyLink (telephone)	\$157.69	Check
Courtney Cerny (Clerk/Treasurer – less taxes)	\$1400.00	Check
Column Software, PBC (publish meeting minutes)	\$125.44	Debit Card
Ellison, Kovarik & Turman Law Firm (attorney June 2026)	\$451.00	Check
Ellison, Kovarik & Turman Law Firm (attorney July 2026)	\$251.00	Check
Mike Hutchison (Maintenance – less taxes)	\$518.50	Check
Mike Hutchison (reimburse for Kubota tire repair and fuel)	\$105.25	Check
Menards (weed spray)	\$33.45	Check
NE Public Power District (electricity)	\$588.00	Check
One Call Concepts (811 NE Digger Hotline)	\$1.21	Check
Panhandle Area Development District (annual membership)	\$66.00	Check
Sandberg Implement (Kubota mower blades)	\$75.57	Check
Staples (envelopes and toner)	\$225.95	Debit Card
Vistabeam (internet)	\$87.95	Check
Waste Connections (trash service)	\$802.20	Check
Total	\$4,889.21	

T. Cooper made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by P. Cooper. Yes: Staab, P. Cooper, T. Cooper, and Mackrill. Nays: None. Abstain: Hutchison. Motion carried.

VI. New Business:

- A. Attorney - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Staab spoke with Attorney Jim Ellison from Ellison, Kovarik, & Turman Law Firm PC, LLO. Kovarik has become a judge, but their law firm will represent Village of McGrew for \$175.00 per hour for the short term. They will help with zoning and detachment but won't come to meetings. Mackrill made a motion to retain Ellison, Kovarik & Turman Law Firm PC, LLO as our legal representation. It was seconded by Hutchison. Yes: Staab, P. Cooper, T. Cooper, Hutchison, and Mackrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- B. Adjust Speed Limit Sign - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote Ordinance read if available: Ordinance 2026-02 was read by Staab. The ordinance said that the speed limit should be 30 miles per hour in residential and business districts. It was discussed that only the speed limit on Main Street should change to 30 miles per hour.
- C. George Wallace Letter for Detachment from Village - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Village of McGrew received a letter from Barry Lake, Attorney at Law regarding George Wallace wanting to vacate parcel #010081623 from McGrew. Staab said he will have our attorney contact their attorney.
- D. Conditional Use Permit - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: A conditional use permit could temporarily change how property is used without rezoning. Once the specified time is up, it would need to go back to the original ordinance or zone. The board agreed to look at this.
- E. Dog Breeding Operation - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Staab was told that George Wallace was selling his property to a dog breeding operation. The number of dogs changed depending on who he talked to. Wallace was invited to the meeting but didn't come. T. Cooper heard that this sale fell through.
- F. Kelley Property - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: James Kelley of 243 Maple Street passed away earlier in 2026. Per ordinance, Cerny kept sending a utility bill. In July she was told to send the utility bill to Larry Kelley at 1815 A Street, Gering, NE 69341 by board member Mackrill. She did, and he paid it. Then Cerny received a voicemail from Larry Kelley saying his attorney told him not to pay these. Previous utility bills sent to James Kelley's PO Box were returned. Staab told Cerny to keep sending bills to James Kelley. Cerny will most likely put a special assessment at the Scotts Bluff County Courthouse in January.
- G. Fire Hall Water Usage - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Public has noticed trucks getting water from the McGrew Fire Hall. An elbow has been broken. The Fire Department has fixed this in the past. Currently there is no way to control who is getting water. Cerny mentioned that the electricity increased from \$38.87 per month to \$42.80 in July. Staab would like to move a switch to inside the Fire Hall with two controls. The Fire Department could control one switch and the village could control the other. Staab also wants to get cameras. M. Hutchison will quote a price for a camera, sign, unit, and installation.

- H. Notice to file the Annual Certification of Program Compliance and signing Resolution with the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards – discussion and possible sign resolution: P. Cooper made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-02 for the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance. It was seconded by Hutchison. Roll call vote: Staab – yes, P. Cooper – yes, Hutchison, - yes, T. Cooper – yes, Mackrill – yes. Motion carried.
- I. Debit Card Policy Correction - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Cerny mentioned that a Debit Card Policy was requested from Kovarik. However, what was received in June 2026 was a Credit Card Policy. Cerny updated the form to include Debit Card Policy and asked the board for approval. Mackrill made a motion to approve the updated Debit Card Policy. It was seconded by Hutchison. Yes: Staab, P. Cooper, T. Cooper, Hutchison, and Mackrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- J. Chrisman Letter Regarding Lots 5-16 and 19-22, Block 27 - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: In July 2026 Cerny mailed out letters to people with lots with no utilities asking them to mow. Chrisman returned the letter noting that it was being used for hay production. Staab mentioned that this is residential not agricultural, and this would be a good example of where the conditional use permit could be used.

VII. Unfinished Business:

- A. Basketball Court in Park – use Keno Funds - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: T. Cooper requested bids to remove the concrete from the existing basketball court in the park and replace it with new concrete. He doesn't think the basketball pole and hoop need to be changed. T. Cooper mentioned that he had received a bid for \$15,000 and has another verbal bid that needs to turn in a written bid.
- B. Declare Surplus – Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: No action taken.
- C. Prairie Dogs Close to Village – Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Staab mentioned that it is a private property issue. Mackrill stated that there may be something that can be done in October.
- D. USDA Loan Funding for Sewer Project - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: MC Shaff will get the grant first before the loan. There are no grants until September.
- E. Village Festival – Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Staab and P. Cooper mentioned that there are approximately 60 cars coming for the car show per Adam Clapp, a dunk tank, pancake feed, and a goat rope. Staab wants proceeds to go to the Fire Department. Cerny mentioned that if they wanted anything to go out with the utility bills or Facebook to get them to her.
- F. Mosquito Spraying - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Cerny mentioned that cans of mosquito spray and wipes were received from Panhandle Public Health District as well as \$250. The spray and wipes would be set out at the village festival.
- G. Comprehensive Plan and Rezoning - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Staab received an email from PADD stating the verbiage was incorrect when McGrew was last rezoned. They suggest starting over. We will need to sign a contract from PADD. After that they will drive through and survey the properties. If landowners want to be commercial, a sign would be beneficial. PADD will present their findings and recommend a proposal. There will be two public meetings. PADD makes suggestions

about the zoning, and Village of McGrew Board of Trustees decide the final zones. The cost is expected to be less than \$3000 to PADD and their part is expected to be about 90 days. P. Cooper made a motion to accept the proposal for the rezoning planning project by PADD for less than \$3000. It was seconded by T. Cooper. Roll Call Vote: Mackrill – yes, Hutchison – yes, Staab – yes, P. Cooper – yes, and T. Cooper – yes. Motion carried.

- H. Update on Sewer – Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Recently it lost prime and didn't start. Kevin Ross helped M. Hutchison.
- I. Swing Set – use Keno Funds - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Staab mentioned that K&P Welding will repair/replace the swing set for \$200. Hutchison made a motion to have K&P Welding fix the swing set for \$200. It was seconded by T. Cooper. Roll Call Vote: T. Cooper – yes, Mackrill – yes, P. Cooper – yes, Staab – yes, Hutchison – yes. Motion carried.
- J. Increase Sewer Utility Charge - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: No action taken.
- K. Street Signs – Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Cerny contacted Econo Signs, Newman Signs, and Cornhusker State Industries for a quote for street signs for Village of McGrew. Econo Signs's quote was \$1366.25. Newman Signs had just been bought out. Cornhusker State Industries was the easiest to work with and the best price. Cerny had them quote capital and lowercase letters, all capital letters, spelled out "street", and abbreviated st for street. The board of trustees voted that they liked the signs in all capital letters and street being abbreviated to ST. T. Cooper requested blue signs. The quote for this was \$476.36 from Cornhusker State Industries. Cerny further explained that we get \$500 from LARM each year to be used for safety, and this qualifies. P. Cooper made a motion to get blue and white street signs in all capital letters with Street being abbreviated ST for up to \$700 and to turn the invoice into LARM. It was seconded by T. Cooper. Roll Call Vote: Staab – yes, Mackrill – yes, Hutchison – yes, T. Cooper – yes, and P. Cooper – yes. Motion carried.

VIII. Department/Committee Reports:

- A. Maintenance: None.
- B. Clerk: Cerny worked on the following in the past month: put forms on website, worked on street signs, got requested info to the accountant for the budget, mailed out letters to people to mow weeds, put insert in the bills about mowing, received mosquito spray, wipes, and \$250 from Panhandle Public Health District.

IX. Public Comments:

- A. Roger Schmit asked about the puppy mill. He was told it fell through.
- B. Roger Schmidt asked about mowing where the trailer house burned. Staab said if we need a letter mailed out to people about mowing, they need to let Cerny know.

- X. Adjournment: There being nothing further to discuss, Chairman Staab adjourned the meeting at 9:00.

Courtney Cerny
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Martin Staab
Chairman