

Village of McGrew, Nebraska
262 East 3rd Street, Rt 2 Box 844, McGrew, Nebraska
Regular Business Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2025

- I. Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting for the Village of McGrew was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman 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: Vic Staab, Penny Cooper, Kevin Ross, Tom Cooper, and Lisa Hutchison. Board of Trustee Member absent: None. Quorum was declared. Attorney Kovarik was present.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance:
- III. Approve Agenda/Emergency Items if Necessary: P. Cooper made a motion to approve the agenda. Approving the agenda was seconded by T. Cooper. Yes: Staab, P. Cooper, Ross, T. Cooper, and Hutchison. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- IV. Approve Minutes of the Past Regular Meeting: P. Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of the past regular meeting. It was seconded by T. Cooper. Yes: Staab, P. Cooper, Ross, T. Cooper, and Hutchison. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- V. Approve Minutes of the Special Meeting: P. Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting. It was seconded by T. Cooper. Yes: Staab, P. Cooper, Ross, T. Cooper, and Hutchison. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- VI. Payment of Bills:

Village of McGrew
Payments between 01-09-2025 to 02-12-2025

Name and Description	Amount	Method
Bayard Public Schools (money from tobacco license)	\$10.00	Check
CenturyLink (telephone)	\$138.12	Check
Courtney Cerny (Clerk/Treasurer – less taxes)	\$1,100.00	Check
Column Software, PBC (publish minutes in newspaper)	\$92.72	Debit card
Ellison, Kovarik & Turman Law Firm (attorney)	\$280.10	Check
Virgil Hagel (Maintenance – less taxes)	\$17.00	Check
Kuskie Fuel Services (propane at fire hall)	\$439.58	Check
NE Dept of Revenue (Form 10 – Sales Tax – 4 th Quarter	\$127.29	Elec pmt
Nebraska Public Power District (electricity)	\$663.28	Check
One Call Concepts (511 Digger Hotline)	\$1.64	Check
Cinda Ross (clean community room)	\$40.00	Check
Kevin Ross (maintenance)	\$238.00	Check
Kevin Ross (reimbursement for keys made)	\$48.69	Check
Scotts Bluff County (Region 22 Emergency Management)	\$63.60	Check
Staples (office supplies)	\$49.99	Debit card
United States Treasury (Form 941 – Payroll Tax – 4 th Qtr)	\$546.52	Elec pmt
Vistabeam (internet)	\$87.95	Check
Waste Connections (trash service)	\$805.80	Check
Total	\$4,750.28	

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Payments between 01-09-2025 to 02-12-2025

Name and Description	Amount	Method
NE Dept of Revenue (Form 51C – Lottery Tax – 4 th Qtr)	\$695.00	Check

T. Cooper made a motion to pay the bills. It was seconded by Hutchison. Yes: Staab, P. Cooper, T. Cooper, and Hutchison. Nays: Ross. Ross wanted to hear from MC Schaff first. Motion carried. Ross abstained from voting on payments to Cinda Ross and Kevin Ross.

VII. New Business:

- A. Maintenance Position: The need for a new maintenance person was discussed. T. Cooper made a motion to hire a new person to do maintenance. It was seconded by P. Cooper. Yes: Staab, P. Cooper, Ross, T. Cooper, and Hutchison. Cerny will publicize the job opening on Facebook, post in three places around McGrew, and the Bayard Transcript. Starting pay is \$17 per hour. Staab and Ross will interview applicants.
- B. Update NE 811 Digger Hotline Duties: Staab asked Ross if he would continue to do the NE 811 Digger Hotline Duties. Ross accepted. T. Cooper and Staab will be added, so they can back up Ross.
- C. 2025 Boundary and Annexation Survey: Attorney Kovarik said this is done approximately every ten years. Staab will look into it.
- D. Approve Wastewater Collection System and Treatment Facility Plan from MC Schaff: Mike Olsen from MC Schaff was present. Olsen said cameras were used previously to look through the sewer lines. There was a small issue west of town, but there is no impendence. It isn't worth the time or money to fix currently. The manholes need moved up and the lift station fixed with construction costs at \$447,900. There is a 40 year USDA grant loan with no prepayment penalty, and we can refinance anytime. Ross mentioned that the life of the pump is 20 years and didn't recommend a 40 year loan. Staab asked how long the repairs would take. Olsen said it would take 4 months to start the project and then another 2 to 3 months for the repairs. Ross made a motion to approve the wastewater collection system and treatment facility plan from MC Schaff. It was seconded by Hutchison. Roll call vote: Staab = yes, P. Cooper = abstain, Hutchison = yes, T. Cooper = abstain, and Ross = yes. Motion carried.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

- A. Discussion of Repayment from USDA for Sewer Jetting and Inspection: See Approve Wastewater Collection System and Treatment Facility Plan from MC Schaff.
- B. Cat Problem: P. Cooper said City of Terrytown contracts with City of Scottsbluff. Ross said Ladonna Rexus moved. No action taken.
- C. Street Signs: No action taken. Money should be spent elsewhere.

IX. Department/Committee Reports:

- A. Cerny mentioned that FNBO's drive through will remain open until January 2026.

X. Public Comments:

- A. Scott Mackrill voiced his concern about the utility bills increasing. Staab mentioned that it is due to the sewer and was not increased as much as it could have been. Cerny will put an explanation in the next bill.

XI. Adjournment: There being nothing further to discuss, Chairman Staab adjourned the meeting at 8:01.

Respectfully Submitted,

Courtney Cerny
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Vic Staab
Chairman