

**Village of McGrew, Nebraska**  
**262 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Rt 2 Box 844, McGrew, Nebraska**  
**Regular Business Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 9, 2024**

- I. Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting for the Village of McGrew was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Kevin Ross. 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: Kevin Ross, Vic Staab, Tom Cooper, and Penny Cooper. 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 Staab. Yes: Ross, Staab, T. Cooper, and P. Cooper. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- IV. Approve Minutes of the Past Regular Meeting: T. Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of the past regular meeting. It was seconded by P. Cooper. Yes: Ross, Staab, T. Cooper, and P. Cooper. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- V. Payment of Bills:

**Village of McGrew**  
**Payments between 12-12-2024 to 01-08-2025**

Name and Description	Amount	Method
CenturyLink (telephone)	\$138.01	Check
Courtney Cerny (Clerk/Treasurer – less taxes)	\$1,100.00	Check
Column Software, PBC (publish minutes in newspaper)	\$79.63	Debit card
Column Software, PBC (publish salary annually)	11.45	Debit card
Ellison, Kovarik & Turman Law Firm (attorney)	\$150.10	Check
Virgil Hagel (Maintenance – less taxes)	\$0.00	Check
Hwy 92 Pit Stop (fuel in tractor)	132.97	Debit card
MC Schaff & Assoc (wastewater facility plan)	\$8,297.70	Check
Menards (paint to mark sewer line)	\$35.98	Check
Nebraska Public Power District (electricity)	\$634.45	Check
One Call Concepts (511 Digger Hotline)	\$2.40	Check
Cinda Ross (clean community room)	\$40.00	Check
Kevin Ross (maintenance)	\$136.00	Check
Scotts Bluff County Clerk (2024 general election)	\$100.00	Check
Snell Services (fixed heater at fire hall)	\$636.00	Check
Heather Spalding (community room rental reimbursement)	\$15.00	Check
Staples (printer toner)	\$182.47	Debit card
United States Postal Service (stamps)	\$146.00	Debit card
Vistabeam (internet)	\$87.95	Check
Waste Connections (trash service)	\$805.80	Check
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,731.91</b>	

Cerny mentioned that we hadn't received the invoice from the attorney yet. Staab made a motion to pay the bills including the one for Attorney Mark Kovarik when received. It was seconded by T. Cooper. Yes: Ross, Staab, T. Cooper, and P. Cooper. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ross abstained from voting on payments to Cinda Ross and Kevin Ross.

VI. New Business:

- A. Reappoint Attorney Mark Kovarik: Staab made a motion to reappoint Attorney Mark Kovarik as the attorney. It was seconded by T. Cooper. Yes: Ross, Staab, T. Cooper, and P. Cooper. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- B. Elect Board Officers:
  - a. Chairman: T. Cooper made a motion to appoint Staab as Chairman. It was seconded by P. Cooper. Roll Call Vote: P. Cooper = yes, T. Cooper = yes, Staab = abstain, Ross = abstain. Motion carried.
  - b. Vice Chairman: T. Cooper made a motion to appoint P. Cooper as Vice Chairman. It was seconded by Staab. Staab made a motion to cease nominations. Roll Call Vote: P. Cooper = abstain, Staab = yes, Ross = abstain, and T. Cooper = yes. Motion carried.
  - c. Staab made a motion for Ross to finish the meeting. It was seconded by P. Cooper.
- C. Ladonna Rexus – cat problem: Ladonna Rexus had concerns about the feral cats. She has been feeding and watering them. T. Cooper wouldn't recommend feeding and watering them. P. Cooper will contact Jeni Mattern at City of Terrytown to see how they handle feral cats.
- D. Ladonna Rexus – street signs: Ladonna Rexus mentioned that the street signs are difficult to read. Staab made a motion to look into getting new street signs. It was seconded by T. Cooper. Yes: Ross, Staab, T. Cooper, and P. Cooper. Nays: None. Motion carried.

VII. Unfinished Business:

- A. Change Internet from Vistabeam to Fiber Optic: Fiber Optic is not available at the community center's address yet.
- B. Discussion of Repayment from USDA for Sewer Jetting and Inspection: Mike Olson from MC Schaff wasn't present. No action taken.
- C. Discuss Change in Sewer Utility Charges: P. Cooper made a motion to increase the sewer portion of the utility bill to \$36.00 per month. It will be Resolution 2025-01. It was seconded by Staab. Roll Call Vote: Ross = yes, P. Cooper = yes, T. Cooper = yes, and Staab = yes. Motion carried.

VIII. Department/Committee Reports:

- A. Ross has been working on the sewer.
- B. Cerny has only received one past due payment and confirmed with the board that the others will receive a special assessment from Scotts Bluff County.
- C. T. Cooper mentioned that he invoices being mailed out said "water". Cerny will change it to "sewer".
- D. Cerny mentioned that the quarterly reports are completed. She still needs to do W2s and 1099s.
- E. P. Cooper mentioned that she called two towns about Christmas lights but hasn't heard back.

IX. Public Comments: None

X. Adjournment: There being nothing further to discuss, Chairman Ross adjourned the meeting at 7:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Courtney Cerny  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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Kevin Ross  
Chairman