

Village of McGrew, Nebraska
262 East 3rd Street, Rt 2 Box 844, McGrew, Nebraska
Regular Business Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 2026

- I. Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting for the Village of McGrew was called to order at 7:11 pm by Chairman Martin (Vic) Staab after the budget and tax levy meeting. 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: Pledge of Allegiance was done prior to the budget and tax hearing meeting.
- III. Approve Agenda/Emergency Items if Necessary: P. 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: Hutchison made a motion to approve the minutes of the past meeting. It was seconded by T. Cooper. Yes: Staab, P. Cooper, T. Cooper, Hutchison, and Mackrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

V. Payment of Bills:

Name and Description	Amount	Method
Alison (Courtney's continuing education)	\$31.99	Debit Card
CenturyLink (telephone)	\$157.69	Check
Courtney Cerny (Clerk/Treasurer – less taxes)	\$1,400.00	Check
Courtney Cerny (reimburse for continuing education)	\$99.98	Check
Column Software, PBC (publish budget agenda)	\$44.72	Debit Card
Column Software, PBC (publish meeting minutes)	109.08	Debit Card
Cornhusker State Industries (street signs)	\$477.20	Check
Mike Hutchison (Maintenance – less taxes)	\$501.50	Check
Mike Hutchison (reimburse for fuel and glass for Kubota)	\$80.00	Check
League Association of Risk Management (insurance)	\$11,551.00	Check
NE Public Power District (electricity)	\$576.27	Check
One Call Concepts (811 NE Digger Hotline)	\$0.82	Check
Scotts Bluff County (Emergency Management)	\$98.15	Check
Scotts Bluff County Road Dept (chip seal project)	\$23,166.00	Check
Scotts Bluff County Road Dept (annual snow removal)	\$1,500.00	Check

Vistabeam (internet)	\$87.95	Check
Waste Connections (trash service)	\$802.20	Check
Total	\$40,684.37	

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

VI. New Business:

- A. NPPD Energy Report by Jennifer Branson and Dennis Wademan – Discussion / Action / Possible Vote: Jennifer Branson and Dennis Wademan from NPPD were present and mentioned that NPPD paid \$25,074.52 to Village of McGrew in 2025 for lease payments. In 2025, \$0 in incentives were received by customers in McGrew. Aaron Jones from Ogallala looks at businesses to help find ways to help them with electricity. The lighting was an example. NPPD is expecting a rate increase of 8.6%, but that is not a final number.

VII. Unfinished Business:

- A. Adjust Speed Limit Sign - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote Ordinance read if available: Ordinance 2026-02 was read by Staab. The ordinance says that the speed limit in the residential zone should be 20 miles per hour, and the speed limit in business zone should be 30 miles per hour.
- B. George Wallace Letter for Detachment from Village - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Staab mentioned that he hasn't heard anything from the attorney.
- C. Conditional Use Permit - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: The length of time and a fee were discussed, but this needs to be looked into further.
- D. Fire Hall Water Usage - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: M. Hutchison said he could rewire and put in two controls for the water with a minimal charge. Hutchison made a motion to have M. Hutchison rewire and put in two controls to get access to the water not to exceed \$1000. It was seconded by P. Cooper. Roll call vote: Mackrill = yes, Hutchison = yes, T. Cooper = yes, Staab = yes, and P. Cooper = yes. Motion carried.
- E. 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. T. Cooper mentioned that he had received a written bid for \$16,000 from BR Construction. Staab said Keno funds could be used. T. Cooper made a motion to have BR Construction remove the concrete and replace it in the basketball court at the park for \$16,000. It was seconded by Hutchison. Roll call vote: Hutchison = yes, P. Cooper = yes, Mackrill = yes, Staab = yes, and T. Cooper = yes. Motion carried. T. Cooper will contact BR Construction and tell them to proceed. M. Hutchison will remove the fence on the north of the park, so water sprinklers aren't damaged.
- F. Prairie Dogs Close to Village – Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Mackrill stated that there may be something that can be done in October. He will look into it.

- G. USDA Loan Funding for Sewer Project - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Staab stated that there are no additional grants for sewer projects. We already have one for \$35,000. We can try again next year.
- H. Village Festival – Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: P. Cooper mentioned that she ordered 4 outhouses. Staab mentioned that the pancake feed will be from 7:00 am to 9:00 am and the charge was decided to be \$7.50 a plate. The car show is from 9:00 am to noon and will be on Main Street. The goat rope sign up is at 1:00 pm and starts after that. There will be a dunk tank where 2 balls cost \$3.00.
- I. Mosquito Spraying - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: No action taken.
- J. Comprehensive Plan and Rezoning - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Village of McGrew received a Professional Services Agreement from PADD. T. Cooper made a motion to sign the Professional Services Agreement from PADD and move forward. It was seconded by Mackrill. Roll call vote: Mackrill = yes, Staab = yes, P. Cooper = yes, T. Cooper = yes, and Hutchison = yes. Motion carried. Staab will sign it, and Cerny will forwarded it to PADD.
- K. Update on Sewer – Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: The sewer pump has been running well. M. Hutchison said the problem is usually the solenoid or something small. T. Cooper stated that he wants to wait on fixing the sewer for now and try to get another grant in the future. Hutchison asked what happens if it goes down. T. Cooper said there is a work around, and we could work on it and get a loan then. T. Cooper made a motion to table the update on the sewer, the USDA Loan Funding for Sewer Project, and the Increase Sewer Utility Charge. It was seconded by Hutchison. Yes: Staab, P. Cooper, T. Cooper, Hutchison, and Mackrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- L. Swing Set – use Keno Funds - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: Staab mentioned that the swing set wasn't fixed. He will contact K&P Welding to fix it.
- M. Increase Sewer Utility Charge - Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: No action taken.
- N. Street Signs – Discussion/Action/Possible Vote: The street signs were received. Hutchison has been installing them. Staab thanked Cerny for working on this project.

VIII. Department/Committee Reports:

- A. Maintenance: None.
- B. Clerk: Cerny had worked on continuing education as well as handing out village festival fliers the past month.

IX. Public Comments:

- A. Roger Schmit said the lot across from him isn't looking good. Staab said he already talked to the owner about it.

- X. Adjournment: There being nothing further to discuss, Chairman Staab adjourned the meeting at 8:30.

Courtney Cerny
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Martin Staab
Chairman