

**VILLAGE of SUTHERLAND**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting**  
**July 24, 2024**  
**At 6:00 P.M.**

1 The Village of Sutherland Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on July 24, 2024, at  
2 6:00 P.M. in the Village of Sutherland Meeting Room, located at 1200 First Street, Sutherland,  
3 Nebraska. Notice of this meeting was given by posting notice in four public places, the  
4 designated method by the Village Board of Trustees. The agenda for this meeting was kept  
5 continuously current and available for inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk.

6 Chairman Meyer called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:00  
7 p.m. Members present upon roll call were **Scott Meyer, Kimberly Backer, Frank Fleecs, and**  
8 **Derek Dempcy. Felicia Patrick was absent.** Quorum was established. Also present were Village  
9 Clerk Bonnie Ralston, Village Superintendent Casey Kendall, and Village Attorney Rory  
10 Roundtree. The guests present were Milan Moore, Jim Dickerson, Trena Seifer, and Muriel  
11 Clark. If all the names are not included, it is only by error, absence of signature or  
12 undecipherable signature in the guest book.

13 The Board of Trustees and all present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

14 Meyer gave notice of the open meeting law poster and its location and proper procedure  
15 for guests.

16 The Board read the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees July 10, 2024,  
17 Regular Meeting. Motion Backer to approve the minutes as presented. Second Dempcy. Voting  
18 yes: Fleecs, Backer, Meyer, Dempcy. Absent and not voting: Patrick. Voting no: none. The  
19 minutes for the July 12, 2024 budget work session were also presented. Motion Fleecs to approve  
20 as presented. Second Backer. Voting yes: Backer, Meyer, Fleecs. Dempcy abstained as he was not  
21 present at that work session. Absent and not voting: Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.  
22 Minutes from the work session held on July 17, 2024 were presented for approval. Motion Backer  
23 to approve. Second Fleecs. Voting yes: Meyer, Dempcy, Backer, Fleecs. Absent and not voting:  
24 Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

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27 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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29 Ambulance Billing was discussed. The office has not heard from the rural fire board. This  
30 will remain on the agenda.

31 ARPA funding was discussed. This will remain on the agenda until the monies have been  
32 spent.

33 The topic of storm/sewer drainage was addressed, as was the sewer lagoon drainage.  
34 Kendall stated there was nothing new to report on this item.

35 The budget agenda item was discussed. It is in progress.

36 Walnut Street property was addressed. Backer spoke with Western Title and Insurance.  
37 This is still being looked into and will stay on the agenda.

38 The office has not heard from B. Meyer since receiving the revised report. Ralston will  
39 reach out again.

40 There has been no decision made on the Tree Board grant. This item will remain on the  
41 agenda.

42 The purchase of an extended warranty on the new maintenance pickup was discussed.  
43 The office had received the quote for a 7-year/60,000-mile additional warranty. The amount  
44 quoted was \$3499.00. Discussion was held on the advantages of purchasing this. Fleecs stated  
45 that one repair job would make the purchase worth the money. Kendal reminded the Board that  
46 the price may change the longer he waits to purchase it due to additional miles being placed on  
47 the vehicle. After asking Kendall if the warranty is something he would like to have for the  
48 pickup, Backer moved to purchase the extended warranty. Second Fleecs. Voting yes: Backer,  
49 Dempcy, Meyer, Fleecs. Absent and not voting: Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

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52 **NEW BUSINESS:**

53 The Citizens Advisory Review Committee had forwarded a favorable recommendation to  
54 the Board of Trustees to award a digital marketing grant to the Sutherland Chamber of  
55 Commerce in the amount of \$1000.00. Muriel Clark was in attendance to address this and any  
56 questions the Board may have. The Chamber of Commerce intends to use this grant money to  
57 promote the yearly Maker's Market. Motion Meyer to approve the digital marketing grant for the

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58 Chamber of Commerce in the amount of 1000.00. Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Meyer, Dempcy,  
59 Fleecs, Backer. Absent and not voting: Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

60 Weight Room fundraising was next on the agenda. This was brought to the Citizens  
61 Advisory Review Committee also and Clerk Ralston was asked to place it on the Board agenda.  
62 Brandi Anderson was not in attendance to present this. Ralston told the Board that the idea is to  
63 upgrade the weight room at the school. There has been some fundraising by the school, they are  
64 looking for additional options. No action was taken on this, Ralston will reach out to Anderson  
65 about addressing it at the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

66 Kendall then addressed the generator purchase agenda item. He stated he was having Werblow  
67 draw up specifications so it could be put out for bid.

68 The Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation for the approval of the  
69 replat for Hi Line Coop. Motion Backer to approve the replat. Second Dempcy. Voting yes:  
70 Meyer, Backer, Fleecs, Dempcy. Absent and not voting: Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion  
71 carries.

72 The new Interlocal Agreement with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office was presented to  
73 the Board. Attorney Roundtree addressed the contract with the Board. The yearly cost went up,  
74 Roundtree stated this was to be expected. He also stated that it is a fairly standard agreement, and  
75 the services included are consistent with agreements from previous years. Motion Backer to  
76 approve the Lincoln County Sheriff Interlocal Agreement and authorize the appropriate parties to  
77 sign. Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Dempcy, Meyer, Fleecs, Backer. Absent and not voting:  
78 Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

79 A well permit for 621 North County Road was submitted. Kendall explained the existing  
80 well had gone bad and a new well would be put adjacent to the old one. He had looked over the  
81 site and the application and had no concerns. Motion Backer to approve the well permit. Second  
82 Dempcy. Voting yes: Fleecs, Backer, Meyer, Dempcy. Absent and not voting: Patrick. Voting  
83 no: none. Motion carries.

84 Accounts at Adams Bank and Trust were next on the agenda. For purposes of  
85 reconciliation as well as auditing needs, several accounts will need to be separated from the  
86 general fund and signers authorized.

87 Motion Backer to open an ICS account corresponding to the existing TIF account at  
88 Adams Bank and Trust and authorize Chairman Scott Meyer, Vice Chairperson Kimberly  
89 Backer, Trustees Frank Fleecs, Derek Dempcy, and Felicia Patrick as signers, along with Village  
90 Clerk Bonnie Ralston. Second Fleecs. Voting yes: Meyer, Dempcy, Backer, Fleecs. Absent and  
91 not voting: Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

92 Motion Backer to open an ICS account corresponding to the existing Water Deposit  
93 account at Adams Bank and Trust and authorize Chairman Scott Meyer, Vice Chairperson  
94 Kimberly Backer, Trustees Frank Fleecs, Derek Dempcy, and Felicia Patrick as signers, along  
95 with Village Clerk Bonnie Ralston. Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Dempcy, Fleecs, Backer,  
96 Meyer. Absent and not voting: Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

97 Motion Fleecs to open an Economic Development account and corresponding ICS  
98 account at Adams Bank and Trust and authorize Chairman Scott Meyer, Vice Chairperson  
99 Kimberly Backer, Trustees Frank Fleecs, Derek Dempcy, and Felicia Patrick as signers, along  
100 with Village Clerk Bonnie Ralston. Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Meyer, Dempcy, Backer,  
101 Fleecs. Absent and not voting: Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

102 Motion Dempcy to open an Infrastructure account and corresponding ICS account at  
103 Adams Bank and Trust and authorize Chairman Scott Meyer, Vice Chairperson Kimberly  
104 Backer, Trustees Frank Fleecs, Derek Dempcy, and Felicia Patrick as signers, along with Village  
105 Clerk Bonnie Ralston. Second Backer. Voting yes: Backer, Dempcy, Fleecs, Meyer. Absent and  
106 not voting: Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

107 Motion Meyer to open a Water Department account and corresponding ICS account at  
108 Adams Bank and Trust and authorize Chairman Scott Meyer, Vice Chairperson Kimberly  
109 Backer, Trustees Frank Fleecs, Derek Dempcy, and Felicia Patrick as signers, along with Village  
110 Clerk Bonnie Ralston. Second Backer. Voting yes: Dempcy, Meyer, Fleecs, Backer. Absent and  
111 not voting: Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

112 Motion Backer to close the existing Utility Rate Water MMK account at Hershey State  
113 Bank and deposit all monies into the Water Department account at Adams Bank and Trust.

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114 Second Fleecs. Voting yes: Fleecs, Dempcy, Meyer, Backer. Absent and not voting: Patrick.  
115 Voting no: none. Motion carries.

116 Motion Fleecs to open a Sewer Department account and corresponding ICS account at  
117 Adams Bank and Trust and authorize Chairman Scott Meyer, Vice Chairperson Kimberly  
118 Backer, Trustees Frank Fleecs, Derek Dempcy, and Felicia Patrick as signers, along with Village  
119 Clerk Bonnie Ralston. Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Meyer, Backer, Dempcy, Fleecs. Absent  
120 and not voting: Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

121 Motion Backer to close the existing Utility Rate Sewer MMK account at Hershey State  
122 Bank and deposit all monies into the Sewer Department account at Adams Bank and Trust.  
123 Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Backer, Meyer, Dempcy, Fleecs. Absent and not voting: Patrick.  
124 Voting no: none. Motion carries.

125 The Board addressed the sale of the Highway 30 railroad properties. Roundtree presented  
126 the property agreement and warranty deed that need signed. Motion Backer to accept the  
127 property agreement and authorize all appropriate people to sign. Second Dempcy. Voting yes:  
128 Fleecs, Backer, Meyer, Dempcy. Absent and not voting: Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion  
129 carries.

130 Ordinance #680, also addressing the sale of these properties, was presented for the first  
131 reading.

**Village of Sutherland**  
**Lincoln County, Nebraska**

**Ordinance #680**

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137 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUTHERLAND, NEBRASKA, for the**  
138 **sale of real property of the Village of Sutherland, Nebraska with the legal description of:**  
139 **LOT 3 AND LOT 4 OF COUNTY CLERK'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NW1/4**  
140 **AND SW1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 33 WEST OF THE 6TH**  
141 **P.M., SUTHERLAND, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEBRASKA EXCEPT THE NORTH 10**  
142 **FOOT THEREOF; to provide the terms of sale and authorize the Village Chairman to**  
143 **execute and deliver a warranty deed to the property; to provide that the period of time for**  
144 **remonstrance to said sale as provided by law has passed; to provide when this ordinance**  
145 **shall be in full force and effect; and ordering the publication of this Ordinance in pamphlet**  
146 **form.**

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148 Motion Fleecs to suspend the three readings of Ordinance #680. Second Dempcy. Voting  
149 yes: Meyer, Backer, Fleecs, Dempcy. Absent and not voting: Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion  
150 carries.

151 Motion Backer to approve Ordinance #680 and authorize the appropriate people to sign.  
152 Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Backer, Dempcy, Meyer, Fleecs. Absent and not voting: Patrick.  
153 Voting no: none. Motion carries.

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**OTHER:**

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- 160 • Claims were presented to the Board in the amount of \$36,012.44. Motion Backer to  
161 accept claims as presented. Second Fleecs. Voting yes: Fleecs, Dempcy, Backer, Meyer.  
162 Absent and not voting: Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.
- 163 • Payroll Report was presented to the Board.
- 164 • Comp Time Report was also included in the packet.

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**FYI INFORMATION:**

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170 **REPORTS:**

- 171 • Superintendent Kendall reported that the manhole at the sewer lagoon has been repaired.  
172 The apron on Spruce Street had the first half repaired last week and the other half will be  
173 done starting Monday.
- 174 • Clerk Ralston reminded the Board that she would be gone on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. She has  
175 every confidence in Hayley handling the office. The office has also received a complaint  
176 of cars parked for a long time on the intersection of Elm and Hillview. Kendal had also  
177 spoken to the person lodging the complaint and told them that if they felt the cars needed  
178 moved, they could call the Sheriff to mark them.

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180 **Trustees Reports:**

- 181 • K. Backer asked if H. Fear would be obtaining her notary. Ralston let the Board know  
182 that Fear would be getting it. Backer also reported that she had attended the joint housing  
183 authority meeting.
- 184 • D. Dempcy had nothing to report.
- 185 • F. Fleecs had nothing to report.
- 186 • F. Patrick was absent.
- 187 • S. Meyer had nothing to report.

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189 With nothing further on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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191 These minutes are set to be approved at the August 14, 2024, regular meeting.

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199 Scott Meyer, Chairman  
200 Board of Trustees, Village of Sutherland

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207 [Seal] Bonnie Ralston, Clerk  
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