

VILLAGE of SUTHERLAND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting
March 26, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

1 The Village of Sutherland Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on March 26, 2025,
2 at 6:00 P.M. in the Village of Sutherland Meeting Room, located at 1200 First Street, Sutherland,
3 Nebraska. Notice of these meetings 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, Felicia Patrick, Derek**
8 **Dempsy, and Justin Nelms**. Quorum was established. Also present were Village Superintendent
9 Casey Kendall, Village Clerk Bonnie Ralston, and Village Attorney Rory Roundtree. The guests
10 present were Milan Moore, Janet Vath, Janet Mueller, Don Main, Dale Tederman, Dee
11 Tederman, Jim Dickerson, William Nitsche, Muriel Clark, Trenda Seifer, Kaye Monie, Rob
12 Monie, Gene Tacey, Linda Tacey, and Amanda White. If all the names are not included, it is
13 only by error, absence of signature or undecipherable signature in the guest book.

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

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

17 At this time, the Board opened the floor for comments from the public. Chairman Meyer
18 stated that all comments need to be directed to the Chair and that there was a five-minute time
19 limit. Chairman Meyer also said that there would be no discussion by the Board on comments by
20 the public hat addressed items that were not on the agenda. With no comments forthcoming from
21 those in the audience, Chairman Meyer moved on to the agenda items.

22 The Board read the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees March 12,
23 2025. Motion Patrick to approve the minutes as presented. Second Nelms. Voting yes: Meyer,
24 Patrick, Dempsy, Nelms, Backer. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

25 To accommodate the Sutherland Chamber of Commerce members who were present,
26 Chairman Meyer adjusted the agenda at 6:02 P.M. to the Park Improvement check presentation
27 agenda item. Vice Chair Patrick is the liaison to the Chamber of Commerce and attended their
28 meeting. She stated to the Board that the Sutherland Chamber of Commerce had a donation to the
29 Park Improvement fund and would like to present it to the Village Board. Kaye Monie, president
30 of the Sutherland Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber had a donation in the amount
31 of \$20,613.21 for the Park Improvement fund. Monie stated that \$1,613.21 was from the Mom's
32 Connect group that is now dissolved. The Chamber had been in contact with the prior members of
33 this group, and they decided to donate remaining funds in their account to the park projects. The
34 remainder of the funds was donated from the Chamber of Commerce. Trenda Seifer from the
35 Courier Times was present and gathered the Board members and Chamber members for a photo.

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37 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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39 At 6:08 P.M. Chairman Meyer adjusted the agenda back to unfinished business.

40 The topic of storm/sewer drainage was addressed, as was the sewer lagoon drainage.
41 Superintendent Kendall stated there was no update at this time.

42 Walnut Street property was addressed. Attorney Roundtree stated there was nothing new
43 to report at this time.

44 Fencing on the north lot was discussed. Kendall reported that at this time there was
45 nothing new on this.

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48 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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50 Superintendent Kendall addressed the agenda item of port-a-potties. He presented an
51 estimate of \$4,800.00 from Superior Sanitation Services for port-a-potties during the summer.
52 Motion Backer to accept the offer to do business with Superior Sanitation services in the amount
53 of \$4,800.00. Second Patrick. Voting yes: Nelms, Dempsy, Backer, Meyer, Patrick. Voting no:
54 none. Motion carries.

55 At 6:10 P.M. Chairman Meyer adjusted the agenda to accommodate the representative
56 from the Sutherland Youth Program. Ballfield needs were on the agenda to be discussed.
57 Superintendent Kendall informed the Board that the field chalk has already been ordered. Clerk
58 Ralston clarified that the field paint is simply spray paint that can be purchased from Sutherland

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59 Farm and Auto, Chairman Meyer asked if the Youth Board would prefer Kendall pick up a case
60 or if they would like approval to get what they need and charge it off to the Village account. It
61 was decided that the youth board would pick up what was needed. Kendall informed the Board
62 that he is waiting to receive quotes for the ballfield dirt. William Nitsche was present to represent
63 the Sutherland Youth Board, Chairman Meyer asked if there were any other items the ballfield
64 needed. Nitsche let the Board know that they had reached out to Andy Scott for a quote on a
65 permanent shade structure for the small field dugouts. Kendall said that plans or a drawing of
66 some sort would need to be submitted to the Board so they were aware of what type of structure
67 would be placed there. They would also need to get pricing for the shade tarps for the bleachers
68 and submit those to the Board. Nitsche also told the Board that they had discussed updates
69 needed for the scoreboard such as pads and paint. Kendall suggested they also contact Adams
70 Bank & Trust about contributions for the scoreboard, another suggestion Kendall had was to
71 look into wrapping the sign to eliminate the need for painting. Chairman Meyer asked that the
72 youth board get price quotes for these items and bring them before the Board. This item will
73 remain on the agenda. Nitsche also let the Board know that the youth board has been working on
74 getting the dugouts painted.

75 At this time Chairman Meyer adjusted back to the original agenda order. The hay ground
76 lease was discussed. Kendall stated that it is the time of year that the auction for the hay ground
77 lease needs to be published. Chairman Meyer and Attorney Roundtree discussed if any changes
78 needed to be made to the publication or the contract. Roundtree said that other than changing
79 dates there were no other changes needed. The auction will be held at 6:30 P.M. on April 23,
80 2025. The office will get the legal notices posted in the three designated spots and will send the
81 notice to the Courier Times for publication.

82 The office had placed delinquent fees and shut off amounts on the agenda. Direction is
83 needed in the office on if any amount is allowed to be rolled over to the following month if a bill
84 is not paid in full. Discussion was held on how it had been done in the past and the amount
85 allowed to roll over without shut off. Roundtree stated that a resolution needed to be drawn up
86 and adopted that clearly states the policy change. Some discussion was also held on mechanisms
87 for payment. The office has a drop box on the east side of the building, customers can come into
88 the office during business hours, call to pay over the phone with a card during business hours, or
89 set up an account to pay online. Chairman Meyer stated that if customers fail to meet the
90 deadline for payment that is the choice they have made and the consequences of a late fee or the
91 possibility of shut off are clearly spelled out in the utility application.

92 Bids for the pool park sidewalk were next on the agenda. The CRA forwarded a
93 recommendation to accept the bid from A Nutter Load in the amount of \$21, 950.00. Motion
94 Dempcy to accept the recommendation. Second Patrick. Voting yes: Dempcy, Backer, Nelms,
95 Patrick, Meyer. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

96 Animal permits were on the agenda for discussion and action. Two chicken permits have
97 been submitted to the office. Superintendent Kendall had inspected the property of one but had
98 not had a chance to look at the second one. Motion Backer to approve the permit for 1100 N.
99 County Road contingent upon Kendall's inspection and approval. Second Dempcy. Voting yes:
100 Patrick, Nelms, Meyer, Backer, Dempcy. Voting no: none. Motion carries. Motion Backer to
101 approve the permit for 1010 3rd Street contingent on Kendall's inspection and approval. Second
102 Dempcy. Voting yes: Meyer, Backer, Patrick, Nelms, Dempcy. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

103 Superintendent Kendall had a report on the ballfield concession stand repairs. The new
104 windows are being installed. When the tin was removed some issues were discovered. There is
105 some serious rot in the bottom two feet. Kendall approved for the old fiberboard to be pulled off
106 and have new plywood placed before the tin is replaced. Kendall stated it will be approximately
107 \$1500.00 more to take care of the rot, but said it was a good thing it was discovered so it could
108 be repaired before the concession stand collapsed. Backer informed the Board that it wasn't just
109 the bottom, the seams and several other places had rot also.

110 Aden Enterprises submitted an SDL application for the street dance being held on July 3,
111 2025. Motion Patrick to approve the SDL application from Aden Enterprises. Second Dempcy.
112 Voting yes: Nelms, Dempcy, Backer, Meyer, Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

113 A street closing application was also submitted by Aden Enterprises for the July 3, 2025
114 street dance. Motion Patrick to approve the street closing application from Aden Enterprises.
115 Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Backer, Meyer, Patrick, Dempcy, Nelms. Voting no: none. Motion
116 carries.

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117 Linda Tacey was in attendance to address the Arbor Day celebration on behalf of the tree
118 board. The celebration will be held with the 4th grade classes at the school at 1:30 P.M. on April
119 25, 2025. The tree board would like one of the Board members there to read the Arbor Day
120 proclamation. They would also like permission for the office to purchase rulers for each student,
121 along with prize money for the poster contest. L. Tacey also asked that Kendall purchase a
122 thornless honey maple tree for the 4th grade class to plant. After discussing Board member
123 schedules, it was decided that Chairman Meyer will attend the Arbor Day celebration. Motion
124 Dempcy to authorize the office to purchase rulers and get the prize money for the celebration,
125 and for Kendall to purchase the tree. Second Patrick. Voting yes: Dempcy, Backer, Nelms,
126 Patrick, Meyer. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

127 Clerk Ralston addressed the online bill payment agenda item. The Blue Cross Blue Shield
128 bill and the United Health Bill arrive in the mail very close to the payment due date, often they
129 arrive after a meeting and are due before the next meeting. Ralston asked for Board approval to
130 set those bills up for online payment. Motion Patrick to approve online payment for BCBS and
131 for United Health. Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Patrick, Nelms, Meyer, Backer, Dempcy.
132 Voting no: none. Motion carries.

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135 **OTHER:**

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- 137 • Claims in the amount of \$49,901.20 were presented to the Board. Backer questioned what
138 the payment to the Lincoln County Court was for, Ralston clarified that this was for
139 election costs. The payment for the CRA purchase of the Maple Street property from the
140 Village will need added to this claims list. Adding in that \$2,000.00 brings the adjusted
141 claims to \$51, 901.20. Motion Dempcy to approve the claims as amended. Second
142 Nelms. Voting yes: Meyer, Patrick, Dempcy, Nelms, Backer. Voting no: none. Motion
143 carries.
- 144 • Payroll Reports were presented to the Board for the March 28, 2025 Board and regular
145 payroll.
- 146 • Comp Time Reports were also included in the packet.

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149 **FYI INFORMATION:**

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154 **REPORTS:**

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- 156 • Superintendent Kendall reported that he has been chlorinating again and estimates this
157 will go on for another week. Five of the nine samples sent in failed. Not by a drastic
158 amount, but enough that chlorinating was required. The shed that was on the pool park
159 property is now up on the hill. Kendall also reported that he will be gone for several days
160 next week, he is taking some vacation time. Sewer lagoon is done discharging and should
161 be good for the year. Crack sealing is almost finished up. The new fire hydrant has been
162 installed, he will need to order another one because the hydrant on Hill View and Elm
163 needs replaced.
- 164 • Clerk Ralston reported that she had attended clerk school. She felt she had learned a lot
165 and was looking forward to sharing information with Hayley and implementing some of
166 the knowledge in the office.

167 **Trustees Reports:**

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- 169 • K. Backer had nothing to report.
- 170 • D. Dempcy had nothing to report.
- 171 • F. Patrick reported that she had attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and there
172 was some misconceptions concerning the monies to be given for the park improvement
173 funds. Patrick stated she is very grateful to the Chamber for the donation to the park fund.

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- 174 • J. Nelms had nothing to report.
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With no further agenda items to discuss Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion Patrick to adjourn the meeting. Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Nelms, Dempcy, Backer, Meyer, Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries. Meeting is adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

These minutes are set to be approved at the April 9, 2025, regular meeting.

Scott Meyer, Chairman
Board of Trustees, Village of Sutherland

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Bonnie Ralston, Clerk
Village of Sutherland