

**VILLAGE of SUTHERLAND**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting &**  
**Public Hearing RE: 1-&-6-Year Road Plan**  
**February 25, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.**

1           The Village of Sutherland Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on February 25,  
2 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in the Village of Sutherland Meeting Room, located at 1200 First Street,  
3 Sutherland, Nebraska. Notice of these meetings was given by posting notice in four public  
4 places, the designated method by the Village Board of Trustees. The agenda for this meeting was  
5 kept 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, Derek Dempcy,**  
8 **Felicia Patrick, and Justin Nelms.** Quorum was established. Also present were Village Attorney  
9 Rory Roundtree, Village Superintendent Casey Kendall, and Village Clerk Bonnie Ralston. The  
10 guests present were Jim Dickerson, Milan Moore, Tom Werblow, Trenda Seifer, Tory Copeland,  
11 Bob Maline, and Joel Eck from Mow Power. If all the names are not included, it is only by error,  
12 absence of signature or undecipherable signature in the guest book.

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

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

16           At this time, the Board opened the floor for comments from the public. Chairman Meyer  
17 stated that all comments need to be directed to the Chair and that there was a five-minute time  
18 limit. Chairman Meyer also said that there would be no discussion by the Board on comments by  
19 the public that were not on the agenda. Jim Dickerson asked to address the Board. Dickerson  
20 expressed frustration with the semi-trucks using their air brakes in town and asked if there was still  
21 an ordinance prohibiting this. Chairman Meyer stated that the office will forward this to law  
22 enforcement to be handled. With no further comments from the audience, Chairman Meyer moved  
23 on to the agenda items.

24           Chairman Meyer asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Dempcy  
25 to approve the agenda as presented. Second Nelms. Voting yes: Patrick, Dempcy, Backer, Meyer,  
26 Nelms. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

27           The Board read the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on February  
28 11, 2026. Motion Backer to approve the minutes as presented. Second Patrick. Voting yes: Backer,  
29 Nelms, Meyer, Dempcy, Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

30           The Sheriff's report was given next. Chairman Meyer read the report in the absence of a  
31 Sheriff liaison. In January of 2026 there were 64 calls for service, 2 traffic violations, and no  
32 village code violations. In January 129 hours were logged, bringing the total logged hours to  
33 501.75 out of the yearly 1200-hour contract. Chairman Meyer reiterated that the office will forward  
34 the air brakes concern to the Sheriff's Department.

35           Committee reports were on the agenda. Clerk Ralston stated that the only committee with  
36 a scheduled meeting was the Planning Commission. This meeting had to be rescheduled for March  
37 2<sup>nd</sup> due to an inability to have quorum.

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40 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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42 Walnut Street property was addressed. Chairman Meyer said there was nothing new to  
43 report at this time. Backer questioned if there was a time frame on this item. Meyer stated there  
44 was no actual time frame and confirmed that the village is waiting on the necessary process to be  
45 completed.

46 A large animal permit for 730 N County Rd is still on hold pending the owners of the  
47 property repairing buildings and fencing. Kendall requested this remain on the agenda.

48 Fourth of July Celebration of 250 years was discussed next. Backer informed the Board  
49 that the Growth Committee doesn't have a scheduled meeting until April. Secretary Fear had  
50 contacted the members of the committee to try and arrange a special meeting to discuss this. The  
51 committee members were unable to find a time that a quorum would be possible. Meyer asked the  
52 Board for their stance on the prior discussions of a fireworks display. Patrick spoke up, stating she  
53 did not feel this was something the Village should do. Patrick expressed concerns with getting bids  
54 from companies to run the display, paying for the Fire Department to be present at the display, and  
55 paying for the display itself. Patrick also said that there are a lot of residents who light off large  
56 amounts of fireworks so she feels that the expense of the display would not be a good investment  
57 in the celebrations. She feels the money would be better spent on something more permanent for  
58 the residents. Backer agreed, stating that there are so many residents who light fireworks that the  
59 sky is very lit up already. Trena Seifer asked to address this topic also. Seifer said she had been  
60 sent reports that there are a lot of competing things that are going to be happening on July 4<sup>th</sup> this  
61 year. Seifer expressed that she personally enjoys fireworks, but understands they are not for  
62 everyone. She also said that Hershey puts on a great display, and a lot of Sutherland residents drive  
63 there to watch it. Seifer continued by stating that she would like to see Sutherland put on a display  
64 and use Keno funds to pay for it. She feels it would bring some organization to the town and get  
65 everyone on the same page and concluded by saying that she feels so many residents light off their  
66 own fireworks because there has never been a unified effort. Meyer then spoke on the topic, telling  
67 the Board and the audience that he personally thought it was a great idea, and he was appreciative  
68 of the open and honest discussion held tonight. Chairman Meyer then said he thought the timing  
69 was too late to get things rolling for this year and did understand the valid points made by Patrick  
70 concerning funding. Meyer then asked if the Board would like to continue discussion on this or  
71 have it removed from the agenda. He felt that the best way to handle this would be a motion to  
72 proceed with Fourth of July discussions. Motion Nelms to proceed for purposes of discussion.  
73 Second Backer. Voting yes: none. Voting no: Patrick, Dempcy, Backer, Meyer, Nelms. Motion  
74 fails. This item will be removed from the agenda.

75 Unpaid invoices remain on the agenda. Attorney Roundtree stated he an item connected  
76 with this that will be addressed under new business. Clerk Ralston stated she had not heard back  
77 from the collection agency yet but is preparing a report of outstanding accounts to be sent to the  
78 agency.

79 The Robert F. Hanich Charitable Trust was discussed next. This item was held over on the  
80 agenda to allow Superintendent Kendall and Village Engineer Werblow time to investigate options  
81 for the storm shelter restroom construction that would fall within the allotted budget for the project.  
82 Kendall stated he had spoken with Werblow concerning prefabricated buildings. One company he  
83 had contacted was significantly out of the project budget and the second company had very low

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84 wind ratings and Kendall did not feel this would work for a storm shelter. Werblow and Kendall  
85 had been looking over blueprints and discussing doing a block building reinforced with concrete.  
86 Meyer asked Werblow if that type of construction would be a good option and meet the  
87 requirements. Werblow stated this would be a viable option. Discussion was held on requirements  
88 for being ADA compliant. Some discussion was also held on the difference between a storm shelter  
89 and a tornado shelter. There are very strict federal regulations for a tornado shelter. It was  
90 concluded that this would be a storm shelter restroom. Patrick asked for clarification on whether  
91 the restroom will be heated. Kendall stated that it will not be heated, and since it will be a seasonal  
92 restroom, doors will be locked and pipes will be drained in the wintertime. Nelms asked if the  
93 restrooms would be open 24/7 during the summer. Kendall stated that it would be. Milan Moore  
94 asked to address the Board. Moore questioned if the restroom should just be drained during the  
95 winter but left unlocked for storm shelter purposes. Discussion followed concerning the chances  
96 of a tornado or severe storm in the winter. Moore then asked when the restrooms would be  
97 winterized and locked. Kendall stated it would be done at the same time as the sprinkler systems  
98 are winterized, around the end of October, depending on weather. This would mean the restroom  
99 is closed for between 4 and 5 months. Patrick asked about the cleaning process for the restrooms.  
100 Kendall stated this type of structure could be hosed down into a center drain for cleaning. Patrick  
101 then asked if there was a timeline for use of the grant funding. She feels that there are a lot of big  
102 projects already being done and expressed concerns with funding if there were overages. Meyer  
103 stated that his understanding was that the bid would be submitted and funding would be given for  
104 the approved project. Milan Moore suggested the Board consider using funds from the  
105 Infrastructure account for any overages. Dempcy asked if there would be a utility closet or  
106 something in the restroom that could be used for a base for the suggested security cameras at  
107 Anchor Park. Kendall confirmed there would be. Kendall also informed the Board that the  
108 restrooms would be located in the southeast corner of the park. This would keep the utility  
109 installation costs to a minimum since it would be located close to the main lines.

110 Planning Commission has forwarded a recommendation for permit fees, specifically  
111 feeless permits, to the Board of Trustees. There was nothing new to report on this since the  
112 Planning Commission meeting was rescheduled.

113 Sewer lagoon was on the agenda. Tom Werblow was in attendance to address this item.  
114 Werblow reported that the construction company is ready to start work on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and he  
115 anticipates the project being completed quickly. Kendall told the Board that Werblow is also  
116 almost ready to send the bid request out for the mechanical parts discussed at the last meeting. Bid  
117 opening for this has been set for March 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. Werblow will tally the bids and present  
118 them to the Board at the meeting that evening.

119 Frank Fleecs had requested to be placed on the agenda for a discussion on accounts. Backer  
120 requested this be held until Fleecs is able to be present at a meeting.

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122 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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124 Compost site electrical and shelter discussion was the first new business agenda item.  
125 Meyer informed the Board that Kendall had reached out to Tory Copeland to get estimates and

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126 option on trenching to run power and to NPPD to get estimates and options on setting poles for  
127 power to a shelter building. Kendall discussed the options given with the Board. The first option  
128 was NPPD running power from across the road to the Village fenceline, this would be combines  
129 with the option from Copeland Electric to continue from the fenceline to the site and trenching the  
130 power lines. The second option presented was from NPPD and would run power poles to the  
131 proposed site of the shelter. Option 1 comes at a cost of \$14,084.26 for NPPD to place two poles  
132 and run the power lines, and an additional \$9,990.21 for Copeland Electric to trench the lines from  
133 the second pole to the proposed shelter site. Option 2 is an estimated \$22,643.19 for NPPD to  
134 install six poles and the overhead lines to the shelter's proposed site. Patrick asked if there was a  
135 reason the shelter could not be placed closer to the gate to cut down on the cost of adding power  
136 to it. Kendall stated that could be done, but then the site attendant would not be able to fully  
137 monitor what is being dumped in roll offs and compost piles. Kendall stated he and Chairman  
138 Meyer had considered that option, but both felt that placing the shelter on the hill closer to the roll  
139 off and compost piles would be best. This allows cameras to be placed where they are able to see  
140 the entire site and allows the attendant to ensure nothing is disposed of that shouldn't be.  
141 Discussion was held on monitoring using cameras when there is no attendant, and more accurate  
142 monitoring when there is one. Meyer stated that placing the shelter closer to the gate is an option,  
143 but there would be no way to see what is taking place on top of the hill. He reminded those present  
144 that the Board had discussed placing a shelter on top of the hill that would house the security  
145 system and be available for the attendant to use. Milan Moore asked the Board if they had  
146 considered placing cameras at the gate to record vehicles and license plates as people enter and  
147 exit, along with cameras on the hill to record activity. Meyer stated that it would be an option but  
148 discussed distances for ethernet cables and wireless signals. Meyer said that the security company  
149 would know more about the limitations of their system. Toy Copeland was present and commented  
150 that an additional breaker could be added at the road to power cameras at the road also. Copeland  
151 also suggested that if the Board chose to go with the second option and run power poles and lines  
152 up the fenceline, he thought they should consider trenching from the closest pole to the shelter to  
153 avoid having overhead lines. He expressed his concerns with larger dump or semi-trucks and tree  
154 limbs being at risk of catching the overhead lines. Copeland also said that it seems to be a wash  
155 on the cost of the two options, and that even if it meant him not getting the contract to do the work,  
156 if NPPD could get the lines up the fenceline for that cost he felt the Village might be better off.  
157 Copeland also discussed the lack of a meter socket to power cameras at the road if the second  
158 option was chosen but stated that the village could always point a camera at the drive up to the  
159 hill. He offered to assist Kendall with determining placement and if it would be better to have at  
160 least a portion of the line run underground. Copeland also cautioned the Board against only having  
161 cameras at the gate, stating that they would also need a camera monitoring what each vehicle  
162 unloaded so if there were to be any illegal dumping there was no doubt about which vehicle it was.  
163 Backer questioned the possibility of placing the shelter on the north side of the drive, back towards  
164 the tower, and pulling power up from that direction. This would eliminate overhead lines by the  
165 roll off and compost heaps. Copeland agreed that placing poles closer to the cell tower could be a  
166 possibility, mentioning that you wouldn't be able to trench across the asphalt milling driveway.  
167 Backer stated she was trying to think of the elevations and sightlines. Kendall commented that

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168 where the carport currently sit is the flattest spot and allows for good views of the compost site.  
169 Meyer spoke up and stated that there will be time to think about this matter since the public hearing  
170 needed to be opened soon. Meyer also said that maybe electricity isn't needed up there, that was  
171 up to the Board. Backer said she felt it was a good idea so there could be cameras and possibly a  
172 security light placed. Backer also stated she has some concerns about trucks and loaders going  
173 under lights and wires and feels trenching to the building would be the best option. Meyer stated  
174 personnel safety as a reason also.

175 At this point Chairman Meyer paused the conversation on this topic to open the Public  
176 Hearing for the 1-&-6-year road plan at 6:30 PM. Meyer clarified that all members were present,  
177 as evidenced by the roll call vote for the Board of Trustees regular meeting, and that in the opening  
178 of the regular meeting Meyer informed the audience of the location of the Open Meetings Act  
179 posters. Tom Werblow was in attendance to present this to the Board. Copies of the plan were  
180 provided in the packets for the Board members and the audience. This hearing must be held yearly  
181 as a condition of the highway allocation money the Village receives from the state. A lane mile  
182 report must also be filed as part of those requirements. This works out to be roughly \$18,000 a  
183 month towards the street budget. Werblow walked the Board through proposed street projects  
184 throughout town. Several of these projects have been included on the road plan for several years,  
185 while others are completed and or removed. Milan Moore had a question for Werblow concerning  
186 the retention pond that is part of one of the Walnut Street proposed projects. Moore wondered if  
187 this would go into ground water. Werblow explained that the water diverted from Walnut Street  
188 to the retention pond would be channeled into a ditch and would eventually reach the river., Bob  
189 Maline asked about the Walnut and North County Road repairs listed on the road plan. Werblow  
190 replied that this item was on the 1-&-6-year plan when he started, and he believes the intent was  
191 to concrete the intersection. Maline asked if there has been anything added over the years.  
192 Werblow replied that things are added and removed all the time. Some discussion followed on if  
193 sidewalks are part of the road plan. Maline asked specifically about the sidewalk connecting Poplar  
194 to West County Road. After some discussion I was determined that specific sidewalk would not  
195 have been part of the road plan because it was a park improvement. Werblow did say that sidewalks  
196 are an auxiliary piece to the street projects but could be included if the Board chose to. Werblow  
197 also clarified that parking lots are not included in the road plan. Copeland asked to address the  
198 Board, urging them to make a conscious decision to spend the highway allocation funds on road  
199 projects. Copeland stated that the Village receives roughly \$220,000 yearly and asked when the  
200 last time that amount was all spent on road repair projects. Copeland conceded that some of that  
201 funding could be used for wages, insurance, and equipment, but feels the Board should prioritize  
202 street repairs and projects that have been put off. Copeland spoke about broken concrete, rough  
203 asphalt streets, and needed maintenance around town. Patrick asked if Copeland remembered what  
204 streets were addressed when he was on the Board. Copeland replied that in his 10.5 years on the  
205 Board every asphalt street was armor coated about 3 times and were crack sealed yearly. Patrick  
206 asked what the Village received then for highway allocation money, Copeland replied it was  
207 roughly \$80,000 - \$130,000 and it was spent on street projects and repairs. Werblow spoke and  
208 told the Board that some of this money is used in the budget for wages, streetlights, and equipment.  
209 He stated that if it wasn't, the money for those items would need to come from somewhere else.

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210 Copeland understood this and stated he feels the Board should set aside that money for street  
211 repairs and projects. Milan Moore asked Werblow about the Walnut Street and North County Road  
212 plan, questioning if the intent was to just concrete it or if there was a plan to also change the grade  
213 of Walnut on the approach to the intersection. Werblow stated that it would be the goal but said  
214 that it is a tricky intersection because of the shallow ditch. Meyer asked Werblow for his thoughts  
215 on armor coating this year. Werblow stated that it does extend the life of the streets, and that he  
216 feels crack sealing is one of the best investments the Village could make. Werblow feels that if  
217 there is a street the village can not get fixed, the crack sealing keeps it from getting worse. The  
218 reasoning behind how the money has been spent on streets is something Werblow understands. He  
219 stated that the combination of armor coating and crack sealing is the reason the streets have been  
220 in such good shape. Meyer agreed and said that maybe the Board should consider doing some  
221 armor coating in the next year or so since it has been a while since this was done. Meyer also  
222 pointed out streets that would need ground down before this could be done and asked where the  
223 starting point should be. Backer agreed, saying it was a band aid on a blister and some streets  
224 needed to be milled down and started over. Werblow emphasized that none of this is mandatory,  
225 streets could be done at any time. Backer and Werblow discussed times when Werblow had stated  
226 he had removed projects that had been on the road plan for so long with nothing done. Bob Maline  
227 asked Werblow how North County Road would be addressed since it is so narrow. Werblow  
228 replied that the main part of that road that the Board has looked at is Pioneer Trace to Walnut.  
229 There are a lot of houses on that section of road, and the ditches are fairly deep on the North side.  
230 Culverts taking water to the east and out are mis sized, and changing this would take a lot of  
231 money. Part of the trouble with this is gas lines in the way, and those are expensive to move.  
232 Werblow said that the Village has investigated this road even with the issues. Maline asked if any  
233 of this was the landowner's responsibility. Both Werblow and Attorney Roundtree stated that there  
234 is none. Moore then asked about sidewalks or curbing on the south side of North County Road.  
235 Werblow said he could provide advice and cost estimates on this, but that is a  
236 Board decision. Moore asked if the Board would consider this. Meyer stated it could be looked at,  
237 but then asked if the highway allocation money should be spent on street or intersection repairs or  
238 if a significant amount of it should be set aside to do sidewalk projects. Some discussion was held  
239 on doing curbs and gutters to try to divert drainage. Meyer and Werblow agreed this could be  
240 looked into. Trena Seifer asked to address the Board. She asked about using the infrastructure  
241 monies could be used for some of these projects. Meyer said he did not believe that the Village  
242 has used much out of this account, and asked Clerk Ralston if that was correct. Ralston stated that  
243 the Board had designated the infrastructure account to fund the street project by Anchor Park and  
244 the sidewalk going from Poplar Street to West County Road. Ralston said the Board had talked  
245 some about using it for other items, but those projects had not been started yet. Kendall stated that  
246 it had also been suggested to use this account for a portion of the sewer lagoon project. Copeland  
247 asked to address the question from Moore regarding the south side of North County Road.  
248 Copeland stated that multiple garages and houses are below street level, even if only by a few feet.  
249 If curbs are put on that side there would also need to be extra drainage also. Copeland said this has  
250 been looked at by multiple Boards for many years. Discussion followed on different scenarios that  
251 had been considered in the past and the cost of those. Kendall said he had been discussing walking

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252 the streets with Werblow to determine where to start if the Board does decide to do some armor  
253 coating or crack sealing. Meyer asked if there is a best time to do armor coating. Werblow stated  
254 that when it hits fifty degrees consistently it can be done and suggested between the first of May  
255 to the first of October. Kendall reiterated that long term needs to be thought about and which streets  
256 need milled down needs to be determined. Meyer asked if overlaying Walnut Street between the  
257 highway and North County Road would take care of some of the issues. Werblow suggested  
258 milling it and then inlaying the asphalt. Discussion followed on the cost comparison between  
259 concrete and asphalt, the lifespan difference between the two, and issues laying concrete over  
260 concrete. Meyer asked if there were any more discussion or comments regarding the 1-&-6-year  
261 road plan. Maline stated he hopes the Board lets Werblow do a study on North County Road,  
262 mainly so there are some numbers to associate with projects. With no further comments Meyer  
263 closed the public hearing at 7:03 PM.

264 After closing the public hearing Meyer moved on with new business. Resolution 2026-02-  
265 04 was presented to the Board. This resolution is the acceptance of the 1-&-6-year road plan.  
266 Motion Patrick to approve Resolution 2026-02-04. Second Backer. Voting yes: Meyer, Backer,  
267 Dempsy, Nelms, Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

268 Meyer then adjusted back to the compost site discussion. The village has an old shed  
269 already, Meyer asked Kendall if this was worth fixing or if there were other options. Kendall stated  
270 that the shed would require a lot of work and said he feels a better option would be to look into a  
271 container and modifying it with a wall to house the security system components, a door, window,  
272 and air conditioner. Kendall also said the Village owns a container already, it sits at the ballfield,  
273 or one could be purchased. Some discussion followed on each of the options. Patrick pointed out  
274 that the container is used to held the dirt for the ballfields, Meyer acknowledged this and gave the  
275 option of cement bunkers to hold the dirt in, or a carport, instead of a \$5,000 container. Backer  
276 asked if the container was purchased by the Youth Boad or by the Village. Meyer stated he was  
277 told the Village bought the container. The office will look into this to get confirmation. Patrick  
278 then asked for some clarification on the contained at the ballfield, wondering if it would be placed  
279 on either footings or a cement pad. Discussion was held on shipping container requirements. Tory  
280 Copeland suggested the Board look into the containers that are already set up with window, door,  
281 framing, and insulation in them. He feels the cost of modifying it would make it worth purchasing  
282 one already done. Nelms suggested looking at the government auctions for the miniature  
283 workshops that are prefabricated. Some discussion was held on logistics of getting one delivered.  
284 Copeland commented that MC Containers had one on the lot. Meyer said he thought the cost of  
285 that one was between 12 and 13 thousand dollars. The advantage is that one is finished and ready  
286 to go with insulation and everything. Backer asked if this could be put on hold until some better  
287 numbers on containers cost and a decision on the location of the shelter since that affects electrical  
288 costs. Copeland offered to go up and look the site over with Kendall and give his opinion of best  
289 location spots. This item will be tabled for the next meeting.

290 Dedication of Anchor Park Veteran's Memorial was next on the agenda. Backer had placed  
291 this on. Now that flags are up and the replacement stone has been installed she feels there should  
292 be a dedication. Backer wondered if the Legion could be asked to be involved. Patrick stated she  
293 could ask one of the members and report back to the Board. This will remain on the agenda.

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294 Sprinklers at the pool park were placed on the agenda by Kendall. This would be for the  
295 new sections of land purchased by the village. Backer and Patrick expressed concerns about  
296 installing sprinklers when usage of the lot has yet to be determined. Discussion followed about  
297 placing sprinklers along the outside and then down the center line. This allows for large areas that  
298 can be improved without needing the sprinklers moved much. Kendall told the Board that outside  
299 edge was the plan. Meyer said that if sprinklers need moved he would prefer moving them as  
300 opposed to having coverage now that is not enough. A quote was provided from M&A Sprinklers  
301 in the amount of \$13,880.00. Meyer and Kendall both agreed that this company has done a lot of  
302 sprinkler work for the Village and has always done a good job. Some discussion was also held on  
303 backflow devices. Patrick questioned where the Board would like the funds to come from. Meyer  
304 and Roundtree discussed the approved usage of infrastructure funds or keno funds. Roundtree  
305 agreed that park improvements could come from the infrastructure fund. Motion Patrick to approve  
306 the installation of sprinklers by M&A Sprinklers in the amount of \$13,800.00 with funds coming  
307 from the infrastructure account. Second Nelms. Voting yes: Meyer, Backer, Dempcy, Nelms,  
308 Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

309 Ballfield improvements were next on the agenda. Chairman Meyer reported that he had  
310 received a call from Brad Bankson, a Youth Board representative. The Board had approved several  
311 repairs and renovations to the concession stand previously, and the Youth Board has now requested  
312 insulation and OSB sheeting to attempt to keep heat in the attic and make the concession stands  
313 more comfortable for those working in it. Meyer had asked if the Youth Board would be interested  
314 in installing this if the Board were to agree to purchase them. The Youth Board was agreeable to  
315 this. Meyer had rough priced materials and determined the project could be completed for less than  
316 \$2,000. This would complete the revamping of the concession stand. Meyer said he felt if a  
317 contractor was hired it would be in the 5-to-7-thousand-dollar range. Patrick agreed that this is  
318 something that needs to be done. Nelms also felt this was a necessary project. Meyer and Kendall  
319 had looked over the concession stand to determine if it was possible. Meyer stated there wasn't a  
320 lot of attic space, so he felt the blow in insulation was not an option. Backer asked if \$3,000 would  
321 be enough. Meyer said he had just calculated rough figures and thought it would be in the \$2,000  
322 range, but the Board could choose the cap they felt was fair. Motion Backer to approve up to  
323 \$2,500 for concession stand improvements to come out of the keno fund. Second Patrick. Voting  
324 yes: Patrick, Dempcy, Backer, Meyer, Nelms. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

325 Port-a-pottie rental was discussed next. Kendall had presented two quotes to the Board.  
326 Quote one was from Pit Stop Potties for \$3,800 and the second quote was from Superior Sanitation  
327 in the amount of \$4,800. Services quoted on each bid were the same, including the number of  
328 port-a-potties. Backer and Kendall discussed issues the village had last year. Motion Backer to  
329 approve Pit Stop Potties for \$3,800. Second Nelms. Voting yes: Nelms, Patrick, Dempcy, Backer,  
330 Meyer. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

331 Park fertilizer bids were included in the packet for the Board. Kendall has sourced four  
332 bids for this service. TruGreen bid totaled \$13,339.23, Jorgenson's was for \$15,580.00, Mow  
333 Power bid \$11,628.00, and 3K Turf Management submitted a bid for \$12,023.15. Discussion was  
334 held on the services offered. Kendall stated that some bids were 4 step programs and some were 5  
335 step programs. Nelms asked Kendall what company was used last year, Kendall informed the

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**Public Hearing RE: 1-&-6-Year Road Plan**  
**February 25, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.**

336 Board that TruGreen was contracted last year and Mow Power was used the year before. Meyer  
337 pointed out that Mow Power did not list grub control and said that had been a big issue last year.  
338 Patrick asked what vegetation control consisted of. Kendall stated that was ground sterilant.  
339 Kendall told the Board that all the bids included the sterilant for the bleachers, warning track, and  
340 ballfield. Joel from Mow Power was present and informed the Board that grub control is included  
341 in their bid but is not listed as a separate line item. Meyer asked if the village had to pay for the  
342 chemical and application if the grub control did not work, Joel stated that was correct. Nelms asked  
343 Kendall what his opinion was. Kendall replied that he had no issues with TruGreen last year and  
344 received compliments on how the parks looked. Kendall also said he was happy with Mow Power  
345 also, stating the only problem he had with them was the grub issue. Kendall felt Jorgenson's bid  
346 was too high, and had no personal knowledge on 3K Turf Management. Nelms asked which parks  
347 would be serviced. Kendall replied that this would include Anchor Park, the pool park, and the  
348 ballfields. Meyer discussed the tabulation sheet the office had put together, stating that the  
349 TruGreen bids should be combined. Backer questioned the taxes included in the TruGreen bid.  
350 This would need to be removed if they receive the contract. Meyer asked if Kendall had a  
351 recommendation at this point. Kendall replied that he was happy with TruGreen. He expressed  
352 concerns about switching companies yearly. Backer stated one of her major concerns is grub  
353 control. Backer then asked the Mow Power representative if their bid included but did not  
354 guarantee grub control. Joel stated that was correct. Kendall stated that two years ago the village  
355 itself sprayed for grubs and then TruGreen did it last year. Patrick agreed that switching companies  
356 constantly was not a good idea. Motion Backer to accept the bid from TruGreen on Kendall's  
357 recommendation for a total of approximately \$13,300. Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Backer,  
358 Nelms, Meyer, Dempcy, Patrick. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

359 A liquor license amendment for Fast Stop 1159 was presented. This changes the manager's  
360 name to Vicky Udzilla. Clerk Ralston explained there are three responses that can be given:  
361 approval, denial, or no recommendation. Roundtree spoke on this also, saying that the no  
362 recommendation could be given if the Board has no knowledge of this person and no strong  
363 opinion either way. Some discussion followed on the previous manager being fired and the length  
364 of time it took to get the manager change application. Motion Backer to respond with a no  
365 recommendation decision to the Liquor Commission. Second Nelms. Voting yes: Dempcy, Meyer,  
366 Nelms, Patrick, Backer. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

367 The draft agreement for the sanitation contract was presented to the Board. Roundtree  
368 stated these are terms that had generally been agreed upon with a few additional items for  
369 clarification. Roundtree and Ralston both stated this has been sent to Rooster Sanitation to be  
370 reviewed. Roundtree also informed the Board he had included liquidated damages language that  
371 had historically been included. Roundtree said he had not changed the insurance language and said  
372 that the policy presented by Rooster Sanitation would not meet this clause. This is the clause used  
373 historically by the Village. Discussion was held on informing Rooster Sanitation of the increased  
374 insurance requirements. The office was asked to reach out to Rooster Sanitation about this. Meyer  
375 informed the Board that, although it is still being reviewed by the other party, the Board could  
376 choose to approve this contract and revisit it if needed at Rooster Sanitations request. Motion  
377 Backer to approve the contract with Rooster Sanitation and authorize the appropriate people to

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378 sign. Second Patrick. Voting yes: Meyer, Backer, Dempcy, Nelms, Patrick. Voting no: none.  
379 Motion carries.

380 Special Assessment for 220 Spruce Street was presented to the Board. This assessment  
381 stems from an unpaid nuisance abatement invoice. Motion Patrick to accept Resolution 2026-02-  
382 05. Second Backer. Voting yes: Patrick, Dempcy, Backer, Meyer, Nelms. Voting no: none. Motion  
383 carries.

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387 **OTHER:**

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389 • Claims in the amount of \$17,764.26 were presented to the Board. Ralston clarified that  
390 the claims for Kendall and Trusty-Solko were travel expenses for conferences. Ralston  
391 also informed the Board that Trusty-Solko received a scholarship for the water  
392 conference so the Village will be reimbursed for her travel expenses. Motion Patrick to  
393 approve the claims as presented. Second Nelms. Voting yes: Nelms, Patrick, Dempcy,  
394 Backer, Meyer. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

395 • Payroll Reports were presented to the Board for the February 27, 2026 regular payroll.  
396 • Comp Time Reports and paid time off reports were also included in the packet. Patrick  
397 had questions on overtime, wondering if it was during the snow. Kendall explained that  
398 rounds and Board meetings add time. Rounds are an hour a day on weekends.

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401 **FYI INFORMATION:**

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405 **REPORTS:**

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407 • Superintendent Kendall reported that the tree pile on the hill has been burned and compost  
408 will be hauled off. Lagoon construction will start Monday. Alley maintenance has started,  
409 and the Veterans Memorial plaque has been installed. Backer had a question on the compost  
410 site, wondering if it would be beneficial to have a portion of that removed. Discussion  
411 followed on keeping this mulch or disposing of some of it.

412 • Clerk Ralston reported that she had not heard on a date for the audit yet, but all requested  
413 information has been given to RJ Meyer. The sewer bond money has been deposited, and the  
414 office is in the process of completing the opening of the bond account authorized by the  
415 Board.

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417 **Trustees Reports:**

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