

VILLAGE of SUTHERLAND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting
June 24, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

1 The Village of Sutherland Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on June 24, 2026, at
2 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 PM
7 Members present upon roll call were **Scott Meyer, Derek Dempcy, Felicia Patrick, and Justin**
8 **Nelms. Kimberly Backer was absent.** Quorum was established. Also present were Village
9 Attorney Rory Roundtree, Village Superintendent Casey Kendall, and Village Clerk Bonnie
10 Ralston. The guests present were Jim Dickerson, Trena Seifer, and Milan Moore. If all the
11 names are not included, it is only by error, absence of signature or undecipherable signature in
12 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 on the west
15 wall of the meeting room. Meyer also stated the proper 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. Having no comments from the public, Chairman Meyer
20 continued with the meeting.

21 Chairman Meyer asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Patrick to
22 approve the agenda as presented. Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Meyer, Dempcy, Patrick, Nelms.
23 Absent and not voting: Backer. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

24 The Board read the minutes for the June 10, 2026 Board of Trustees regular meeting.
25 Motion Dempcy to approve the minutes as presented. Second Nelms. Voting yes: Patrick, Nelms,
26 Dempcy, Meyer. Absent and not voting: Backer. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

27 The Sheriff's Report was presented to the Board. In the month of May there were 66 calls
28 for service, which included 6 traffic violations and 2 Village code violations. The Village has used
29 952.25 of its contracted yearly 1200 hours. Milan Moore was present and asked the Board if there
30 had been any noticeable differences in speeding vehicles since the Sheriff's Department brought
31 the speed sign trailer for the village to use. Meyer said he had a couple people ask if tickets are
32 being written off of the sign. No other Board member had heard from residents.

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34 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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36 Walnut Street property was addressed. Chairman Meyer stated that this would be addressed
37 in executive session.

38 Sewer lagoon was on the agenda. Superintendent Kendall stated that the main part of the
39 project is completed. The electrical portion is what remains. Meyer asked Clerk Ralston if the
40 bonding agency had reached out to the office. Ralston replied she had received an email and
41 forwarded it to Tom Werblow with questions on the project being substantially completed and
42 estimated dates. At this time Ralston had not heard back from Werblow.

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43 Park and pool picnic tables were placed on the agenda by Kendall. There was nothing new
44 to report on this. Meyer asked if it needed to be removed, Kendall felt it should remain on the
45 agenda.

46 Discussion and action on Ordinances to be updated in the crime commission system was
47 discussed next. Attorney Roundtree had provided examples of how to approach waiverable fines.
48 Nelms asked Roundtree what the definition of a waiverable fine is. Roundtree explained that these
49 would be an infraction that does not require the offender to go to court. There is a fine associated
50 with the infraction that can be paid instead of going through the courts. Meyer asked if the Village
51 receives any of the money from the fines or if it all went to the county. Roundtree said that
52 Nebraska constitution says the fines go to the schools. Patrick stated that the Village would save
53 money by not needing to pay Roundtree to prosecute the offenses that the Board declares
54 waiverable. Jim Dickerson was present and asked the Board who would issue the violations.
55 Roundtree and Meyer both stated that the Sheriff's Department would, as they are now. Discussion
56 was held on ordinances that are entered into the crime commission system and how to move
57 forward with waiverable fines. Milan Moore asked if the commissioner's office could be contacted
58 concerning this. Roundtree explained that the commissioner's office doesn't handle this type of
59 issue. Roundtree also told the Board that the waiverable fines would need to be approved by the
60 courts so he could work on pushing things through and ensuring they are entered into the crime
61 commission system. Meyer asked Roundtree about the different options. Roundtree replied that
62 one option was for parking violations and the second covers offenses that are non-parking related
63 such as dog at large. Discussion followed on the Board needing to adopt two ordinances, one of
64 each option. Meyer asked if the Board would be comfortable giving the office and Attorney
65 Roundtree direction to move forward drafting the ordinances.

66 A review of the large animal/4H animal permit was left on the agenda for Board
67 consideration of the 4H animal portion. The office supplied several comparable ordinances from
68 other towns for the Board to consider. Clerk Ralston pointed out that several are more restrictive,
69 including requiring proof that the child is in FFA or 4H, meeting all requirements of a large animal
70 permit, and obtaining permission from neighbors. Patrick felt that proof of 4H and the age group
71 was important. Meyer said that if the 4H permit was required to meet the same conditions as a
72 regular large animal permit then the 4H proof wouldn't necessarily be needed since the animal
73 could be kept year-round. Roundtree pointed out that this would remove the 4H gap in the cases
74 where someone had a breeding animal that are year-round projects. Zoning requirements were
75 discussed. It was determined that the property had to be zoned suburban residential to qualify.
76 Milan Moore addressed the Board and said they need to consider that the 4H participants may not
77 have their animal year-round. Ralston told the Board that some cities she found in her research
78 offered the permit as a no-fee permit if the animal will not be kept year-round and if the animal is
79 going to be kept then the fee is assessed. Nelms asked about lots in town that are large enough but
80 may be zoned residential. Meyer said that only the suburban residential properties would qualify.
81 Roundtree did find the ordinance specifying the SR designation requirement. Patrick felt the Board
82 was missing the point of the original discussion, which was many people don't want to live next
83 to a farm animal, and simply requiring 4H permits to meet the conditions of a large animal permit
84 would just mean the applicants could keep the animal all year. Patrick gave the example of Cherry
85 Hills, which is suburban residential, so if the lot size were large enough a property owner could

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86 have goats, horses, or cattle all year. She feels a limit on time should also be added. Jim Dickerson
87 spoke and said he felt like the neighbors should also be required to give consent for the animal
88 permit. Kendall suggested a setback from neighboring properties. Roundtree told the Board there
89 are some more restrictions on the current large animal permit, such as not being allowed within
90 300 feet of a residential district. This will remain on the agenda for the Board to look over the
91 ordinances supplied by the office and come back with suggestion for adjustments to the ordinance
92 currently in place in Sutherland. Milan Moore told the Board he would encourage them to start off
93 with the most restrictive because it is easier to loosen requirements than to tighten them.

94 The second reading of Ordinance 689 was next on the agenda. This ordinance concerns
95 shipping container setbacks and classifications. Clerk Ralston read the ordinance by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 689

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99 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUTHERLAND, LINCOLN COUNTY,**
100 **NEBRASKA, TO AMEND THE REGULATIONS OF “SHIPPING CONTAINER” OF**
101 **THE PLANNING AND ZONING REGULATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE**
102 **PLANNING COMMISSION; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND**
103 **RESOLUTIONS, OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE**
104 **PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE MADE A PART OF THE CODE OF**
105 **THE VILLAGE OF SUTHERLAND; AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE**
106 **SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.**

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108 Clerk Ralston reminded the Board that this adjusts the planning and zoning regulations to allow a
109 shipping container to be placed on a non-contiguous lot. This requires a third reading, so will
110 remain on the agenda. Patrick asked for clarification of if a shipping container is allowed for
111 storage on a property. Ralston replied that it is allowed by ordinance and there are conditions that
112 must be met concerning the foundation, tie downs, and appearance of the container.

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115 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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117 The first new business agenda item discussed was pool rental charges and deposit. Clerk
118 Ralston and Pool Manager Kristin Meyer were looking for direction on charging a deposit for
119 anyone wanting to rent the pool for private parties. The Board had previously discussed a fee of
120 \$250.00 for the rental. The office had also put together an application for a rental for the Board to
121 look over and either approve or adjust as necessary. Patrick asked if there was a time frame
122 specified for that rental price. Meyer and Ralston both said it was for two hours. Ralston continued
123 by saying that if the rental party cleans up after themselves they would have the deposit returned
124 to them. The Board discussed adding a time limit to the application and suggested an additional
125 fee for anything over the stated time frame. Kendall suggested setting allowed days for rentals so

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the busiest days the pool isn't closed for a private party. Patrick agreed exemption times would be good. Meyer asked Ralston if there was interest in renting the pool. Ralston replied that there was one party who would like to rent it right after the 4th of July and a couple others who had called to get information and pricing. Meyer then asked if decisions would need to be made at this meeting since there was interest. Roundtree agreed that the Board would have to decide on and approve things so he could work with the office to get the application to reflect the Boards decisions. Milan Moore said he felt the price was not enough to cover costs. Discussion followed on additional charges if additional lifeguards are needed and which days would need to be excluded for private rentals. Moore asked if the rentals would only be after normal pool hours. Kendall responded that it would probably be after 5 PM. Patrick expressed concern about closing early, saying it didn't seem fair to those who had purchased passes for the pool to close early. Dempcy agreed it did not seem like a good idea to close during normal business hours. Meyer suggested offering from 8PM to 10PM, but added that this would mean guards who have worked a full 8-hour shift would need to stay an additional two hours. Nelms asked if anyone would want to have a birthday party at 8PM. The option of only allowing rentals on days that are typically not busy was discussed. Patrick asked if keeping the pool open more days was an option. Kendall told her the issue is that the guards are starting school and sports, so are not available. Meyer and Patrick discussed options and guard availability and the option of opening only on weekends after school starts. Patrick stated she felt a longer season would make up for the closing for rentals and make people feel the cost of a season pass is worthwhile. Otherwise Patrick felt the pass prices need to be lowered to accommodate the closings for rentals. Trenda Seifer asked to address the Board and said another option is to have the party outside of the pool and people can swim if they choose to, the pool wouldn't have to close. Ralston asked if a package rate could be offered for parties held during normal business hours, this could include entry and possibly concessions. Meyer said that a group rate is already listed in the season pass prices. Meyer also stated that arrangements could probably be made to get an additional picnic table placed and reserved for the party. Patrick said she felt that since summer was already almost half over it was late in the season to discuss closings and adjust pool hours and prices. Meyer asked if the Board would like to leave things as is for this summer and address this again before opening next year. The Board agreed this was their intent. This will come off the agenda until next year.

Discussion/Action regarding storm drainage was next on the agenda. Meyer stated that Kim Backer had asked for this to be placed on the agenda, but she is unable to be at the meeting this week. Several pictures of the flooded ditch were supplied by her for the packet. Meyer asked if the Board thought having Tom Werblow in attendance to go over this with the Board would be a good idea. Nelms agreed and Kendall also suggested the gentleman from the state be asked to attend also. More discussion was held on which portion of the street and ditch were the responsibility of the Village. Roundtree is of the understanding that any of it within village limits was the responsibility of the village to maintain. Nelms asked if the ditch filled up because of the culvert under Highway 30 being full. Kendall said that until enough pressure is built up to push the water down the ditch the water backs up into town. Milan Moore reminded the Board that Werblow is doing the study for CARC and part of that involves determining village limits and what portion of the road is Village responsibility. Roundtree also suggested reaching out to

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Werblow to get a new village map. This will remain on the agenda so Kendall can reach out to the State Department of Roads and Tom Werblow to ask them to attend a meeting.

The final item of new business was the multi-sport court striping. Kendall had reached out to 308 Painting & Striping to get an estimate on the striping of the court. The estimate was for two different colors for the pickleball court and two more colors for the basketball court. This is the final step before the Game & Parks grant can be reimbursed. ABCreative had priced the striping at \$5,734.00 for only white stripes on the court. The Board had elected to do this themselves instead of waiting for ABCreative to get it completed. Kendall told the Board that 308 Striping had estimated between \$3,500 and \$4,000 to do the project. Kendall said that the reason for the high cost is the special primer that has to be used to keep the lines from bleeding onto the court. Patrick asked how long the lines are expected to last and what maintenance would be like. Kendall said it is several years before any maintenance would be needed. Milan Moore asked if there had been more discussion on putting a second gate into the court. Discussion followed on the sidewalk being there to keep distance between the parking area and the court. Meyer asked the Board to go look at it and see if they thought an additional gate is needed and the Board could revisit it. Motion Patrick to authorize the striping from 308 Striping with a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 coming from the Keno fund. Second Nelms. Voting yes: Nelms, Meyer, Dempcy, Patrick. Absent and not voting: Backer. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

OTHER:

- Claims in the amount of \$42,649.42 were presented to the Board. Clerk Ralston told the Board that the claim for Kristin was a reimbursement for pool supplies she picked up. Patrick asked about the J Dawgs claim. Ralston replied it was for the safety shirts for the summer help. Motion Patrick to approve the claims as presented. Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Meyer, Dempcy, Patrick, Nelms. Absent and not voting: Backer. Voting no: none. Motion carries.
- Payroll Reports were presented to the Board for the June 18, 2026 regular payroll.
- Comp Time Reports and paid time off reports were also included in the packet.
- Balance of accounts and profit and loss were included in the packet. Clerk Ralston pointed out a mistake in entry of the sewer bond money that has skewed the general fund totals. Ralston has asked Tiffany to look at it and help straighten it out. To show the accurate general operating fund totals Ralston printed off the account balances from Adam's Bank & Trust for the Board.

FYI INFORMATION:

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REPORTS:

- Superintendent Kendall reported that he would be fogging for mosquitoes in the next week. He recommends the Board go look at the surface paint on the court. The container has been placed at the compost site and the project is getting finished soon. The new Sutherland signs are up also.
- Clerk Ralston had nothing to report, having said all she needed to during the meeting.

Trustees Reports:

- K. Backer was absent.
- D. Dempcy had nothing to report.
- F. Patrick had nothing to report.
- J. Nelms had nothing to report.
- S. Meyer wanted to thank the employees and summer help for the good job they do and said the town looks amazing.

At this time Meyer motioned to enter into executive session for reasons of possible litigation. Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Patrick, Nelms, Dempcy, Meyer. Absent and not voting: Backer. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

At 7:05 the Board entered into executive session for reasons of potential litigation. No action will be taken

At 7:33 the Board came out of executive session. No action was taken.

With no further agenda items to discuss, Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion Nelms to adjourn the meeting. Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Patrick, Nelms, Dempcy, Meyer. Having arrived at 7:20 PM, Backer abstained from the vote. Voting no: none. Motion carries. Meeting is adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

These minutes are set to be approved at the July 8, 2026, regular meeting.

Scott Meyer, Chairman
Board of Trustees, Village of Sutherland

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Bonnie Ralston, Clerk
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