

VILLAGE of SUTHERLAND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting
July 22, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

1 The Village of Sutherland Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on July 22, 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, Kim Backer, and Derek Dempcy. Felicia**
8 **Patrick and Justin Nelms were absent.** Quorum was established. Also present were Village
9 Attorney Rory Roundtree, Village Superintendent Casey Kendall, and Village Clerk Bonnie
10 Ralston. There were no guests present.

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

12 Chairman Meyer gave notice of the open meeting law poster and its location on the west
13 wall of the meeting room. Meyer also stated the proper procedure for guests.

14 At this time, the Board opened the floor for comments from the public. Chairman Meyer
15 stated that all comments need to be directed to the Chair and that there was a five-minute time
16 limit. Chairman Meyer also said that there would be no discussion by the Board on comments by
17 the public that were not on the agenda. Having no comments from the public, Chairman Meyer
18 continued with the meeting.

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

22 The Board read the minutes for the July 15, 2026 Board of Trustees regular meeting.
23 Motion Dempcy to approve the minutes as presented. Second Backer. Voting yes: Meyer, Backer,
24 Dempcy. Absent and not voting: Patrick, Nelms. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

25 The Sheriff's Report was presented to the Board. In the month of June there were 60 calls
26 for service, with one traffic violation. There were 6 Village Code violations which included two
27 barking dog complaints, two animal complaints, one dangerous dog call, and one fireworks
28 violation. The Village has used 1027.25 of the contracted 1200 yearly hours. Roundtree addressed
29 the report. The office had been in contact with Roundtree concerning the potentially dangerous
30 dog. He had not received any citations regarding this. Roundtree explained that the Sheriff's Office
31 will handle this.

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33 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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35 Walnut Street property was addressed. Attorney Roundtree stated things are in motion and
36 this would be held for the August 12, 2026 meeting.

37 Sewer lagoon was on the agenda. Superintendent Kendall had nothing new to report.

38 Discussion and action on Ordinances to be updated in the crime commission system was
39 discussed next. Attorney Roundtree has prepared an ordinance to create waiverable fines. A second
40 reading of Ordinance #690 was made by title.

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42 **ORDINANCE NO. 690**

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44 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUTHERLAND, LINCOLN COUNTY,
45 NEBRASKA, TO AMEND AND REPLACE § 70.99 PENALTY AND TO AMEND AND
46 REPLACE § 72.99 PENALTY OF THE SUTHERLAND CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO
47 REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, OR PARTS THEREOF IN
48 CONFLICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE
49 MADE A PART OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUTHERLAND; AND TO PROVIDE
50 THE DATE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

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52 This will remain on the agenda for a third and final reading.

53 Storm drainage was next on the agenda. Superintendent Kendall reported that the ditch on
54 the Highway had been mowed. Backer stated she had been told the state would be inContact with
55 Village Engineer Werblow regarding this. Backer requested this remain on the agenda.

56 LARM renewal was addressed next. At the July 15, 2026 meeting, the Board requested the
57 office get clarification on the multi-year commitments to qualify for the discounted rate. The
58 Village had signed the 3-year commitment last year. Ralston told the Board that she had reached
59 out and been told that the discounted rate must be renewed yearly. Meyer said that basically if you
60 renew yearly you continue to get the 5% discount, but if you don't renew you are stair-stepped
61 down. Attorney Roundtree stated that other communities he works with are confused by this also.
62 Meyer asked Clerk Ralston if she would recommend renewing LARM for the 3-year commitment
63 with the 5% discount. Ralston stated she would recommend that. Backer commented that the
64 insurance through LARM is less expensive than through anywhere else. Motion Backer to adopt
65 Resolution 2026-07-01 for the 3-year commitment with the 5% discount and authorize the chair
66 to sign. Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Dempcy, Backer, Meyer. Absent and not voting: Patrick,
67 Nelms. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

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69 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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71 The employee appreciation party was the first new business item. Kendall said he would
72 like to do this on August 8th from 5-8 PM. Backer told everyone that it was a lot of fun last year.
73 Meyer stated that the meal was very simple last year, hamburgers and hot dogs were grilled. The
74 Village paid for the burgers, hot dogs, and buns and village employees contributed side dishes and
75 desserts. Roundtree agreed it could be done as long as it didn't go overboard and all employees
76 are invited to come. Motion Backer to have an employee appreciation party done the same as last
77 year on August 8th from 5PM to 8PM. Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Dempcy, Backer, Meyer.
78 Absent and not voting: Patrick, Nelms. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

79 Discussion and action on purchasing a CD with a portion of the Infrastructure money was
80 on the agenda. Meyer placed this on the agenda as an option to invest some of the funds and collect
81 a higher interest rate on this. Discussion was held on interest rates and length of investment. Meyer
82 suggested terms of no longer than 6 months. Dempcy agreed and would like to see some rates from
83 the bank. Roundtree told the Board that the are able to invest those funds, but he would recommend

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not tying all of the available funds up. The office will reach out and get interest rates before the August 12, 2026 meeting.

OTHER:

- Claims in the amount of \$42,087.73 were presented to the Board. Backer asked if the Mailie's claim was for concession stand purchases and if this would bring the charge account current.. Ralston confirmed this is the up to date charges. Backer also asked if the Maly Marketing claim was for the website maintenance. She also asked if the office was able to upload what they needed to do. Ralston said it was. Backer asked if the Sherwin Williams claim was for pickleball paint. Kendall told her it was for the street paint. Motion Backer to approve the claims as presented. Second Dempcy. Voting yes: Meyer, Backer, Dempcy. Absent and not voting: Patrick, Nelms. Voting no: none. Motion carries.

FYI INFORMATION:

Trustee Backer asked if the office could email the dates and times of the budget work sessions to the Board members.

REPORTS:

- Superintendent Kendall reported that a well had gone down, but it has been resolved. Kendall also let the Board know he will be gone in the next week or so for a funeral.
- Clerk Ralston reported that the office will be closing on July 24th from 10:00 to 1:00 to allow office staff to attend a funeral. Ralston also said she has been working on the requested report showing beginning and ending balances.

Trustees Reports:

- K. Backer had nothing to report..
- D. Dempcy had nothing to report.
- F. Patrick was absent.
- J. Nelms was absent.
- S. Meyer had nothing to report.

With no further agenda items to discuss, Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion Dempcy to adjourn the meeting. Second Backer. Voting yes: Meyer, Dempcy, Backer. Absent and not voting: Patrick, Nelms. Voting no: none. Motion carries. Meeting is adjourned at 6:21 P.M.

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These minutes are set to be approved at the regular meeting on August 12, 2026.

Scott Meyer, Chairman
Board of Trustees, Village of Sutherland

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Bonnie Ralston, Clerk
Village of Sutherland