

Chester, Nebraska
September 9, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Chester, Thayer County, Nebraska, met at the Village Hall on September 9, 2026, following the budget and street hearings, for its regular monthly meeting. Board members present were: Chairman Crouse and Trustees: B. Wit, Pachta, and A. Wit.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting, on August 20, 2026, the designated method of giving notice in at least three places. Notice of the meeting was given to the Chairman and all members of the Board of Trustees and a copy of their acknowledgment and agenda are filed. All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

Chairman Crouse called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Pachta moved and B. Wit seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Pachta, A. Wit, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was then given. A. Wit moved and B. Wit seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Pachta, A. Wit, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

There were three delinquent utility accounts to discuss.

Adoption of the budget for 2026-2027 was next on the agenda. A motion was made by A. Wit and seconded by B. Wit to approve the 2026-2027 budget as proposed. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Pachta, A. Wit, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-8, setting the property tax request was read aloud. A motion was made by Pachta and seconded by A. Wit to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Pachta, A. Wit, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-9, adoption of the one and six year street improvement plan was read aloud. Pachta made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. B. Wit seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Pachta, A. Wit, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed electrical system lease agreement with Norris Public Power District. The Clerk reported that the questions and concerns raised at the previous meeting had been forwarded to Norris Public Power District. Norris contacted the Clerk earlier that day and indicated that the concerns would be addressed through revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding. Norris is awaiting revised documentation from its attorney and will forward the documents to the Village upon completion. A. Wit made a motion to proceed with execution of the lease agreement with Norris Public Power District, contingent upon satisfactory revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding addressing the Village's concerns. B. Wit seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Pachta, A. Wit, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

Chairman Crouse initiated discussion regarding compensation for the Village Board of Trustees. Currently, the Chairman receives \$75.00 per meeting and Trustees receive \$50.00 per meeting. It was noted that Board compensation has not been increased for several years. A. Wit made a motion to increase the Chairman's compensation to \$150.00 per meeting and Trustee compensation to \$75.00 per meeting, beginning with the next regular meeting. B. Wit seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Pachta, A. Wit, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

The Utility Superintendent provided an update on the Village's involvement with the new gas station project, including the status of related infrastructure improvements.

The Clerk reported that he will be losing his current health insurance coverage in October and will need to obtain new coverage. The Clerk currently receives a \$300.00 monthly health insurance stipend from the Village. B. Wit made a motion to authorize the Clerk to work with Fortify to obtain health insurance options, including dental and vision coverage. Chairman Crouse and the Clerk were authorized to select and enroll in an appropriate plan prior to the Clerk's current coverage ending, either through a Village-sponsored plan or an individual plan, with the Village's contribution toward coverage to equal the monthly premium of the selected plan. A. Wit seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Pachta, A. Wit, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

A. Wit moved and B. Wit seconded a motion to approve the September 2026 claims. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Pachta, A. Wit, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

The following is a list of the September 2026 claims:

Black Hills Energy	natural gas	\$146.46
Village of Chester	village used electricity	\$1,612.04
Valley Industries	supplies	\$247.61
Scott Finke	water sample delivery	\$40.00
	salaries	\$7,614.92
Nutrien Ag Solutions	supplies	\$513.13
Norris Public Power District	electricity	\$1,008.93
Nicks Farm Store	supplies	\$627.04
Nebraska Rural Water Association	2026 membership	\$200.00
Nebraska Public Power District	electricity	\$14,314.50
Municipal Supply, Inc of Omaha	supplies	\$298.56
League Association of Risk Management	insurance	\$26,869.00
Landmark Implement Inc.	supplies	\$29.40
HEIN CONSTRUCTION, LLC	maintenance	\$20,000.00
Hebron True Value	supplies	\$174.30
Hebron Central Market	supplies	\$40.44
Eakes Office Solutions	supplies	\$518.61
Dutton-Lainson Company	supplies	\$3,496.78
Chester Garage, LLC	repairs	\$452.93
Boettcher Supply, Inc.	supplies	\$143.58
Blobaum & Busboom PC	2026-2027 budget	\$1,100.00
Bel-Con Refuse LLC	garbage disposal	\$1,695.00
A Street Auto Parts Southwest	supplies	\$19.78

T-Mobile	phone	\$119.52
Internal Revenue Service	federal withholding	\$2,290.85
Nebraska Department of Revenue	sales tax	\$1,440.07
Nebraska Department of Revenue	waste reduction/recycling fee	\$25.19
Great Plains Communications	phone/internet	\$267.82
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	water testing	\$15.00
Hometown Leasing	printer lease	\$97.79

There being no further business to come before the Board, A. Wit moved and B. Wit seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roll call votes: Ayes: B. Wit, Pachta, A. Wit, and Crouse. Nays: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

Roger Crouse
Chairman of the Board

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ATTEST

Dakota G. Cherney
Village Clerk

I, the undersigned, Village Clerk, for the Village of Chester, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk; that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

Dakota G. Cherney
Village Clerk