

Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees Minutes
August 11, 2025

The regular meeting of the Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees was held Monday, August 11, 2025, at the Farmers Cooperative Meeting Room, and was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Chairperson Miller advised those present of the Open Meetings Act. Answering Roll Call were board members Matt Shaw, Tammie Lang, Nancy Tellez, Nate Hitchins, and Chairperson Roger Miller. Also in attendance were Jen Kasl, Clerk-Treasurer; Dawn Zoubek, Deputy Clerk; Brent Kasl, Assistant Utilities Superintendent; Jerod Francis, Code Compliance; Shayne Huxoll, Olsson; Brant Pracheil, DVFD; and Atty. Connor Madsen, Hoffschneider Law. Advance Notice of the meeting was posted at the Dorchester US Post Office; First State Bank, NE; Village of Dorchester office and in *The Crete News*.

Chairperson Miller opened the hearing to receive public comment on the creation of Street Improvement Districts No. 2025-1 and 2025-2. There were no written comments or objections received. No one had public comment. Chairperson Miller closed the hearing. Resolution 2025-05 to Confirm Street Improvement Districts was introduced:

RESOLUTION 2025-05

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

The Chairperson and Village Board hereby find and determine:

(a) That an Ordinance creating Street Improvement District No. 2025-1 and Street Improvement District No. 2025-2 was previously adopted by the Chairperson and Village Board; that published notice has been given in accordance with law to the owners of record title of the property directly abutting the streets to be improved in said Districts, advising said owners of their right to timely object to the creation of the Districts; and that the written provide comment and objections regarding the creation of the Districts, and that after such notice and a hearing, the written objections to the creation of Street Improvement District No. 2025-1 and Street Improvement District No. 2025-2 are insufficient to cause repeal of the ordinance creating the Districts and it is appropriate for the Village to confirm the ordinance creating said Districts.

(b) Accordingly, the Village will commence construction of improvements in Street Improvement District Nos. 2025-1 and 2025-2 and will levy assessments on the lots and parcels of land abutting on or adjacent to the streets in the Districts in proportion to the benefits to such lots and parcels of land.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Roger Miller

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jennifer Kasl

Village Clerk

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Lang, to approve Resolution 2025-05. Motion carried. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins, to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-#4. Motion carried. Sheriff's report given. Pracheil gave the fire report. John McKee is working on a disaster declaration due to the recent storms. Let Brant know if there are damages to village property. Francis gave the code compliance report. Progress is being made on several properties but it was decided to give residents a little more time to get things cleaned up since there was so much storm damage and then reassess.

Unfinished business: Discussion was held on the street improvement projects. Ordinance 2025-04 for the issuance of Street Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2025, was introduced:

ORDINANCE 2025-04

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2025, IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING PAVING AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER, NEBRASKA AND NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; PROVIDING FOR A PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR OF THE NOTES; AGREEING TO ISSUE BONDS TO PAY THE NOTES AND ACCRUED INTEREST AT MATURITY; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF THE NOTES; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE NOTES TO THE PURCHASER AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Motion by Tellez, seconded by Shaw to waive the three-reading rule. Motion carried. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to approve Ordinance 2025-04. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the next streets to be added to prepare for the One- and Six-Year Plan updates. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to direct Olsson to create a survey proposal for four additional streets: Lincoln, between 6th & 7th; the west end of 11th; Stephens, between 8th & 9th; and Wagner. Motion carried. Consideration and discussion of the Master Work Order No. 7a. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to approve the work order. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the cameras for Washington. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to approve up to \$5,000 for new/additional cameras. Motion carried. Tellez suggested checking to see if the LARM safety grant could be used to pay for a portion. Discussion held on the quote from LARM for the 2025-2026 renewal. Kasl gave the increased deductible options. Motion by Lang, seconded by Hitchins to keep the current deductible for the 2025-2026 renewal. Motion carried (4-0-1. Voting no was Miller). Resolution 2025-04 was reintroduced from last meeting:

League Association of Risk Management 2025-26 Renewal Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04

WHEREAS, the Village of Dorchester is a member of the League Association of Risk Management (LARM);

WHEREAS, section 8.10 of the Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment and Operation of the League Association of Risk Management provides that a member may voluntarily terminate its participation in LARM by written notice of termination given to LARM and the Nebraska Director of Insurance at least 90 days prior to the desired termination given to and that members may agree to extend the required termination notice beyond 90 days in order to realize reduced excess coverage costs, stability of contribution rates and efficiency in operation of LARM; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of LARM has adopted a plan to provide contribution credits in consideration of certain agreements by members of LARM as provided in the attached letter.

BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of Dorchester, Nebraska, in consideration of the contribution credits provided under the LARM Board's plan, agrees to:

- ☐ Provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2028. **(180 day and 3 year commitment; 5% discount)**
- ☐ Provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2027. **(180 day and 2 year commitment; 4% discount)**
- ☐ Provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2026. **(180 day notice only; 2% discount)**

- ☐ Provide written notice of termination at least 90 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2028. (**90 day notice and 3 year commitment only; 2% discount**)
- ☐ Provide written notice of termination at least 90 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2027. (**2 year commitment only; 1%**)
- ☐ Provide written notice of termination at least 90 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2026. (**90 day Notice only**)

Adopted this ____ day of _____, _____.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

ATTEST: _____

Title: _____

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Hitchins to approve the 180 day and 3-year commitment for a 5% discount. Motion carried. Discussion was held on trees in the village ROW. Residents will be notified if they need to obtain a permit.

New business: Consideration of quote for new SCBA for the fire department. Chief Pracheil would like to use \$20k from their budget and pay the remaining from the MFO account. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to approve the quote. Motion carried. Discussion was held on a quote for underground sprinklers for the football and baseball fields. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Lang to table until the school gets additional quotes and determines if the district will pay a portion. Motion carried. Consideration of quote for new utilities laptop. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to approve the quote from Keller's IT. Motion carried. Discussion held on quote for new flagpoles. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Tellez to table until additional quotes are obtained. Motion carried. Discussion was held on Well #4. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw for B. Kasl to contact Sargent and get it back up and running. Motion carried. Quotes will also be sought for siding of the building. Discussion was held on livestock and fowl within the village limits. Clerk Kasl will compile data from the clerks' group and bring back to the next meeting. Consideration and discussion of attendance of the annual water conference in Gehring. Motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to approve B. Kasl to attend. Motion carried. Consideration of new planning commission members. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Hitchins to approve Jen Bond and Adam Briggs as new PC members. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the budget request for Saline County Area Transit. Motion by Miller, seconded by Tellez to approve the request. Motion carried. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing the evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting to include the board and Atty. Madsen for a period no longer than 15 minutes. Motion carried at 8:00 p.m. Board came out of closed session at 8:12 p.m. No formal action was taken during closed session. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. Next regular meeting will be **Monday, September 8, 2025, immediately following the Budget Hearing and Special Hearings at 6:30 pm at the Farmers Cooperative Meeting Room.**

Signed Chairman: Ray Miller

Clerk - Treasurer: Jennifer M. Kasl