

Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees Minutes September 14, 2026

The regular meeting of the Village of Dorchester Board of Trustees was held Monday, September 14, 2026, at the Farmers Cooperative Meeting Room, immediately following the budget hearing and special hearing, and was called to order at 6:36 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, Utilities Superintendent; AJ Novak, Assistant Utilities Superintendent; Jerod Francis, Code Compliance; Brant Pracheil, DVFD; and Shayne Huxoll and Hunter Mournal, Olsson. Advance Notice of the meeting was posted at the Dorchester Post Office; First State Bank, NE; Village of Dorchester office and in *The Crete News*.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Lang to open the public hearing for the conditional use permit for a proposed telecommunications tower and associated facilities to be constructed within the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) of the Village of Dorchester – Parcel No: 760053952. Motion carried. Having no public comment, motion by Miller, seconded by Shaw to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Motion by Miller, seconded by Tellez to approve the conditional use permit for the proposed tower. Motion carried.

Motion by Lang, seconded by Hitchins, to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-#4. Motion carried. No sheriff's report. Pracheil gave the fire report. Nothing new to report. Francis gave the code compliance report. Only one of the nuisance property letters has been served thus far. He will make another attempt and leave on the door and mail if there are no responses.

Unfinished Business: Discussion of Street Improvement Projects. Huxoll presented the assessment figures. Corrections will be made on the 2026 projects and forwarded on to the village for review.

New Business: Motion by Miller, seconded by Lang to approve the 1% increase in restricted funds authority. Motion carried. Motion by Shaw, seconded by Tellez to approve the 2026-2027 budget. Motion carried. Resolution 2026-09 setting the final tax request was read:

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the Village of Dorchester passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Village of Dorchester resolves that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at:

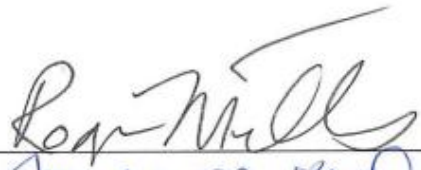
General Fund:	\$	260,951.00
Bond Fund:	\$	-

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by .58 percent.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.444652 per \$100 of assessed value.

4. The Village of Dorchester proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.455768 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the Village of Dorchester will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by -7.67 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to adopt Resolution 2026-09. Motion carried. Discussion was held on keno CD options. Motion by Miller, seconded by Lang to cash in the CD and put the funds into the general account for now. Motion carried. Discussion was held on a quote to replace the lift station pumps. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to replace the pumps. Motion carried. Discussion was held on additional stop signs. We have some on hand, so they can be added as needed. Discussion held on the pickup topper. A surplus resolution will be added to a future meeting to sell it. Discussion held on the phone system and calls for on-call employees. More research is needed. Discussion held on meeting date change for October due to conflicts. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hitchins to change the meeting to Thursday, October 15th. Motion carried. Motion by Miller, seconded by Lang to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. Next regular meeting will be **Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 6:30 pm at the Farmers Cooperative Meeting Room.**

Signed Chairman:



Clerk - Treasurer:

