

Village of Goehner

September 2, 2025

The Village of Goehner Board of Trustees met in open session and regular session on September 2, 2025, at the Goehner Fire Hall, as posted in three places in the Village. Chairperson Knisley announced the location of the OPEN MEETINGS ACT POSTER. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Knisley at 7:30 p.m., at the Goehner Fire Hall. Upon roll call, the following board members were present: Agena, Bialas, Anthony, Ostrander and Knisley.

CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes of 8/5/2025 and Minutes from 8/5/2025 special meeting; Treasurer's Report; Bills payable to date. Trustee Ostrander moved to approve the consent agenda, with a second by Trustee Agena. No discussion. RCV: Aye - Trustees Ostrander, Bialas, Agena, Anthony and Knisley. Motion Carried.

Zoning Inspector Report – None

Nuisance properties – The Village Board is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Tim Dworak, Building Official for the Village, whereby Mr. Dworak makes the determination that the former residence located at 1041 May Street, Goehner, Nebraska, constitutes a dangerous and unsafe building as defined by the Village's Code. The letter was accepted by the Village Board. The Chairperson instructed the Clerk to share Mr. Dworak's letter with Kent Rauert, Village Attorney, for further action on behalf of the Village.

Burn Pile west of Village – The Village received a letter from the State regarding lawn clippings and garden waste in the burn pile. Regulations by the Nebraska Department of Environment Quality states that yard and garden waste can not be burned at the burn pile and must have a separate compost area. Compost area will be set up at the burn pile location for these items and regulations will be sent to residents via September newsletter. Items have also been dumped at burn site that are not allowed, such as household furniture. Sign that burn pile is now under surveillance will be purchased and posted.

Traffic Report – County Sheriff report was emailed to Trustee's prior to meeting.

Solid Waste/Recycling – Nothing until September 25 when the next meeting is scheduled for.

Street, Water, Sewer:

- Update lift Station on Holdrege St – Still need to have someone look at the second motor at lift station to see what needs to be fixed.
- Wellhouse
 - Modem for south wellhouse. Motion by Trustee Ostrander was made to purchase modem/connection to south wellhouse so alarms/problems can be accessed remotely, a second by Trustee Anthony. No discussion. RCV: Aye - Trustees Ostrander, Bialas, Agena, Anthony and Knisley. Motion Carried.
 - Tank at south well house needs cleaned (required to be done every 5 years) will put in calendar to have done spring/summer next year.
 - South well house needs to have the water tank flushed monthly. Will set up to be done prior to Village meetings to keep to a schedule.
 - Need to see if we can run the North Well house off of Village tractor. George will locate the parts to do this and contact Sargent to come instruct on how this is to be set up. George will contact Sargent and will check what size generator will be needed to run South Well house. Another suggestion was to look into contract with CAT to provide generator when the Village is without power.
- Lift station

- Will check current generator to see why it was not working.
- During power outage Village generator was attached to lift station to get it working but was not able to power the lift station. Discussion was if the recent changes done to the lift station made it too much for current generator or if Village generator needs to be looked at to see if there is a loose connection. It was discussed the Village will have Brian Ulch and/or Alex Dodson look at the current generator to see if it is functioning properly.
- Emergency plan – Emergency plan of what steps to take to get lift station and well houses back online, as well as steps to be taken in instances of an Emergency.
- Fire hydrant – need 5 repaired. Discussion was if the Village buys the kits for repair, that Nebraska Rural Water Association will come out and do the labor to replace. George will be checking hydrants in town to see which one's are in need of new kit to open easier.
- Streets – Village Clerk will contact JEO again about coming out to look at streets. And assess how we can better maintain them.

Clerk report –

- Newsletter
 - Reminder to trim tree's hanging over street in front of your property
 - Burn pile regulations
 - Emergency contact
 - Burn pit, must be within a burn ring. Burn barrels not allowed without burn permit from fire chief – Clint Bialas. Will add a reference to Nebraska fire Marshall website
- Need to look into Ordinance for burn pit for next meeting. Currently everything is based on State Fire Marshall regulations
- Budget meeting set for 9/22/2025 @ 7:30
- Need to move October meeting to 10/14/2025

Public Comment - None

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:20 by Trustee Ostrander, second by Trustee Anthony.

Janice Nitz
Clerk/Treasurer