

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HALLAM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 1, 2026
Hallam Auditorium

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Gary Vocasek at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Gary Vocasek, Chairperson

TRUSTEES: Bob Wink, Sheila Taylor, Jason Burianek, Brad Niemeyer

CLERK: Robin Likens

ATTORNEY: Becky Anderson

GUESTS: Russell Webb, Austin Burk, Dani Nichols, Weston Fonders,
Randi Christopher, Bruce Trautwein

ALL PROCEEDINGS HEREAFTER SHOWN WERE TAKEN WHILE THE CONVENED MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE ATTENDANCE OF THE PUBLIC.

1. PETITIONS-COMMUNICATIONS-CITIZENS CONCERNS:

The village had received two cards and Vocasek read them both. One was a thank you from the American Legion for letting them use the Auditorium to fold the flags and a card from the park committee thanking the board for the use of the Auditorium during Hallam Fest.

Monolith is present to tell the board about who is who in the new positions and about their next town hall. Russ Webb is the new CEO. He spoke on behalf of Monolith and thanked the village board for being supportive. Anna is the new chief development officer, Weston is the Vice President (VP) of Operations of Olive Creek, Austin VP of strategic projects and Dani is the new community engagement specialist. A lot of the same people are still at Monolith; those people have new roles. Monolith will continue to make carbon black just a different way than they did before. Monolith is also looking to partner with a data center company. At the next board meeting Monolith would like to give more of a detailed update. Monolith would like to keep the community informed and be transparent with what is happening.

Dani spoke about June 25th. Monolith will have an open house on June 25th at their site on 42nd street. People will have the opportunity to tour the plant, and they also hope to have the fire department present. The company that Monolith may partner with has an interest in paving 42nd street to the Sprague highway.

Monolith will give more details at the July board meeting. In July Monolith and Crusoe, a data center company will host an open house at the auditorium, date and time to be determined.

2. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A. Northern Natural Gas They want to expand their area to allow for parking, turn around area. Contract.

Vocasek reviewed why the board did not sign the contract in May was because no one was present from Northern Natural Gas and the board needed some clarification on a couple of items. The 15' area that the Gas Company wants to rock, the village doesn't care if it is rocked the village doesn't want to give an easement. The pipeline agreement doesn't say 3', need more legal to the west. If only 3 x 50, why all the other information in here. Anderson would like to see an exhibit of what Northern Natural Gas is asking. Also, would like to know how the Gas Company came up with the legal description. Vocasek suggests getting Anderson and Caley together so that Anderson can get her questions answered. Then can get the correct wording in the contract for both sides to be comfortable. Move to July agenda.

B. NPPD. Nebraska Public Power District. Emergency Command Center.

Contract - already approved, needed some errors corrected before signed.

Vocasek reviews that NPPD wants to use the auditorium in case there is an emergency at the NPPD plant. An emergency means the personnel must leave the NPPD site and relocate to take attendance. The contract only needed to have some words changed. It is ready to be signed.

C. Sewer Line Cleaning.

Vocasek has spoken with some different people from surrounding towns and has even heard Lincoln has had some problems with their lines. Companies installing conduit ran through sewer lines. Talked to Monte from Johnson Company about inspecting. This entails cleaning the line, camera it and make sure nothing is impeding the flow in the line. Vocasek came up with a list of the areas needed, total includes 9. It is about \$1,000 a block to have done. Hoping to catch any problems early. Another issue coming to light is there is not enough water going through the sewer pipes these days because everything is so efficient. People are starting to buy efficient toilets, dishwashers, etc. Less people are taking baths. Not enough water to move things through the sewer system. Some areas are starting to have some problems. Nebraska Rural Water can help with putting a camera to inspect our manholes and eventually the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) will require them inspected. Vocasek would like to get a camera in the manholes, so we have it done that way when the EPA comes we will already have it completed.

Would like to do it now as well so if have a problem with conduit maybe we still have time to go back to those companies.

Taylor made a motion, seconded by Wink to contract with Johnson service company to do the camera in the sewer lines at the nine (9) streets/locations on the list that Vocasek provided. Burianek – yes, Wink – yes, Taylor – yes, Niemeyer – yes, Vocasek - yes

D. Street Easement Survey.

Vocasek explained the current situation of Hallam and that there is only one street through town. Has been thinking if the population continues to grow the town may need another option someday and Hallam does have an option of possibly being able to expand Walnut to 42nd street. The village had a survey done. Vocasek has also spoken with people at Monolith, they own the property North of where this would be located. Monolith is willing to let the village do this if needed in the future. Also, Monolith is willing to let the village use their property to test for another well site if one is needed in future years. There are no plans to have these done now Vocasek and the board want to try to plan for what Hallam may need in the future.

E. Well 25-1.

Everything is moving along and is complete except for the concrete and bollards. Need to find out when they plan to do the concrete and put the bollards in. A little issue this morning, nothing major was when the fire department was flushing the hydrants we got a low alarm and then a high alarm. Vocasek got this taken care of.

F. One- and Six- Year Plan. Changes need to be made by July 31, 2026.

Since the last meeting someone came up with Peach Street to add to the list, it has some rough areas, sinkhole-like areas and we will be doing the sewer line on the street and thought it would be a good idea to add it. Taylor brought up the area in front of Olmstead's. The concrete has sunken in one area and is uneven.

Wink made a motion, seconded by Taylor to approve the one- and six- year plan with the two added streets and have Likens send to JEO. Burianek – yes, Wink – yes, Taylor – yes, Niemeyer – yes, Vocasek - yes

G. Fireworks.

Taylor wanted to put on the agenda to talk about now. The village will leave things as is for the holiday, 4th of July, and see what happens with the weather in the next couple of weeks. If feel we have not had enough rain Vocasek can talk to Ryan and the fire department to see how they feel about fireworks. If need to, the board can always call a special meeting.

H. Use Keno funds to pay for sidewalk repairs, mulch for park and the extra signs, yield/children at play.

Between May and June someone had brought up the idea of using Keno funds to pay for these extra things so asked to be put on the agenda. It is for the community, and we need to do this for the better mint or safety of the community, so why not use Keno funds.

Niemeyer made a motion, seconded by Taylor to use Keno funds to cover the payments for the sidewalk repairs, mulch for the park and the extra signs that were purchased, the yield and children at play. Burianek – yes, Wink – yes, Taylor – yes, Niemeyer – yes, Vocasek - yes

I. Auditorium Rental Requests:

- a. Jill Serna, Auditorium September 12, 2026. Quinceanera, No Alcohol.
- b. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (Kyle Martin), Meeting Room, June 29, 2026. 6PM to 8PM Anticipating a Public Hearing need on an air quality construction permit that will be issued for period ending June 24th.

Taylor made a motion, seconded by Burianek to approve the rentals for the auditorium as requested. Burianek – yes, Wink – yes, Taylor – yes, Niemeyer – yes, Vocasek - yes

J. Likens would like to attend 2 conferences on Wednesday June 17th in Lincoln. Morning is with JEO on Lead surveys and grants. Afternoon is at The Cornhusker and is a Preconference Seminar (overview of Thursday & Friday).

Discuss of how would like Likens to go listen about the lead copper lines, that is an area need as much information as possible.

Taylor made a motion, seconded by Burianek to approve Likens to attend the conference on Wednesday June 17th. Burianek – yes, Wink – yes, Taylor – yes, Niemeyer – yes, Vocasek - yes

K. Employee Review.

- a. Water/Sewer Operator
- b. Polak
- c. Block
- d. D. Likens
- e. Likens

Move to July 6th board meeting.

3.RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

A.ORDINANCE NO. 26-14:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GENERALLY APPLICABLE DEFINITIONS; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW INCLUDING REVISING THE CITATION TO NEB. RS 49-801(17); TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-02:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE HALLAM VILLAGE CODE BY REVOKING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 7, SUBSECTION 1-718, ELECTIONS; BOARD OF TRUSTEES; TERMS; AND QUALIFICATIONS OF A BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND PROVIDING THAT A VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY CONSIST OF THREE OR FIVE MEMBERS; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 26-03:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE HALLAM VILLAGE CODE BY REVOKING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 7, SUBSECTION 1-707, ELECTIONS; SPECIAL; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 26-04:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE HALLAM VILLAGE CODE BY REVOKING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 7, SUBSECTION 7-103, PETITION, WRITE-IN, AND OTHER CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT; PROCEDURES; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 26-05:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE HALLAM VILLAGE CODE BY REVOKING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 7, SUBSECTION 1-710.01, ELECTIONS; EXIT POLLS; POLL WATCHERS; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-06:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE HALLAM VILLAGE CODE BY REVOKING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 5, SUBSECTION 1-503, OPEN MEETINGS; NOTICE; AGENDA; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-07:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE HALLAM VILLAGE CODE BY REVOKING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 8, SUBSECTION 1-821, FISCAL MANAGEMENT; PROPERTY TAX REQUEST; INCREASE BY MORE THAN ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE; PROCEDURE FOR SETTING; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-08:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE HALLAM VILLAGE CODE BY REVOKING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 8, SUBSECTION 1-821.01, FISCAL MANAGEMENT; PROPERTY TAX REQUEST; HEARING NOTICES; PROCEDURE FOR SETTING; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-09:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE HALLAM VILLAGE CODE BY REVOKING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 3, SUBSECTION 5-303.01, RURAL HIGHWAY CLASSIFICATION; MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-10:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE HALLAM VILLAGE CODE BY REVOKING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 3, SUBSECTION 5-304, TRAFFIC; SPEEDING PENALTIES; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-11:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE HALLAM VILLAGE CODE BY REVOKING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 2, SUBSECTION 6-202, ABANDONMENT, NEGLECT, AND MISTREATMENT OF ANIMALS; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-12:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE HALLAM VILLAGE CODE BY REVOKING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 4, SUBSECTION 10-406, OCCUPATION TAX; LEVIES AUTHORIZED; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-13:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE HALLAM VILLAGE CODE BY REVOKING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 1, SUBSECTION 10-109, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; LICENSES; MUNICIPAL POWERS AND DUTIES; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-15:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE HALLAM VILLAGE CODE BY REVOKING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 1, SUBSECTION 8-110 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY; PUBLIC WORKS INVOLVING ARCHITECTURE OR ENGINEERING; REQUIREMENTS; TO HARMONIZE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HALLAM, NEBRASKA.

Niemeyer made a motion, seconded by Taylor to introduce Ordinances 26-14 and 26-02 through 26-15 and waive the statutory rule requiring reading on three separate dates. Burianek – yes, Wink – yes, Taylor – yes, Niemeyer – yes, Vocasek - yes

Niemeyer made a motion, seconded by Wink for final passage of Ordinance 26-14 and 26-02 through 26-15. Burianek – yes, Wink – yes, Taylor – yes, Niemeyer – yes, Vocasek - yes

4.OFFICERS AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. POLICE REPORT-

Had 2 calls this month. Likens had a young person ask about doing community service. Some ideas were painting but would need supervised. Pulling weeds and cleaning up the park, will continue to look into.

B. UTILITIES – NIEMEYER

Fire department flushed fire hydrants. Jeremy Pierce came in and had some parts that need to be ordered for the hydrants. Need to try to get a hold of Dave Tinneaus. Talk to Sargent to see when they plan to finish up the well.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY – TAYLOR

The stop sign at the restaurant is leaning. Need to probably check the others.

D. FINANCE/PERSONNEL – VOCASEK

1. Clerk's Report

General Fund Balance \$344,239.49, Park accounts \$8,062.17, Cemetery account is \$8,962.97, Keno account \$77,150.48, Keno Reserve \$383.62. The claims totaled \$55,922.99.

E. STREETS – WINK

The street sealing looks great.

F. PARK/AUDITORIUM – BURIANEK

What's in the building this month? 10th Park Committee Meeting; 20th Samantha Tighe Wedding; 29th Lincoln-Lancaster County public hearing

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes: May 4, 2026
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Regular Claims-Bills
- D. Special Claims-Bills

Motion by Niemeyer, seconded by Burianek to approve the consent agenda along with additional bills if needed as they may come in. Burianek – yes, Wink – yes, Taylor – yes, Niemeyer – yes, Vocasek - yes

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Niemeyer, seconded by Taylor to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Burianek – yes, Wink – yes, Taylor – yes, Niemeyer – yes, Vocasek - yes

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, July 6, 2026

ATTEST:

Chairperson

Village Clerk

I, the undersigned, Village Clerk for the Village of Hallam, 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 such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that the said minutes were in written form and available for the public inspection within 10 days and prior to the convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning the meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time, and place of said meeting and the subject to be discussed in said meeting.
