

**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
PHILLIPS VILLAGE BOARD**

August 5, 2025

The meeting of the Phillips Village Board was called to order at 7:00 P. M. by Chairperson Benton on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 in the Town Hall in Phillips, Nebraska.

The following Trustees answered at roll call:

Dorothy Benton, Chairperson
John Briseno
Jordan Watson
Les Dana

Absent: Jim Crawford

Chairperson Benton states, the Open Meeting Laws are posted in the front window of the Town Hall if anyone wants to review them or has questions.

Motion by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Briseno, to approve the Minutes of the July 1st, 2025 Board Meeting. Voting aye: Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Discussion held by Fire Chief Brandt, for the 4th Annual Street Dance to be held on September 6, 2025, at 234 5th Street. For inclement weather, the Street Dance will be held indoors at the Phillips Memorial Hall, 501 3rd Street and the SDL amendment to a secondary location. If the SDL Amendment requires Board approval prior to the event, Chairperson sought a Motion for approval of the amended SDL contingent on the State Liquor License Commission granting the secondary location Amendment.

Motion by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Dana to approve an SDL secondary location due to inclement weather to 501 3rd Street, contingent on approval of the State Liquor License Commission. Voting aye: Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Also discussed, recent maintenance activities of staff and improvements completed.

Discussion held by Clerk/Trustee Arnett regarding Treasurer Reports and including reports in the Trustee Board Packets.

Continued discussion regarding Property Cleanup; specifically moving forward with hiring Cuba Construction to do a substantial property clean up.

Motion by Trustee Briseno, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve hiring Cuba Construction to complete the property cleanup at 130 Hall Street. Voting aye: Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Continued discussion of no progress on the Water Project.

Discussed, Subdivision Detention Cell Quitclaim Deed Transfer to the Village of Phillips and Lottery (Keno) Results/Status.

Continued discussion on retaining Miller & Associates for ARPA Compliance Reporting.

Motion by Trustee Briseno, seconded by Trustee Dana to approve Chairperson Benton to contact Miller and Associates to obtain specifics on the reporting compliance of ARPA funds and sign for services accordingly. Voting aye: Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Also discussed, Amending the Interlocal Agreement between the Village of Phillips and the Hamilton County Hwy Department to include additional road equipment use and road work services.

Trustee Watson moved, Trustee Dana seconded, to introduce Ordinance No. 2025-03 – Parking and Storage of Vehicles and to waive the three-reading rule. Voting aye: Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Trustee Watson moved for final passage, seconded by Trustee Dana, to approve Ordinance No. 2025-03 – Parking and Storage of Vehicles. Voting aye: Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Watson to register and pay associated fees with Class IV Water Operator License Class/Testing in December 2025 for Maintenance Supervisor. Voting aye: Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Dana to obtain a work-related cell phone through mobile carrier for Clerk/Treasurer. Voting aye: Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Briseno to consolidate Village mailboxes to one for Village business. Voting aye: Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Discussion held on Public Water System Security Grant Application; qualifications for grant.

Also discussed delivery of the monthly Board Packets.

Budget Workshop dates for meeting discussion. Clerk/Treasurer to confirm date and time with Village accountant.

Motion by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve AMGL Budget Preparation Agreement. Voting aye: Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Dana to approve AMGL Audit Waiver Agreement. Voting aye: Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Also discussed Subdivision Quiet Zone. Trustee Dana advised the residents present this concern was brought to the Village Board on a previous occasion and the State of Nebraska denied the request.

Motion by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Briseno to approve use of the Ball Field on August 23, 2025 for a Cancer Benefit Tournament. Voting aye: Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Discussion held by Chairperson Benton on a family donation to the Village.

Open Public Discussion held.

Motion by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Briseno to pay all Claims as presented. Voting aye: Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Watson to adjourn. Voting aye: Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried and meeting adjourns at 9:21 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doris M. Arnett", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Doris M. Arnett
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Phillips