

**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
PHILLIPS VILLAGE BOARD**

September 2, 2025

The meeting of the Phillips Village Board was called to order at 7:06 P. M. by Chairperson Benton on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 in the Town Hall in Phillips, Nebraska.

The following Trustees answered at roll call:

Dorothy Benton, Chairperson

Jim Crawford

John Briseno

Jordan Watson

Les Dana

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 Briseno, seconded by Trustee Dana, to approve the Minutes of the August 5th, 2025 Board Meeting. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Briseno, seconded by Trustee Crawford, to approve the Minutes of the August 20th, 2025 Board Meeting. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Briseno, seconded by Trustee Dana, to approve the Minutes of the August 26th, 2025 Board Meeting. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Discussion held by Fire Dept. member, Rob Evans: the ambulance is back in service; reminder for the 4th Annual Street Dance to be held on September 6, 2025, at 234 5th Street.

Maintenance update: Clean up days will be Friday, September 26th and Saturday, September 27th. Roll off dumpsters will be provided at the Maintenance Shop.

Clerk/Treasurer reports were presented to Trustees to include any updates for month end vendor claim billing.

Discussion regarding Property Cleanup; Cuba Construction has completed their portion of the property clean up.

Continued discussion of no progress on the Water Project.

Discussed bids to repair/replace Phillips Signs on Spur. Mayhew bid selected.

Motion by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Briseno to approve the Mayhew bid for repair/replacement of Phillips Signs. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Update on Lottery (Keno) Status; progressing as expected.

Open Public Discussion held.

Motion by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Crawford to approve SDL License/Phillips Community Foundation, Inc. for a Fundraiser Event on October 11, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Phillips Memorial Hall, 501 3rd Street. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Crawford to approve SDL License/Phillips Community Foundation, Inc. for a Fundraiser Event on January 15, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Phillips Memorial Hall, 501 3rd Street. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Trustee Dana moved, Trustee Briseno seconded, to introduce Ordinance No. 2025-04 – An amendment to the Parking and Storage of Vehicles Ordinance and to waive the three-reading rule. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Trustee Crawford moved for final passage, seconded by Trustee Briseno, to approve Ordinance No. 2025-04 – Parking and Storage of Vehicles with further amendment of deleting section (D)(1) and renumbering the remaining sections under (D). Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Trustee Watson moved, Trustee Dana seconded, to introduce Ordinance No. 2025-05 – Adopt the 2025/2026 Fiscal Budget Statement and to waive the three-reading rule. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Trustee Watson moved for final passage, seconded by Trustee Crawford, to approve Ordinance No. 2025-05 – Adopt the 2025/2026 Fiscal Budget Statement as presented. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Trustee Dana moved, Trustee Briseno seconded, to approve Resolution No. 2025-08 – Setting the Property Tax Request. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Continued discussion on notified properties regarding ordinance violations. Trustee Crawford acknowledged several properties took immediate action. However, 115 Lula Street and 537 West Street still have significant violations requiring Abatement.

Motion by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Briseno to approve Resolution No. 2025-07 – Resolution to Declare Nuisance on properties located at 115 Lula Street and 537 West Street. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Concerns with additional violations existing within the Village were discussed. These Residents will receive letters detailing the violations. Trustee Crawford will work with the Clerk and Maintenance Supervisor on notifications.

Resolution No. 2025-06 – Traffic Regulations (Stop Signs), was presented to the Trustees for approval. Chairperson Benton, addressed a clarification related to the listed section §5-104, Phillips Municipal Code. Section 5-104 was replaced with §70.04 in the Code of Ordinances published 2024.

No additional concerns regarding the approval of Resolution No. 2025-06 – Traffic Regulations (Stop Signs) to be Amended to adhere to the Villages current Code of Ordinance §70.04.

Motion by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Watson to approve Resolution No. 2025-06 – Traffic Regulations (Stop Signs) – as Amended. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Discussion held by Trustee Dana on the condition of the Village Ball Field Concession Roof and the need for repair. Maintenance Supervisor will get estimates to present for repairs.

Clerk/Treasurer provided an update on the Annual Commercial Dog and Cat Program License Renewal fees and the requirement to pay the fee online.

Motion by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Briseno to approve and maintain the Annual Commercial Dog and Cat Program renewal fees online. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Crawford to approve filing of the Department of Transportation Annual Certification of Program Compliance – Public Roads and Standards, Resolution No. 2025-09. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Briseno to adjourn. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried and meeting adjourns at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Doris M. Arnett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Doris M. Arnett
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Phillips