

Village of Panama
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2025

Chairman of the Board, Travis Filing called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and acknowledged the Open Meetings Act located inside the Panama Community Center. Chairman of the Board and Board Members Travis Filing, Jan Hart, Shirley Ele, Larry Gadeken and Tim Watters attendance. Village employee Rita Shea was present. Melissa Languis, Shawn Languis, and Sue Krogman were in attendance representing Panama Foundation and Panama Community Improvement Group. The agenda was posted on the Village Bulletin Board, US Post Office Bulletin Board, and in the Community Center Window.

The following motions were duly approved and passed:

- Hart moved and Ele seconded to approve the Minutes from April 8, 2025.
Roll call vote: Filing, Hart, Ele and Gadeken voted YES, Watters ABSTAINED. Motion carried.
- Watters moved and Filing seconded to approve the claims, including the amended claims from May 13, 2025 regular meeting, when Verizon \$222.36 and Sales & Use Tax \$76.18 were inadvertently omitted from the claims. Roll call vote: Filing, Hart, Ele, Gadeken and Watters voted YES. Motion carried.
- Filing moved and Gadeken seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Roll call vote Filing, Ele, Hart, and Gadeken voted YES. Motion carried.
- Filing motioned and Hart seconded to hire Gale Huenink to fix the electrical at the library up to \$300.
Roll call vote: Filing, Hart, Ele, Gadeken and Watters voted YES. Motion carried.
- Filing motioned and Gadeken seconded approval to fix four curb stop sites (306 Pine, 700 Locust, 701 Locust and 703 Locust). Roll call vote: Filing, Hart, Ele, Gadeken and Watters voted YES. Motion carried.
- Watters motioned and Gadeken seconded Lovell Escavating to order parts necessary to fix the above curb stop sites. Roll call vote: Filing, Hart, Ele, Gadeken and Watters voted YES. Motion carried.
- Filing motioned and Hart seconded to hire NE Code Counseling & Inspections, LLC, for professional services up to \$550. Roll call vote Filing, Ele, Hart, Gadeken, and Watters voted YES. Motion carried.

Claims Approved for Payment: Payroll \$6,420.30, Payroll Tax \$491.16, Sales & Use Tax \$72.98, Gale Huenink Electrical \$46, Trevor Boyd \$81.60, Trevor Grossenbacher \$128.96, Shirley Ele \$184.70, Travis Filing \$470.98, Larry Gadeken \$184.70, Jan Hart \$221.64, Tim Watters \$147.76, Nancy Bryan \$415.00, Rural Water Dist. #1 \$750.00, NE Environmental Lab \$15.00, Solheim Law Firm \$75.58, US Bank \$161.00, Voice \$43.42, Black Hills Energy \$160.54, Norris Public Power \$1,018.50, Uribe \$1,848.96, Verizon \$202.36. Clerk and Maintenance reports were submitted and discussed with no updates.

Panama Community Improvement Group: The Panama Days flyer and volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted on the village website. The Clerk's email group will be notified of Panama Days and asked to post "Panama Days" flyer on their information posting sites. Saturday, July 12th was proposed as Panama Clean Up Day. The notification will be posted, where all residents will be encouraged to put their trash at the curb and notify a designated person or phone number to coordinate volunteers to pick up unwanted items and trash.

Panama Area Community Foundation: A design layout of the community center and bricks was presented to the board. The four corners of the building will have bricks and logo of Panama Presbyterian Church, Firth Fire Department, Panama Village Board, and Panama Area Community Foundation/Improvement Groups. Panama Area Community Foundation/Panama Community Improvement Group is hosting an open house for information about these groups, feedback exchange, and an opportunity to volunteer or join either of these two groups. This takes place Saturday, June 20th from 9 am to 11am. Coffee and cinnamon rolls will be served.

Estimates and plan of action was discussed regarding the NDEE water audit deficiency findings. The outstanding findings concern basically two areas of focus: Lancaster Rural Water feed/booster pump, and repairs to the well. Shea will ask additional questions and report back in the July 8, 2025 meeting for a formalized decision to be made. In addition, corrective action and timeline will be formalized at the meeting and forwarded to NDEE for their approval.

Shea reported the company Municipal Code Services, was used to create the revised municipal code book in 2023. Shea's action item for July meeting is to ask other area towns (Hickman and Firth) about their parked car ordinances. A discussion occurred regarding the length of time vehicles would be allowed to be stationary on the street without being moved.

Ballpark press box demo was discussed, and board members went to the ballpark to visually evaluate the building. Further discussion to occur at the July 8th board meeting.

Sidewalk repair by the community center was discussed. Filing mentioned repairing the sidewalk with his equipment.

Shea will perform hydrant flushing will prior to the next board meeting. Signs will be posted indicating the date this will occur.

Filing motioned and Hart seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm. Roll call vote Filing, Ele, Hart, Gadeken, and Watters voted YES. Motion carried.

Next Village of Panama Board Meeting is Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm, Transformation Conference Center, 301 Locust, Panama, NE.

Rita Shea, Village Clerk/Treasurer panamaclerk88@gmail.com