Village of Panama

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**August 8, 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. 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 Gadeken seconded to approve the Minutes from July 8, 2025.   
  Roll call vote: Filing, Hart, Ele, Gadeken and Watters voted YES. Motion carried.
* Watters moved and Gadeken seconded to approve the claims. Roll call vote: Ele, Gadeken and Watters voted YES, Filing and Hart Abstained. Motion carried.
* Ele moved and Filing seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

Roll call vote Filing, Ele, Hart, and Gadeken voted YES. Motion carried.

* Watters motioned and Filing seconded to rescind the previously approved quote of $25,908.00, from Downey Drilling, and approved the modified estimate of $27,583.33, to include the transducer, and repair of items listed in the April 2025 water audit. Roll call vote: Filing, Hart, Ele, Gadeken and Watters voted YES. Motion carried.
* Filing motioned and Ele seconded to approve NL Driveway contract for street repairs/overlay up to $20,000. Roll call vote Filing, Ele, Hart, Gadeken, and Watters voted YES. Motion carried.
* Filing motioned and Ele seconded approval of $3,700 for BMG to prepare the 2025-2026 budget. Roll call vote Filing, Ele, Hart, Gadeken, and Watters voted YES. Motion carried.

Claims Approved for Payment: Payroll $5,105.70, Payroll Tax $390.60, Sales & Use Tax $73.30, Barco $50.00, BMG $669.00, McKenzie Wagner $124.06 (Utility Refund), Ashley Williamson $250.00 (Utility Refund), Brett Ferguson $3,500.00, Travis Filing (Reimbursement) $167.40, Jan Hart (reimbursement) $114.98, Home & Farm Insurance $24,869.00, Lancaster Rural Water Dist. #1 $1,299.00, Menards $55.04, NE Environmental Lab $231.00, US Bank $178.00, Voice $87.34, Black Hills Energy $135.96, Norris Public Power $1,051.46, Uribe $1,727.27, Verizon (estimated) $220.00.

Clerk and Maintenance reports were submitted and discussed with no updates.

Panama Community Improvement Group & Panama Area Community Foundation: No representatives attended.

Board discussed unregistered vehicles and parked cars on streets for an extended period of time. It was determined an article will be in the village newsletter to remind all residents of the current ordinance.

Watters motioned and Hart seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm. Roll call vote Filing, Ele, Hart, Gadeken, and Watters voted YES. Motion carried.

Next Village of Panama Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 7:00 pm, Transformation Conference Center, 301 Locust, Panama, NE.

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