

Big Springs Village Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting minutes
Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026

The Village of Big Springs Board of Trustees met on March 3rd, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Village Office meeting room. Notice of the meeting was posted at the Big Springs Post Office, Community First Bank, and Village Office in accordance with procedure. The meeting adhered to the Open Meeting Act, which was displayed in the room. The agenda was kept current and available for public inspection at the Village Office and on the website. Advance notice and the agenda were provided to board members, with acknowledgments attached to these minutes. The meeting was recorded and open to the public.

Roll Call: Present Trustees: Everitt, Huff, Payne, Thompson, and DeCoste

Others present: Village Maintenance Supt. Curtis Brown, Librarians Connie Shaw and Janie Jimenez, and Village Attorney Josh Wendell.

Chairman Huff called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Advisory: Chairman Huff announced that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Law Poster is posted on the north wall of the meeting room, accessible to the public.

Approval of Minutes: Huff moved and Everitt seconded to approve the minutes from the February 3rd Meeting Minutes and the February 16th Special Meeting Minutes: Yea: Payne, Thompson, Everitt, Huff, and DeCoste. Motion passed.

New Business

Everitt motioned to remove Denise DeCoste as Clerk/Treasurer and appoint Samantha Labrum as Village of Big Springs Clerk/Treasurer for CY 2026 at \$20.00 an hour, for 29.5 hours a week, with a 90 probationary point. Seconded by Payne. Yea: Payne, Thompson, Everitt, Huff, and DeCoste. Motion passed.

Huff motioned to add Samantha Labrum to the Henderson State Bank accounts and signature card. Everitt seconded. Yea: Payne, Thompson, Everitt, Huff, and DeCoste. Motion passed.

Huff motion to approve Denise DeCoste to act as a Consultant to work with the new Clerk/Treasurer at \$20 an hour. Seconded by Everitt. Yea: Payne, Thompson, Everitt, Huff, and DeCoste- abstained. Motion passed

Discuss the 2026 Summer Pool Staffing and Parks Maintenance Staffing. Huff asked Dave Sauder if he was interested in doing it again. Dave agreed to put a bid for pay and the cost of using his own equipment.

Discuss advertising and hiring lifeguards for the 2026 summer Swimming Pool season. Everitt will get a poster out and talk to the Rec Center in Ogallala on training lifeguards.

Discuss getting gates on Tennis-Basketball-Pickle ball courts to prevent kids from riding bicycles and skateboards on the newly painted lines. Board members will look for possible gates and maybe more signs about "No bikes." Tabled until the next monthly meeting because the board needs more information.

Discussion Regarding Alley in Block 9, Original Town of Big Springs. The Board discussed the alley located in Block 9 of the Original Town of Big Springs. Huff provided historical context regarding Block 9. Scott DeCoste shared his experience purchasing, developing, and maintaining Lots 1 and 2, as well as the adjacent alley area. He presented documentation indicating that the alley did not extend fully from east to west, terminating at Lots 2 and 11. Several members of the public confirmed that, to their knowledge, a continuous alley in Block 9 never existed. Josh Wendell, Village's attorney, noted that an Ordinance would need to be drafted to formally abandon or vacate the alley in Block 9, specifically between Lots 1 & 2 and Lots 11 & 12, encompassing 20 feet south and 100 feet east and west, and sell the land to the owners of Lot 1 & 2. The Village will retain an easement to maintain existing electrical utilities within the area. The Trustees agreed to schedule a special meeting at the earliest convenience to consider and vote on the Ordinance to abandon/vacate the designated alley section.

Department Reports: Brief reports were heard.

Old Business

Discussing tree removal at the park, Everitt stated that the people will be here soon.

Discuss Sand Volleyball Court removal. It was mentioned that the local 4-H club might be interested in doing it as a community service project.

Discuss clarification of Utilities Superintendent, tabled to get more information.

Approval of February Claims for General, Library, and Payroll. Huff motion and Everitt second. Yea: Payne, Thompson, Everitt, Huff, and DeCoste. Motion passed.

General

Description	Amount
Curtis J. Brown	\$4274.72
Julia Everitt	\$184.70
Tylar N. Thompson	\$184.70
Janie Jimenez	\$528.82
Connie Shaw	\$531.35
Richard Huff	\$300.14
Corey Payne	\$184.70

Logan Gumaer \$554.10

Total \$6,743.23

USPS-Lottery Certified Mail	\$20.50
USPS-February UB postcards	\$147.01
Deuel County Treasurer-Law Enforcement	\$8,166.66
HSB-Curtis Brown	\$225.00
HSB-Utility Bond Transfer	\$12,250.00
Big Springs Cemetery Interlocal	\$6,679.16
Go Water Bonds	\$1882.00
NE Dept of Revenue-1/2026 Sales Taxes	\$938.63
NE Dept of Revenue-12/2025 Sales Taxes	\$959.55
Henderson State Bank-Deposit Box	\$35.00
Western Resources Group	\$280.00
Chappell Register	\$477.47
Keith County News	\$150.00
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	\$140.00
RJ Meyer & Associates	\$8,075.00
John Deere Financial	\$1,960.93
Big Springs Truck and Travel	\$350.99
McQuillain & Wendell, P.C., LLO	\$622.00
Office Service Inc.	\$88.99
One Call Concepts.	\$2.46
Domain Listings-Annual	\$288.00
National Sign Company, LLC	\$391.84
US Bank Corporate Payment Systems	\$746.73
South Platte Schools	\$200.00
Verizon	\$143.41
NPPD- all accounts	\$2904.13
Black Hills Energy- all accounts	\$736.18
Spectrum Business	\$100.00
Waste Connections	\$5,242.00
Century Link-Lumen-all accounts	\$157.47
CenturyLink-all accounts	\$410.76

Total \$54,918.88

Library

Black Hills Energy	\$239.17
NPPD Billing	\$90.12
CenturyLink	\$308.80
ATCJET.NETLLC Acc#0000011441	\$49.90
Office Services	\$13.98
Cengage Group Acc# 100237624	\$124.94
Ingram Library Services LLC	\$391.10

Total \$1,368.85

Payroll	\$6,743.23
Accounts Payable	\$54,918.88
Library	\$1,368.85
Total	\$63,030.96

Payne motion to approve DeCoste claim for \$1,649.09 for payroll. Thompson seconded, Yea: Payne, Thompson, Everitt, and Huff. DeCoste abstained. Motion passed.

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Denise DeCoste-Trustee	\$184.70
Denise DeCoste-Clerk/Treasurer	\$1464.39

Total	\$1,649.09
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Huff motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01, Everitt seconded, Yea: Payne, Thompson, Everitt, Huff, and DeCoste. Motion passed.

Richard Huff, Chairman
Village of Big Springs Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Denise DeCoste, Village Clerk