

Village of Cortland
August 24, 2026
Special Budget Workshop Meeting

The Special Budget Workshop meeting of the Village of Cortland, Nebraska was held on the 24th day of August 2026 at 100 S Sherman Ave, Cortland, Nebraska.

Present at the meeting: Board members - Kohout, German C. Moormeier, Burkey. Others Clerk/Treasurer D. Moormeier and Jennifer Busboom from Blobaum & Busboom, PC. Absent Meints

Chairperson Kohout called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm stating the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available at the meeting room as required by Nebraska State Law.

Motion by Burkey and seconded by C. Moormeier to not approve of the absence of board member Chase Meints. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

Motion by C. Moormeier and seconded by German to receive and place on file all notices and material having any bearing on the meeting. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

Motion by Burkey and seconded by German to approve the minutes of August 12th, 2026, regular Board meeting. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

Jennifer Busboom, CPA from Blobaum & Busboom was present to review the budget options for the Village of Cortland. She indicated that the cash balance for the Village is in a healthy position. The beginning balances, receipts and transfers were reviewed. Comparisons of whether the tax dollar stayed the same, the levy stayed the same, a 3%-dollar increase, 4.9%-dollar increase, and 2% levy increase were shown and discussed. The property in the Village saw about a 10% increase in valuation in 2025/2026. The state saw a 5.26% rate of inflation.

Items that need to be considered are the water meters that are being replaced, the need for a new pickup and/or a side by side and the renovations that are needed on the Community Center.

Decision to set levy at .31 which is a slight decrease from 2025/2026 and reallocate \$15,000 bond funds to the general fund. This will be a 7.33%-dollar increase.

There was also a discussion regarding how much money should be in cash reserve. Also, discussion on grants available for renovation of the Community Center.

There was no insurance update as they were unable to get the information in such short notice.

Budget hearing will be September 9th at 6:30 with Village Board meeting to be held immediately after the hearing is over.

Motion by C Moormeier and seconded by Burkey to adjourn meeting at 7:21 pm. Roll Call: Yes German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

Respectively submitted by Donelle Moormeier Clerk/Treasurer - Village of Cortland