

Village of Cortland
Budget Hearing & Budget Summary Meeting 26/27
September 9th, 2026 6:30 pm

The Budget Hearing of the Village of Cortland was held on the 9th day of September 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at 100 S. Sherman Avenue, Cortland, Nebraska. Notice of the budget hearing was published in The Voice newspaper on the 3rd day of September 2026.

Board Members present at the meeting were: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey

Others Present: Jena Mahin, Donelle Moormeier

Motion by Meints and seconded by C. Moormeier to open the budget hearing at 6:34 pm. Copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public.

Kohout read the key provisions of the proposed budget statement as directed in the prepared budget notes, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget.

The floor was then opened for public comment on the proposed budget statement. All members of the public wishing to address the governing body were provided with a reasonable amount of time to do so.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Burkey and seconded by German to adjourn the budgeting hearing. 5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed.

The budget hearing was closed at 6:38 pm.

The Special Hearing of the Village of Cortland was held on the 9th day of September 2026, at 100 S. Sherman Avenue, Cortland, Nebraska. Notice of the Special Hearing was published in The Voice newspaper on the 3rd day of September 2026.

Motion by Meints and seconded by C. Moormeier to open the Special Hearing at 6:39 pm.

Kohout presented the information related to the setting of the final tax levy as published. The related resolution has been prepared. The floor was opened for public comment on the tax levy. All members of the public wishing to address the governing body were provided with a reasonable amount of time to do so.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Burkey and seconded by German to adjourn the special hearing. 5 Ayes and 0 Nays Motion passed. The special hearing was closed at 6:40 pm.

Village of Cortland
September 9, 2026 Minutes

The meeting of the Village of Cortland, Nebraska was held on the 9th day of September 2026 at 100 S Sherman Ave, Cortland, Nebraska. The Budget hearing was held previously on the 9th day of September 2026 at 6:30 pm.

Notice of this meeting was published in the Voice newspaper on the 3rd day of September 2026.

Present at the meeting: Board members - Kohout, German C. Moormeier, Meints and Burkey. Others present - Attorney Jena Mahin, Utility Superintendent Briggs and Clerk/Treasurer D. Moormeier and members of the public.

Chairperson Kohout called the meeting to order stating the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available in the meeting room as required by Nebraska State Law.

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

A motion was made by Meints and seconded by Burkey to approve the 2026-2027 budget as proposed. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

Kohout read Resolution No. 2026-04 Setting the Property Tax Request:

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the Village of Cortland passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request: and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Village of Cortland resolves that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at: General Fund: \$164,915.00; Bond Fund: \$15,000.00.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 11.11 percent.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.288841 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The Village of Cortland proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.31 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the Village of Cortland will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 13.56 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.

A motion was made by C. Moormeier and seconded by German to adopt the Resolution 2026-04 as presented. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

A motion was made by Burkey and seconded by German to approve the minutes of August 24th, 2026, Special Budget Board meeting. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

A motion was made by German and seconded by Burkey to approve the Treasurer's report. Roll Call: Yes German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

Bills presented: All Traffic Solutions, LLC \$7,506.52, Black Hills Energy \$235.57, Blobaum & Busboom PC \$2,300.00, Capps Manufacturing, Inc \$18.77, Christopher Briggs \$50.00, Complete Pest Elimination \$140.00, Cortland Fire Department \$99.21, Johnson Service Company \$1,925.35, Landmark Implement \$46.43, Lincoln Winwater Works \$173.68, NE Public Health & Environmental Lab \$100.00, Nebraska Department of Revenue \$451.89, Nebraska Landscape Solutions \$322.40, Norris Public Power \$2,067.12, One Call Concepts, Inc. \$7.38, Salaries \$5,382.52, Solheim Law Firm \$900.00, U.S. Bank \$563.25, Verla Busboom \$40.00, Voice News \$78.85, Waste Connections Inc \$4,460.00.

The clerk reported that a check for \$500 from Tredz was received by the Village which indicated in the memo that it was a donation for the Cortland Museum. A motion by Meints and seconded by C. Moormeier to write a \$500 check to Big Give Gage to pass this donation on to the Cortland Museum. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

The clerk reported that a bill had not been received from the Clatonia Fire Department for the Interlocal Ambulance fee of \$8,000. Burkey indicated that the Clatonia Fire Department receives State funding and that we provide personnel for their fire calls and this is possibly why we have not received the notice. A new Interlocal agreement should be signed to indicate that we are receiving ambulance service and that they are receiving personnel on their calls.

A question on the charge from Capps Manufacturing. Briggs explained it was water sample FedEx postage that was picked up at their location.

A motion was made by Meints and seconded by German to pay the bills. Roll Call: Yes German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

Moved to Nuisance Properties - Connex box on Stacy Dorn property. Dorn stated that because it was not a permanent fixture he did not believe he needed a building permit. It is an accessory building and would need a building permit. Dorn will fill out a permit and return to Clerk by September 30th for Planning and Zoning review and to have on agenda at the October 14th Village Board meeting.

Building Permits: 560 S. Sherman, Grof property, fencing - Grof's have had their property surveyed and fence is on property line. Property is R1 not R3 as indicated on building permit. Motion by Meints and seconded by C. Moormeier to approve the permit contingent upon the fence being on their property line and the zoning district changed to R1. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

Building Permits: 501 S. Sherman, Randy Thimms - sewer and water connection to building #5. Randy has spoken with Chris and he will talk with the plumber on Friday. Details of the size of sewer and what will be draining into the sewer. Clerk is to let Randy know that clarification is needed prior to approval. Will put on October 14th agenda.

Insurance Renewal Update on Cost: Policy Changes for the ballfields lights, poles and fencing increased premium \$448.00. The Wellhouse value increased to \$800,000 with an increased premium of \$7499. In Coverage code it lists "B" only, should list BPP - Business Personal Property indicating includes the contents of building. A motion was made by Burkey and seconded by German to pay the increased premiums contingent on the Coverage Code for wellhouses "includes" contents of the building. Roll Call: Yes: German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried. Clerk will contact Matt Weeder regarding the Wellhouse values.

Discussion regarding increase per hour pay for Michelle German who cleans the Community Center. This has not been raised since 2013. Motion by Meints and seconded by Burkey to increase Michelle's contract to \$22.00 an hour. Roll Call: Yes: C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey No: None Abstain: German Motion carried.

Discussion regarding increase per hour pay for Verla Busboom who cleans the Fire Hall. This has not been raised since 2011. Clerk asked if Verla might also clean the meeting room. Burkey will contact Verla regarding cleaning the meeting room also. Will revisit this at October meeting.

Nuisance Properties: Mahin has not gotten out the invoice for special assessment on Carlson property. She will do so tomorrow. The grass has not been mowed and is excessive. Mahin will have a Declaration letter ready for the October meeting.

Mahin will send an invoice for the mowing of the Barta property.

Dissmeyer was picked up on her warrant, a hearing was held on August 25th and a bench trial will be held on September 11th at 2:00 p.m. Briggs will be available to testify.

Museum: biggiveage.org is on Thursday, September 10th. The museum will be a giving location from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CIA report: Clerk asked for 4th Street between Lincoln and Sheridan be closed on Saturday, October 24th afternoon for Spookfest. There will be trunk or treat on the street near the Museum. Museum will be open for trick or treating. Burkey will check with the Fire Department to see if they would like to have food for the event. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Grants: C. Moormeier asked about signing a Nebraska Games & Parks Resolution On Acquisition or Development for Outdoor Recreation. There were two different resolutions, and we need to know which one we will apply for before signing the resolution. Shawn Ryba is our contact. Nebraska Community Foundation would like to come to the October Meeting to talk about their grants.

Burkey is waiting on paperwork for the speed signs.

Community Center Renovation - Mahin will do a Resolution to revoke the design build for the October meeting.

No report on the ball park

Clerk will do a Flyer during September addressing October 3rd Fall Clean Up/Upcoming Election/Spookfest/Notices on resident doors regarding replacing water meters.

November meeting falls on Veteran's Day - we will hold our regular meeting that evening.

Maintenance Report: Fertilizer was put on ballpark and fire station yesterday. Community Center parking lot was harrowed. Ron Moormeier donated the harrow to the Village. Dean Pester attached a receiver hitch to the gator. Invoice received for \$75.00. Motion was made by C. Moormeier and seconded by German to pay the invoice from Pester. Roll Call: Yes German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried Briggs is serving as Water Superintendent for Clatonia until they can find someone in the community. Kohout signed the agreement with Clatonia for Briggs services.

Motion by Burkey seconded by Meints to approve the \$1843, for the 25% Highway Allocation match. Roll Call: Yes German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried

Motion by C. Moormeier and seconded by German to adjourn meeting at 8:16 pm. Roll Call: Yes German, C. Moormeier, Kohout, Meints, Burkey. No: None Motion carried.

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