

OFFICIAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Buffalo Board of Trustees met at the Harding County Memorial Recreation Center at 6:00PM on June 8, 2026. Trustees present: John Klempel, Doris Dagman, Brandon Schleuning, Tex Lermeney, Jason Lindholm. Employees present: Ryan Smith, Jaylene Stirling, Dusty Ginsbach. Guests present: Melissa Breeding, Linda Matthews, Deputy Williams.

President Klempel called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

AGENDA: Schleuning made a motion to approve the agenda as is, Lermeney seconded – all in favor, motion carried.

BILLS: Discussion was held on bills, Lermeney made a motion to approve the bills as is, Schleuning seconded. All in favor – motion carried.

JUNE 2026 Bills		
<u>WHERE/TO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>\$ AMOUNT</u>
5G LLC	Drain Freon	\$ 650.00
Amazon	Supplies	455.32
Badger Meter	Services	\$ 253.44
Baier Construction	Repairs	\$ 3,464.00
BH Pioneer	Services	\$ 50.00
Buffalo Hardware	Supplies	\$ 1,093.86
DANR	Fees	\$ 180.00
Dicks HVAC	Services	\$ 5,969.40
Dicks HVAC	Repairs	\$ 394.39
EFTPS	EFTPS	2790.74
Elan	Supplies	\$ 380.65
Grand Electric Cooperative	Services	2426.73
Harding County	Services	\$ 10,500.00
Harding County	Services	\$ 350.00
Hawkins	Supplies/Maintenance	\$ 4,390.80
Intuit	Services	\$ 243.20
Mandy Morris, CPA, LLC	Services	\$ 825.00
Nations Center News	Legals	\$ 202.04
NWSD SD Regional Landfill	Services	\$ 4,762.04
Olson Fuels	Fuel	\$ 112.65
Olson Propane	Supplies	\$ 2,796.96
Pickleball	Promotion	\$ 100.00
SDRS	Fees	\$ 1,462.28
SDRS	Fees	\$ 77.54
Stubs Tire & Lube	Maintenance	\$ 799.80
Town of Buffalo	Services	\$ 360.07
USPS	Supplies	\$ 468.00
USPS	Fees	\$ 126.00
WRCTC	Services	\$ 280.16

MINUTES: Lindholm made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on May 11, 2026, Schleuning seconded. All in favor – motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT: A report was available, Deputy Williams wanted to give everyone a couple of reminders as weather warms up: remember water safety at the lake and that DUI's can be charged operating a boat or golf cart.

BAR REPORT/LIQUOR LICENSES: One was made available with no concern. Smith informed the board that the new mini split is in and working, although the hot water heater is currently not working as the electrician made a mistake, but that should be fixed soon. Smith asked to hold on to Dick's HVAC check until the issue is resolved.

HC MEMORIAL REC REPORT: Kole Hand and Tel Koan were the winners of the spring pickleball league that made \$700 for the HC Memorial Rec Center. There will be another Glow Pickleball Tournament over Labor Day. Smith had flooring quotes available for the board to review before the budget meeting in June. Klempel asked Smith what could be done about the erosion on the Southwest corner of the rec center. It was recommended to try asphalt grindings and see if that holds up – Smith will try it.

FOLLOWUP

ROADS: Discussion was held on routes, etc. The board discussed keeping Main Street South gravel as there is so much truck traffic and adding sidewalks from the school to the track/football field. Lindholm made a motion to have Smith use Brosz and get estimates on all work, once that is completed the board will review and make their decision on how to move forward – Lermeney seconded the motion, all in favor – motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Discussion was held – no action was taken.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC CONCERNS/COMMENTS: NONE

TRUSTEE: Lermeney ran unopposed and will serve a 3-year term, he will sign a new oath.

PRESIDENT: Lermeney made a motion to nominate Klempel to continue as president, Klempel agreed, Dagman seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Lermeney- aye, Dagman – aye, Schleuning – aye, Lindholm – aye.

VICE PRESIDENT: Schleuning made a motion to nominate Dagman, she agreed, Lermeney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Schleuning – aye, Lermeney – aye, Lindholm – aye, Klempel – aye.

PLANNING & ZONING: Stirling brought forward the recommendations from the planning and zoning board for Glines Rentals property located at 307 Second St W in Buffalo, SD to be used as a business with the stipulation that they must abide by signage rules and if the business changes ownership or building becomes a new business a new permit must be issued. Dagman made a motion to approve the recommendation, Schleuning seconded, all in favor – motion carried.

Stirling also brought concerns she had received about 505B Second Street E. She presented a letter that had been sent to owner stating that the permit was issued March 12, 2024, with the conditions that new siding, reroofing, and skirting be completed within one year of approval date. As more than 2 years have passed this matter would be presented to the board – no one was at the meeting to discuss. Schleuning made a motion to give owners 60 days to show vast improvement or remove the home, Lermeney seconded. All in favor – motion carried.

RESOLUTION 03-2026: Lindholm made a motion to approve Resolution 03-2026, Dagman seconded. All in favor – motion carried.

TOWN OF BUFFALO
RESOLUTION NO. 03-2026

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SEMI-QUINCENTENNIAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, local governments are the bedrock of American democracy, providing 336 million residents with the most accountable, responsive, inclusive, ethical, and transparent government in the world;

WHEREAS, from the nation's smallest villages to its largest cities, America's local governments have been essential in transforming the United States of America into the greatest, most influential nation in world history;

WHEREAS, Buffalo, SD was first incorporated in 1909 and is proudly served today by President John Klempel, Trustees Doris Dagman, Brandon Schleuning, Jason Lindholm, and Tex Lermen; Finance Officer Jaylene Stirling; Town Attorney Dusty Ginsbach; Public Works Supervisor Ryan Smith; and a municipal workforce of dedicated public servants; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Buffalo wishes to celebrate the spirit of endurance, charity, and hard work embodied by historic citizens of Harding County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Buffalo does hereby recognize the semi-quincentennial celebration as an opportunity to educate, preserve, and innovate during this milestone anniversary.

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Buffalo, adopts the following proclamation:

On January 1, 2026, the United States began our year-long commemoration of an important milestone in the history of our country: 250 years of American freedom and independence.

Two and a half centuries ago, on July 4, 1776, thousands of years' worth of wisdom, philosophy, and culture were brought together in Philadelphia where delegates to the Second Continental Congress gathered to declare the birth of a new nation — "conceived in Liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal" — and, in so doing, launched the single greatest force for goodness, justice, prosperity, and human flourishing the world has ever known.

As we celebrate the 250th year since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we acknowledge with gratitude and pride that July 4, 1776, represents the most seminal political event in all of human history.

Unlike other nations, America's Founding was rooted in the belief that every man, woman, and child is "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

This conviction, enshrined in our Declaration of Independence, and indelibly etched upon every American heart, remains the bedrock of our government and the crown jewel of Western civilization. For 250 years, the burning flame of liberty has been passed down from one generation to the next, and has carried our Nation and our people to heights that our Founding Fathers could have never dreamed.

Guided by the example of Founding Fathers like George Washington, John Adams, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, and other American patriots who helped light the torch of liberty in 1776, let us ask our

Creator to bless America, free our Nation and our people from all threats to our safety and happiness, and to guide our actions for the security and common good of all Americans.

This year, we honor and cherish the generations of pioneers, warriors, statesmen, preachers, inventors, risk-takers, workers, and heroes whose unwavering commitment to the promise of freedom gave rise to the greatest Republic ever created. Today and throughout this year, we call on every citizen of the Town of Buffalo to celebrate this triumph of the American spirit, and to rededicate themselves to the sacred cause of liberty and justice for all.

The Bible teaches: “In all circumstances give thanks.” As such, it is fitting that we mark this special year as a unique occasion to celebrate our proud history, reflect on our abundant blessings, pray for our country and our people, and rededicate ourselves as one Nation under God.

From the earliest days of our national story, reflection and thanksgiving have been central to our character, identity, and destiny. Just weeks before declaring independence, the Second Continental Congress ordered a day of “fasting, humiliation and prayer,” petitioning God “to pardon all our manifold sins and transgressions” and to “establish the peace and freedom of America, upon a solid and lasting foundation.” Later, in the heart of the Revolutionary War, the Second Continental Congress declared it “the indispensable duty of all men to adore the superintending providence of Almighty God.”

In the sweltering summer of 1776, the promise of Freedom moved our ancestors to break with a tyrannical empire, issue the Declaration of Independence, and go on to overcome every hardship to establish a Republic like no other. It is this unwavering spirit of courage, faith and patriotism that propelled Paul Revere on his famous midnight ride, and that later inspired some of the world’s greatest men to pledge their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to build a new nation. It is this spirit that led General George Washington to persevere at Valley Forge; inspired Davy Crockett to make his last stand at the Alamo; sustained cowboys on the Great Western Cattle Trail; held the bloody ridges of Gettysburg; set slavery on a path to worldwide extinction; roused a generation of young men to conquer tyranny and communism overseas; and carried our beautiful Stars and Stripes to the face of the moon. To this very day, it is this American spirit that lives on in the hearts, minds, and souls of every patriot — and inspires every new generation of American citizens to reach further and aim higher.

When the Second Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, General George Washington issued General Orders to his army. In words that have echoed throughout history, he wrote: “The fate of unborn Millions will now depend, under God, on the Courage and Conduct of this army... Let us therefore rely upon the goodness of the Cause, and the aid of the supreme Being, in whose hands Victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble Actions.”

Today, too, we pray that our noble cause continues to be guided by the hand of providence and the grace of God — and that the fire of freedom will forever burn brightly in the heart of every American. Above all, this year, we pray and endeavor that the triumph of the American spirit and the glorious truths expressed in our Declaration of Independence will shine more radiantly than ever before.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all are invited to join in the celebrating the Semi-Quincentennial this Independence Day and throughout the year 2026 Anno Domini.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2026.

President of the Town Board

ATTEST:

Finance Officer

Publication Date: _____

Effective Date: _____

PAST DUE: Dagman asked Stirling to put the 20% late fee on past due bills on the agenda to visit about. Stirling informed the board that this has been in effect since at least 1987. Discussion was held – no action was taken.

TRAILER BIDS: One sealed bid was received: Brandon Schleuning bid for \$150 – Lindholm made a motion to accept the only bid, Lermeny seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Smith will be gone June 25th and 26th and over the 4th of July. He has ripped out old bathrooms by park, but will need to change out the hydrant as it is leaking. Discussion was held on drainage where tree fell and when that will be fixed, it will be when the bathrooms at the arena get the sidewalk, as the concrete guys should have extra on that load. Klempel asked Smith about the ants that are around town behind the curb by the gutters, no discussion followed.

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT: Stirling informed the board that she is still working with the auditors, gWorks, and Mandy Morris, CPA, LLC to get things back to working correctly and finish up the audit. Stirling reminded the board that the finance office will be closed the rest of the week due to the annual training, they will be decorating for the 4th of July next week. She will be ordering new cards as they are transitioning the emails over to .gov emails. Stirling asked the board on behalf of the Buffalo Clinic, if they would be able to rent tables and chairs for their appreciation bbq as they have done in the past, the board decided they would not be lending out chairs or tables any longer. Stirling presented the May financials:

Fund #	Fund Name	Revenue	Expense
101	GENERAL	\$ 69,034.42	\$ 28,514.71
202	REC CENTER	\$ 240.41	\$ 1,338.95
601	LIQUOR	\$ -	\$ -
602	WATER	\$ 14,431.62	\$ 2,710.68
604	SEWER	\$ 4,916.13	\$ 689.14
612	DUMP/SOLID WASTE	\$ 9,207.67	\$ 6,624.36
920	MISC/OTHER EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ -

President Klempel adjourned the meeting adjourned at 7:02PM

The next meeting will be held July 13, 2026, @ 6PM. at the Harding County Memorial Recreation Center.

Signed: President, John Klempel

Attest: Jaylene Stirling, Finance Officer

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