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Management of the newly village owned Sunrise Heights of Wauneta nursing home are becoming more streamlined and routine during monthly village board meetings.

The Wauneta Village board met last Tuesday, Aug. 14 for their regular monthly meeting.

Nursing home report

The nursing home committee of the village board brought forward several issues related to the management of Sunrise Heights of Wauneta.

First, they approved a motion to make minor changes to the employee handbook.

Next, they approved a contract with David Darling, Darling Computers to provide IT support services at the nursing home for \$325 per month. The cost for the IT support services is based on the number of computers and laptops in use at the nursing home.

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Lisa Kisinger reported that the nursing home has now been approved by medicaid and medicare and therefore can now begin billing these organizations.

The nursing home committee had a discussion on how to most economically purchase propane for the facility during the upcoming winter months.

At the end of the discussion it was determined that the nursing home will participate in Wauneta Co-op Oil's propane even pay plan at the rate of \$1.44 per gallon.

Kisinger reported that the facility used 7,690 gallons of propane last year.

Kisinger also reported completion of a Staff Controlled Substance Abuse Policy for nursing home staff.

The Village board reviewed and approved the financial reports from the nursing home. The reports showed \$100,473.26 received and payouts of \$93,641.53 during July. Kisinger noted that the monies received will increase now that the facility has been approved to bill Medicare and Medicaid.

During the meeting Kisinger advised the board that she has been very pleased with Rural Health Development's management of the facility. She noted that they have been very helpful and responsive to all her questions and needs.

Complaint regarding neighbor property

Three parties attended the village board meeting to complain about zoning violations and safety

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issues by their neighbor at 234 S. Shawnee.

The three parties expressed concerns about debris, safety issues and a live donkey living at the address.

After the village board heard the complaints, viewed photos of the alleged violations and discussed the issues it was decided to send a letter to the property owner.

Zoning and municipal code violations listed in the letter included:

1. Number of adult dogs being harbored at a residence, no matter the owner. (See section 4.22.01 Animals.)
2. Large animal being kept at said residence—donkey. (See section 4.22.02.)
3. No conditional use permit for home occupancy business being operated from said property and using more than 50% for business. (See sections 7.09 and all section 7.09.01-07.09.08.)
4. Using more lot than allowed for accessory building and no building permit or record of accessory building not attached to a permanent foundation. (See section 5.08.00.4.)
5. Accessory building not meeting building codes. (See section 4.12.)
6. Possible street storage of van not meeting requirements of section 7.01. (See section 7.01.08.)
7. Complaints of nuisance property; this refers to accumulated trash, bottles, iron, shingles, used iron, equipment, lumber, and etcetera. (Reference Village Ordinance #247 Section 1. 6-326.)

The letter listed the zoning and municipal code violations above and asked the owner to attend a meeting at the village office with the zoning administrator, the village attorney and sheriff's deputy Mike Dukes to discuss rectification of the offenses.

Sheriff's report

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Deputy Mike Dukes reported that there have been a number of break-ins in area counties recently. The thieves are focusing on high-tech equipment such as hi-definition TVs, computers and iPads.

The culprits wear ski masks during the robberies and shoot out video cameras with pellet guns during the robberies. Schools have been a special target of the attacks.

It is not known who is responsible for the robberies at this time but it is believed to be one group with an established path for moving the stolen goods.

Deputy Dukes urged village board members and the public to pay close attention to strangers in the area and to report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's department.

The rash of robberies had not hit in Chase County as of last Tuesday, Aug. 14.

In other Sheriff's business, Dukes reported that the new 4x4 truck is getting closer to arriving. The truck will be used by the deputy assigned to the Wauneta area.

During his report Deputy Dukes also noted that the village board needs to review the nuisance ordinances at a future meeting.

Village budget planning

Village Clerk Evelyn Skelton reported to the board that preliminary budget figures for the

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upcoming year have been prepared for the village. The board determined they will hold a special meeting to discuss the budget during the last week of August or the first week of September.

The date and time of the special meeting will be posted at the Post Office, Walgren's Super Market and Valley Bank & Trust.

They will host a public hearing on the budget at the regular September meeting of the village board.

Other issues

The Village board discussed propane contracts for the Ambulance barn, Fire Hall and pool. It was determined that they will fill as much as they can now at the current price and then prepay the balance of propane they anticipate will be needed.

The anticipated 1,500 gallons for the ambulance barn will be purchased from Crossroads, the 900 gallons for the Fire Hall and propane for the pool will be purchased from Wauneta Co-op Oil. Skelton noted that half the propane needed for the Fire Hall is paid by another entity.

Village Clerk Skelton informed the board that the village had received a donation of \$2,656 from the Frenchman Valley Development Corporation. The donation included \$1,500 for propane at the pool and the remainder was to pay for new dirt at the ball field. She noted the village already had \$1,000 from the Wauneta Community Foundation Fund and Randall Raile for the dirt at the ball field.

The Wauneta Village board's regular meeting time is the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. MT. The public is welcome to attend Village board meetings.

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