Village Of Bradshaw
P.O. Box 147
Bradshaw, Ne 68319

# Bradshaw Beat
# January 2026

Upcoming Calendar:

1/29/2026-Marketing Hometown America/Bradshaw Days Meeting 5:15pm

2/12/2026-Board Meeting 7pm

***In December there was a cross connection survey sent out with your bill. The state requires these survey's to be completed every 5 years. If everyone could fill those out and return them to the Village Office as soon as possible that would be great. If you have questions on how to fill it out you can contact Bill at 402-765-2691 or Stephanie at 402-736-4634. Thank you for your help with this!***

***The Village would like to make some updates to the mini park next to the post office. The proposed plan is to upgrade the current donor sign and put in a pergola. To make the upgrades, donations will be needed. For a minimum donation of $100 your name will go on the new sign and funds will go towards the upgrades of the mini park. All donations will be accepted and used for the improvement project. If you want to donate, please see the Village Office.***

**The Post Office in Bradshaw is looking for someone who can do snow removal in front and behind the post office when needed. If interested please call 402-723-5735. Thank you!**

**Just a reminder that the United Methodist Church has a kiosk outside that contains food items and books. You can help yourself to the items during the winter. We cannot put canned goods in the kiosk but there other food items in there.**

**The books are changed out every 3 months for a different selection. There are all kinds of books in the kiosk to choose from.**

**Also every Thursday the church has a community coffee & treats time. The starting time is 8:30am or whenever you get there. Come and enjoy goodies and friendly conversation.**

***BOARD MEMBERS***

| | |
|---|---|
| L.J. McCormick | 402-736-4644 |
| Terrence Werth | 402-736-4714 |
| Mary Kempf | 402-710-0279 |
| Devon Stamp | 402-710-8088 |
| John Hastings | 970-210-7897 |
| *Superintendent* | |
| Bill Carlstrom | 402-765-2691 |
| *Clerk/Treasurer* | |
| Stephanie Metzger | 402-736-4634 |

New to the Bradshaw Community are a cat, lizard, tarantula and a couple dogs. Do not worry, they are not roaming the streets, they are a part of the Robinson/ Cheyney family who recently purchased a home in Bradshaw. Responsibility for these pets is shared among family members Bradly, Silas, Rylan, Zander and Meadow and of course mom and dad when needed.

Bradly is active in sports, robotics and working at Runza.

Silas is musically talented and enjoys serenading the stars at night with his guitar.

Rylan is a gifted artist and enjoys playing saxophone in the school band.

Zander is active in all sports and especially enjoys baseball.

Meadow enjoys playing soccer and attending cheerleading camp.

With this busy family mom and dad have little time for themselves but when they do they enjoy playing scrabble and traveling.  Bird watching has also become a passion of Scott's.

The Robinson/Cheyney family are happy to be a part of the Bradshaw community.

**The Village has been working diligently to get properties cleaned up around town. We'd like to take this moment to remind everyone of what exactly a nuisance is defined as. We are asking for the help of the resident's to please clean up your properties. If you have any questions please contact me at the village office at 402-736-4634.**

**(A) § 92.20 General Definition,**

A nuisance consists of doing any unlawful act, or omitting to perform a duty, or suffering or permitting any condition or thing to be or exist, which act, omission, condition or thing either:

(1) Injures or endangers the comfort, response, health, or safety of others;

(2) Offends decency;

(3) Is offensive to the senses;

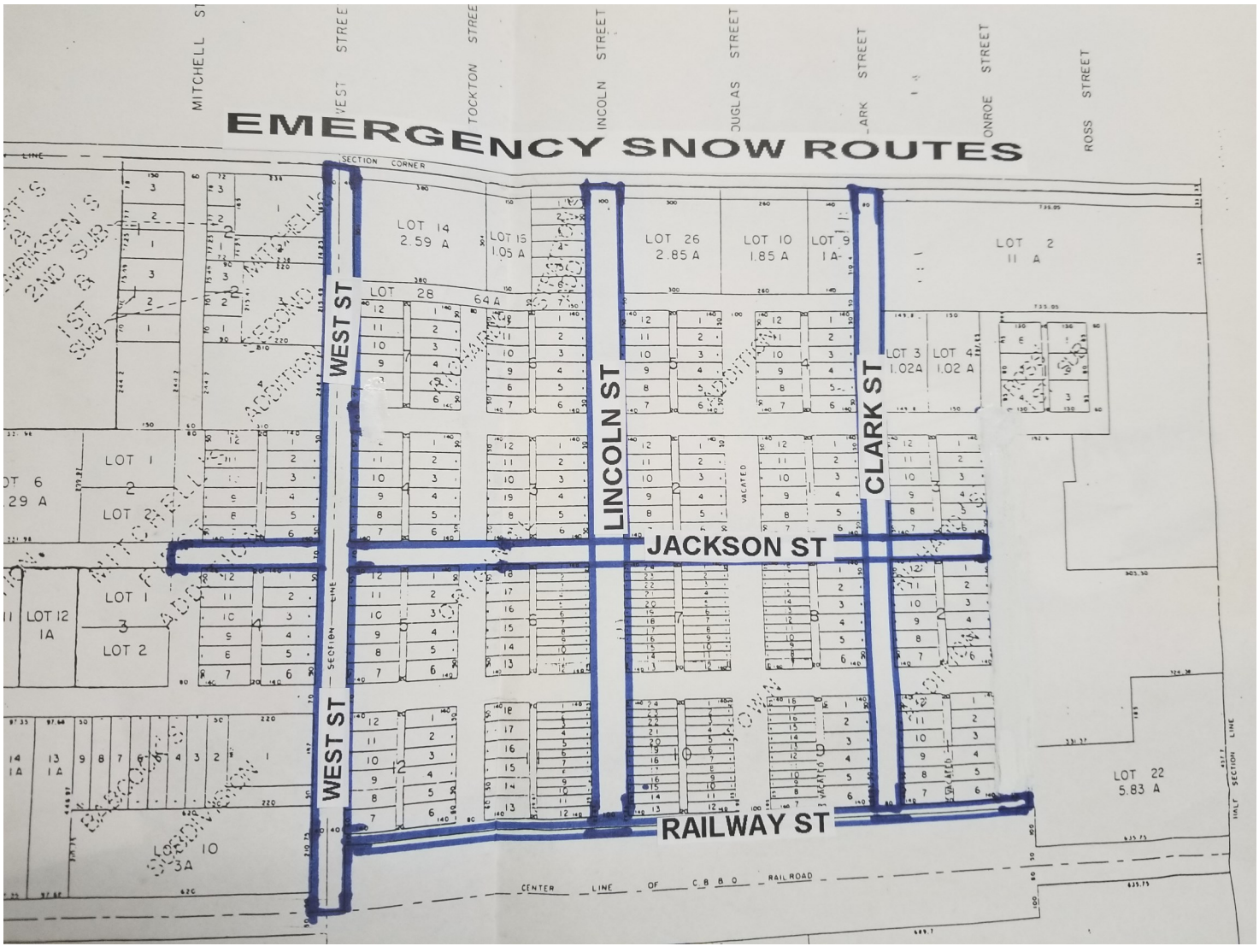
(4) Unlawfully interferes with, obstructs, tends to obstruct, or renders dangerous for passage any stream, public park, parkway, square, street, or highway in the municipality;

(5) In any way renders other persons insecure in life or the use of property; or

(6) Essentially interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property, or tends to depreciate the value of the property of others.

**EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES! THESE STREETS WILL BE CLEARED FIRST ONCE IT SNOWS! PLEASE BE PROMPT ON MOVING YOUR VEHICLES OUT OF THE STREET OR THEY WILL BE TOWED! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT STEPHANIE AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE 402-736-4634 AND SHE WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE!** ***SNOW REMOVAL WILL ONLY BE DONE WHEN IT SNOWS MORE THAN 2" AS PER BOARD POLICY.***

***ALSO, TRASH CANS NEED TO BE REMOVED FROM THE STREET THE SAME DAY AS TRASH REMOVAL! THANK YOU!***



**HOW TO PREVENT ENTRY CONTAMINATION**

When the hazard of contamination exists, effective steps should be taken to correct the condition. *If the condition cannot be corrected, then an appropriate backflow prevention device must be installed on the internal plumbing system.* This is generally the responsibility of the water user. Everyone should want to eliminate possible cross connections. Those who drink water on your premises will likely be the first to be injured if water becomes contaminated in your system.

An awareness of how contamination can enter a system is important. We must work together to keep everyone's water safe.

The people who are in charge of your public water supply system are aware of the dangers of cross connections. Your public water supply system has adopted a policy on cross connection control to comply with Nebraska regulations.

One of the most effective and the most inexpensive controls is to always keep an air gap between any potential contaminant and the water system. Don't allow garden hoses or other hoses connected to the water system to drop into sources of contamination. Hydrants drain back even when shut off and contaminants can be siphoned into the hose or hydrant.

If you need further information or need assistance in determining what devices are appropriate, contact your public water supply system.

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# CROSS CONNECTION AND BACKFLOW PREVENTION

## Let's Work Together For Safe Water

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Public health officials have always been concerned about cross connections and backflow in plumbing systems and in public drinking water supply distribution systems. People have utmost confidence in the water they drink. Open a faucet and we drink what comes out. If, however, the water is contaminated, sickness and even death can be the result. There are documented cases where cross connections have been responsible for contamination of drinking water. Many cross connections have resulted in the spread of disease; some cases have even resulted in death.

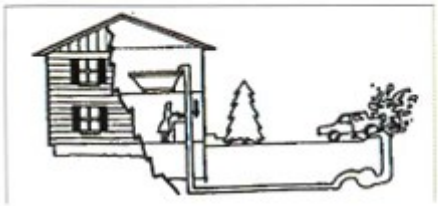
**WHAT IS A CROSS CONNECTION?**

A plumbing cross connection is defined as the actual or potential connection between a public water supply and a source of contamination or pollution.

In other words, a cross connection is the link through which it is possible for a contaminating material to enter the drinking water supply system. Such links, or possible links, pose a serious public health hazard. Because of the hazards of cross connections, you and every other customer of the public water supply system have a responsibility to help safeguard your system and the public water supply system (city or rural water district) from cross connections.

**HOW DOES CONTAMINATION OCCUR?**

When a cross connection exists, it is possible for a contaminant to enter the drinking water system when the pressure of the polluted source exceeds the pressure of the potable source. This may result in either a backsiphonage or backflow. Basically, either is a reversal in the normal direction of the water flow. Such situations can be produced through a variety of circumstances within plumbing systems, generally a drop in water pressure.



**One Example of Backflow Backsiphonage:**

A. *Contact Point:* A submerged inlet in the second floor bathtub.
B. *Cause of Reverse Flow:* An automobile breaks a nearby fire hydrant, causing a negative pressure in the service line to the house, sucking dirty water out of the bathtub.
C. *Suggested Correction:* The hot and cold water inlets to the bathtub should be above the rim of the tub.

**How Can You Be Affected?**

"Stomach flu' (gastroenteritis) is perhaps the most common ailment suffered by those drinking contaminated water. The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have documented many cases directly attributing the following illnesses and others to contaminated drinking water:

*Brucellosis, Campylobacter, Chemical Poisoning, Cholera, Diarrhea Enteritis, Dysentery, Giardiasis, Hepatitis, Hookworm, Paratyphoid Fever, Typhoid, Polio.*

**SOURCES OF CONTAMINATION, WHICH REQUIRE ATTENTION IN THE HOME:**

Any area with plumbing fixtures...
**Kitchen:** Sink, Dishwasher, Garbage disposal
**Bathroom:** Toilet, Wash basin, Bathtub, Shower
**Bathroom & Outdoors:** Hose bib (faucet to which a hose may be attached or buried yard hydrants).

**AT WORK:**

Industrial, commercial and health facilities are subject to many types of cross connections:
Bottling Plants; Fire Systems;
Heating and Cooling Systems;
Mixing Tanks; Paint and Ink
Mills; Plating Works; Mortuaries;
Printing Plants; Vet Clinics;
Hydraulically Operated Equipment.

**AT LEISURE AREAS:**

Many recreational facilities have separate water systems and plumbing connections, which also may be improperly installed and maintained. Some of these locations include:
Campgrounds; County Fairgrounds; Parks and Playgrounds; Golf Courses; Swimming Pools; Fountains; Recreational Waterfront Areas; Travel Trailer Connections.

**EXAMPLES OF RESIDENTIAL CONTAMINATION**

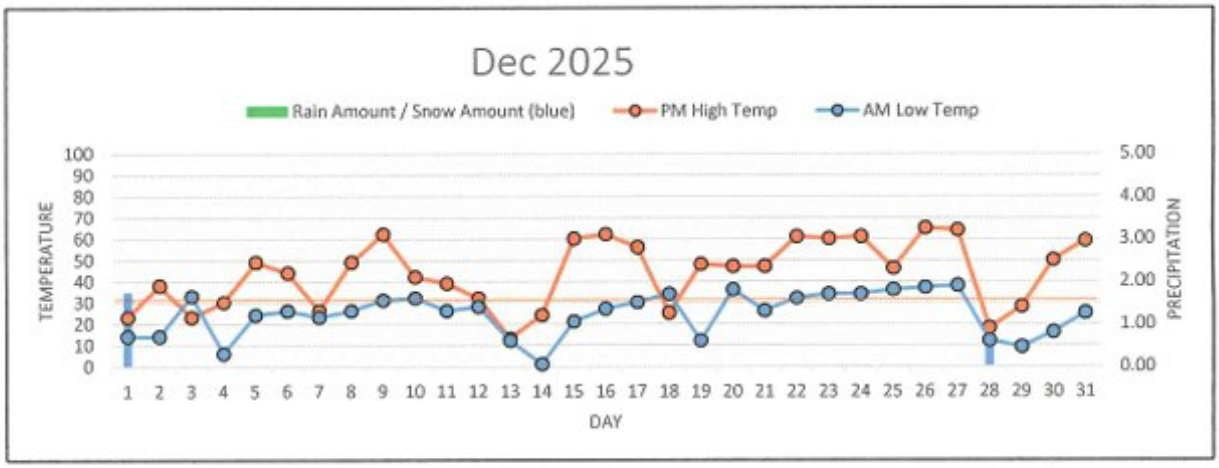
Occasional water pressure disorders can occur in the public water supply distribution system or within your own residence. These disorders can be caused by high uses of water, such as occurs when fire or flush hydrants are opened, or when a line breaks, or when there are equipment failures. Because of reduced pressure, the flow of the water in the system may be reversed. As a result, contaminants may flow backwards or be sucked into your plumbing system and the municipal or rural water system through unprotected hoses or other possible cross connections. Approved cross connection control devices are available which will prevent backflow or backsiphonage.

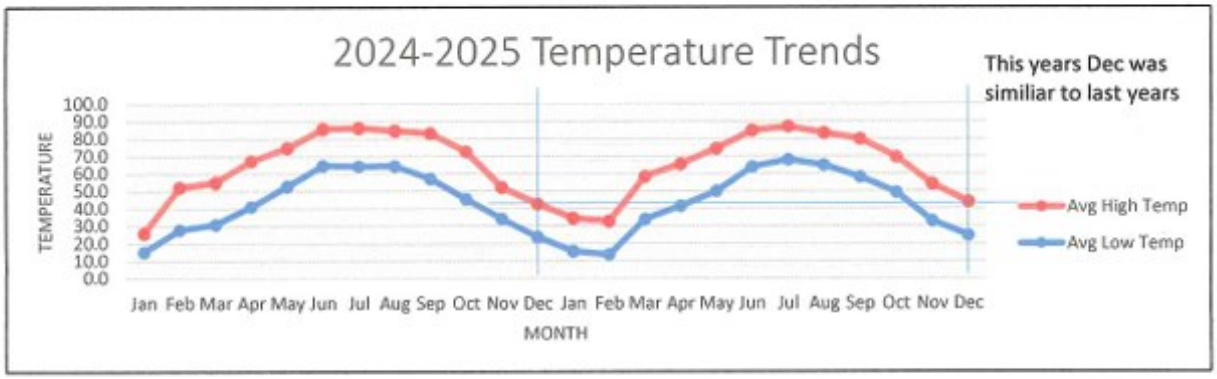
Some water customers may also have private wells. If an old well remains in operation, with valves to allow its use in the customer's water supply system, the potential exists for backpressure from that well water into the municipal or rural water distribution system. The private well must be completely and permanently disconnected from the public water supply system.

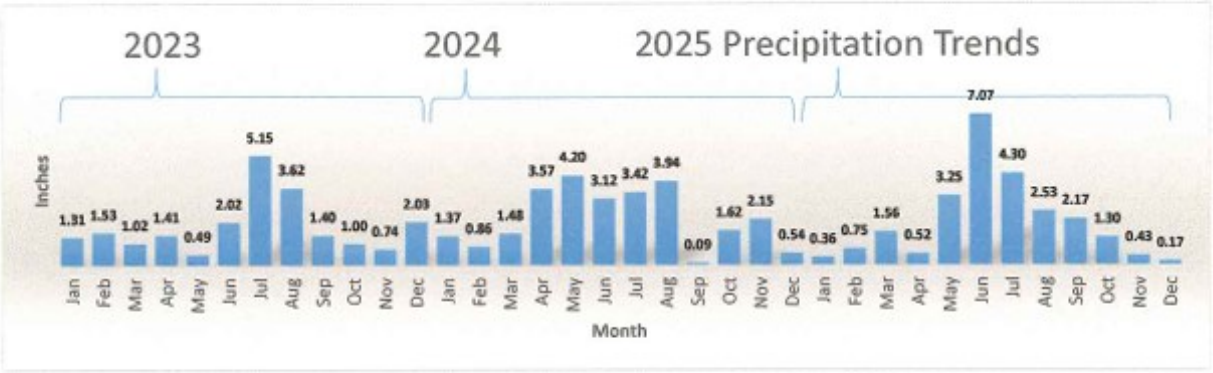
# WEATHER DATA FOR BRADSHAW

| | Dec 2025 | Last Year Dec 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| Average High Temperature for the month | **43.6** | 42.5 |
| Average Low Temperature for the month | **24.4** | 23.5 |
| High Temperature for the month | **65** | 68 |
| Low Temperature for the month | **1** | 8 |
| Number of Days with a Temp at 60 or higher | **8** | 2 |
| Snow Amount | **2.25"** | 0.5" |
| Precipitation for the month (liquid) | **0.17"** | 0.54" |
| Total Precipitation year-to-date | **24.41"** | 26.37" |

Notes: Abnormally Dry Conditions continue as December was a very dry month
It was in the Top 10 for Driest Decembers on record
Future Forecasts for January show warmer & dryer than normal to continue
Ended year almost 2" in moisture behind last year - not a good trend



VILLAGE OF BRADSHAW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – 01-08-2026

The Village of Bradshaw Board of Trustees met in regular session at the Bradshaw Community Center in the lower meeting room. Chairman McCormick called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. declaring the meeting to be open, legal, and properly posted with all members having been notified in advance through receipt of packets with agendas two days before the meeting. He announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted on the west door of the meeting room.

Trustees present: L.J. McCormick, Mary Kempf, Devon Stamp & John Hastings. Absent: Terrence Werth

Stamp moved, Kempf seconded to approve the meeting agenda. RCV: Ayes-McCormick, Kempf, Stamp & Hastings. Nays-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

Hastings moved, Kempf seconded to approve the minutes of December 11th, 2025, regular meeting. RCV: Ayes-McCormick, Kempf, Stamp & Hastings. Nays-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

Guests: Greg Berggren, Greg Weber, Willard Peterson, Judy Bowman, Pam Kaliff & Victoria Vaughn

Unfinished business:

Clerk advised board still working to get quotes for battery backup at North well. Hastings moved, Kempf seconded to table for more information. RCV: Ayes-McCormick, Kempf, Stamp & Hastings. Nays-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

New Business:

Board discussed the issues with the communication system with the wells, constant messages coming in. Sargent Drilling has been working to fix the system with no luck. AGM is the company that manages the system and hasn't been helpful at figuring it out. Hastings advised to look into grants to help pay for a new system and get quotes from other companies. Superintendent will speak with Chris Miller about grant money.

Hastings moved, Stamp seconded to approve treasurer's report as presented. RCV: Ayes-McCormick, Kempf, Stamp & Hastings. Nays-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

McCormick moved, Hastings seconded to approve warrants and payroll as presented. RCV: Ayes-McCormick, Kempf, Stamp & Hastings. Nays-0, Absent-1. Motion carried. Warrants and payroll approved are as follows: Allo Communications-office phone-$46.33; Apex Electric-camera electrical-$1578.00; Ball Insurance-quarterly payment-$9788.67; Black Hills Energy-natural gas-$606.94; Bomgaars-supplies-$195.33; Central Valley Ag-fuel-$151.04; Charles Schwab Inc-Senff IRA-$30.36; Cornerstone Bank FBO Stephanie Metzger -IRA $515.92; Hamilton Information system-camera's-$136.00; Hiebner-mower parts-$312.45; Home Depot-jack hammer-$179.95; Hometown Leasing-printer lease $89.96; IIMC-yearly dues-$220.00; Jackson Services, mops, rugs-$105.89; Jensen Lumber-generator build supplies-$105.35; Kopchos, garbage service-$142.00; Logan Sperling-Rebate-$600.00; Municipal Supply-parts-$261.15; Ne Dept of Revenue-sales tax-$1826.94; NE Public Health Enviro Lab-$15.00; NPPD-Wholesale electric-$19,042.09; NPPD M & O-maintenance-$1805.02; One Call Concepts-quarterly locates-$23.35; Perennial, well pumping-$750.08; Postmaster-postage-$312.00; Stephanie Metzger-Petty Cash-$57.34; York Ace Hardware-Supplies-$149.07; York Equipment-bobcat lease$3500; York News Times-publications-$12.22. December 2025 WARRANTS NOT YET PUBLISHED Walmart-supplies-$104.80. Payroll & Insurance-$14,352.93.

Additional Items:

Berggren asked questions regarding the plans for 1 & 6 year street, clerk advised it's separated into different years depending on the priority of the project to submit to the state.

Bowman asked if agenda can be posted on Facebook and website, clerk advised will make note of that.

Berggren inquired about the cost for the Central Valley Ag electrical upgrade, clerk advised it was around $500,000.

Clerk gave update on housing project.

Discussed nuisance properties in town. Working with Sheriff's office and attorney on those currently. Several around town need handled.

The clerk reported three delinquent accounts. Advised of KwH used vs billed for. Discussed appreciation dinner. Advised clerk to look into doing a $50 gift card to Bulldog Bar & Grill for all planning commission members & building inspector.

Carlstrom presented a utility superintendent report-water used vs. billed. Advised of repaired sewer main on West Fulton from Allo going through the main, Allo is paying for repair. Discussed issues with the water meters from old RV park, board advised to wait to do anything with them until we know what will happen going forward. Advised Polaris was backed into during meter reading. Getting it checked out for damage in Aurora. Discussed sending Bill to pesticide class, advised clerk to sign him up.

McCormick moved, Kempf seconded adjournment at 8:09p.m. RCV: Ayes-McCormick, Kempf, Stamp & Hastings. Nays-0, Absent-1. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held in the Bradshaw Community Center meeting room on Thursday, February 12th, 2026, at 7 pm. The public is always welcome.

_____ Stephanie Metzger, Clerk Treasurer

01/12/2026 Minutes posted at bank, post office, and community center.