

**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
PHILLIPS VILLAGE BOARD
June 2, 2026**

The meeting of the Phillips Village Board was called to order at 8:09 P. M. by Chairperson Benton on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 in the Town Hall in Phillips, Nebraska.

The following Trustees answered at roll call:

Dorothy Benton, Chairperson
Jim Crawford
Les Dana
Jordan Watson
John Briseno

Also present was Village Attorney, Drew Graham.

Chairperson Benton states, the Open Meeting Laws are posted on the south wall of the actual town hall meeting room.

Chairperson Benton moves to open the public hearing on the Village of Phillips Bartunek 3D Enterprises, LLC Redevelopment Plan at 8:10 p.m.

Public discussion held. Comments made for and against the redevelopment plan and tax increment financing.

Attorney for 3D Enterprises, LLC speaks briefly about tax increment financing and its use across Nebraska small communities and is available through-out the meeting to answers posed questions.

Chairperson Benton seeks comments from the Board of Trustees.

Trustee comments and questions were directed to the Village Engineer and Attorney for 3D Enterprises, LLC for clarification.

Village Attorney provides legal guidance on the next steps on approving or denying the Resolution as presented.

Chairperson Benton moves to close the public hearing on the Village of Phillips Bartunek 3D Enterprises, LLC Redevelopment Plan at 8:40 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Crawford, to approve Resolution 2026-9 – Village of Phillips Bartunek 3D Enterprises, LLC Redevelopment Plan. Voting aye: Watson, Crawford. Voting nay: Briseno, Dana and Benton. Motion failed.

Chairperson Benton moves to open the public hearing on the WWAC (Water Project) Pre-Application at 9:32 p.m.

Open public discussion held. Village Engineer is present to address the purpose of the pre-application.

Motion by Trustee Briseno, seconded by Trustee Dana, to approve Miller and Associates to submit the WWAC pre-application on behalf of the Village. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Chairperson Benton moves to close the public hearing on the Water Project pre-application at 9:37 p.m.

Chairperson Benton moves to open the public hearing on USDA Rural Development Water SEARCH grant for financial assistance in the amount of \$30,000 at 9:38 p.m.

No public comments made.

Motion by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Watson, to approve Resolution 2026-7- Authorizing Chairperson and Clerk to Execute Rural Development Financial Assistance documents. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Chairperson Benton moves to close the public hearing on USDA Rural Development Water SEARCH grant for financial assistance in the amount of \$30,000 at 9:41 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Briseno, to approve May 14, 2026 special meeting minutes. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Fire Department and Village Maintenance is briefly discussed.

Clerk/Treasurer reports were presented to Trustees to include end of month claims.

Property clean-up and violations are discussed with Clerk to send letters.

Brief discussion on the water project. Village Engineer is present and held a detailed discussion previously.

Well #2 draft Lease Agreement is discussed with the Board of Trustees.

Motion by Trustee Crawford, seconded by Trustee Watson, to approve the Well #2 draft lease agreement as presented and to submit to the Neeman's for their review. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Phillips Community Foundation events noise/vibration is discussed. Item is tabled for further review of planning and zoning regulations. Clerk instructed to add to July agenda.

Previously tabled item of Use of Cargo Containers in Residential Zoning is discussed.

Motion by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Briseno, to amend planning and zoning regulation for Use of Cargo Containers in Residential Zoning. Voting aye: Dana, Briseno. Voting nay: Crawford, Watson, Benton. Motion failed.

Permission to use the Village Ball Field for a Men's Slow Pitch Tournament on July 18, 2026 is discussed.

Motion by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Briseno, to allow use of the Phillips Ball Field on July 18, 2026 for the purpose of Men's Slow Pitch Tournament. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Dana, Briseno, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Purchase and cost of wooden play equipment for use at the Ball Fields in discussed.

Motion by Trustee Watson, seconded by Trustee Crawford to use \$250.00 of the Men's Slow Pitch Tournament proceeds to purchase wooden play equipment for use at the Ball Field. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Dana, seconded by Trustee Briseno to pay all Claims as presented. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Trustee Crawford moved, Trustee Watson seconded, to Adjourn as the Village Board of Trustees. Voting aye: Crawford, Watson, Briseno, Dana, Benton. Voting nay: none. Motion carried and the Village Board of Trustees meeting adjourns at 11:04 p.m.

Chairperson Benton moves to reconvene as the Community Development Agency at 11:05 p.m.

No further action is taken.

The Community Development Agency adjourns at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doris M. Arnett, Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Phillips