TOWN OF HAWTHORNE MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026 7:00 PM Held at the Hawthorne Town Hall

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The regular Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Town Chairperson Kent Paulsen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present at the meeting were Town Chairperson Kent Paulsen; Town Supervisors Chad Moss and Guy Clemmer; Clerk Deb Wermter, Deputy Clerk Jessica Dupree and Treasurer Becky Hallberg

Also present were Frank Schwirtz, Jason Ohman, Barb McDaniel, Benny Benes

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting held on July 8, 2026, were reviewed and approved. Motion by Guy Clemmer to accept the minutes, seconded by Chad Moss. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Becky Hallberg presented Treasurers Report.
There will be a change in who purchases fuel for lawn mowing. Guy Clemmer has offered to do this. In addition, the charge account at the Covered Wagon will be closed.
Motion by Guy Clemmer and seconded by Chad Moss to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Payment of Current Bills

Motion by Chad Moss, seconded by Guy Clemmer to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

Garage / Road Report

Frank Schwirtz gave an update on Jackson Road. Grading has helped eliminate the large chunks and the road is holding up well. The weight limit signs will be pulled and speed limit signs are up.
In other areas Frank reports that mowing is done and he is grading as needed.

Dumpster day will be Saturday September 26, 2026. No tires, electronics, computers or mattresses are accepted. Fees are charged for appliances. There has been a problem with people putting things in the dumpsters outside of the open hours. The town has received fines for items that aren't supposed to be disposed of. Next year there might be a charge to residents to utilize Dump Day if the illegal dumping continues.

Fire Dept Report

Fire Chief Frank Schwirtz reported that there were 2 structure fires, 6 medical calls, 1 car accident and 1 death

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Constable Report

Frank Schwirtz stated that the Fun Days went very well.

Douglas County Report

Douglas County Supervisor is not in attendance.

Cemetery Report

Evelyn Nelson will be sent a letter in response to her question regarding grave sites.

Janitor Report

Frank Schwirtz stated that Joanne Schwirtz would like to paint the bathrooms. Board approves if needed.

Old Business

Becky Hallberg reports that as of today 8/12/2026 all QuickBooks issues have been resolved. She had to erase some reconciliations, but she has all paper copies for documentation.

Frank Schwirtz presented an estimate for a new backhoe and trade in value for the old one. The board would like to proceed with getting loan approval from National Bank of Commerce with a yearly payment schedule starting December 2027. Final motion to proceed with loan will be decided at a future meeting once the paperwork has been received.
Motion by Chad Moss, seconded by Guy Clemmer . Motion carried

Town website will still be managed by Tina Moss. New clerk email address Hawthornetownclerk@gmail.com will be added to website and given to town vendors.

Jessica Dupree presented plans for a new internet provider, Spectrum. The internet plan would be 100mbps 60months for $80.00 WIFI $25.00 per month. The board members approve of the change to Spectrum and start the new plan.

Information on the Shell gas card was given by Jessica Dupree. This card would be used for fuel purchases for the Fire Dept and the Town. The board approves getting a Shell fuel card.

New Business

A town Facebook page will be developed and managed by Jessica Dupree. This will be a good place to notify the public about Fun Days, elections, meeting dates and other town information. The board approves.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Guy Clemmer to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM , seconded by Chad Moss.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Dupree
Deputy Town Clerk