

April 20, 2026 at 7:30 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting Special Meeting

The Trustees of the Village of Malcolm met on Monday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. in open session at the Village Hall located at 137 East 2nd Street, Malcolm, NE for such business as shall come before said Trustees. Notice of the meeting was posted at the Village Hall, Malcolm Post office, Malcolm Fire Department, and on the Malcolm Website on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Nick Benes: Absent, Mike Faubion: Present, Jerad Little: Present, Jack Tarr: Present, Jason Lemkau: Present

OPEN MEETINGS ACT REQUIREMENT

VISITOR PERIOD

BUSINESS

Ordinance 2026-02 A Resolution to Set Water Rates

Jerad Little made a motion to approve the adjustment of water rates effective June 1, 2026, establishing the following monthly base rates: single-family residential \$45.25, schools \$135.00, multi-family buildings \$100.00, multi-family units \$30.00, and commercial and industrial zoned properties, religious institutions (inside and outside the village), and single-family residences outside the village limits at \$67.75. The usage rates per 1,000 gallons will be set as follows: inside the village-\$5.75 for 0-5,000 gallons, \$9.00 for 5,001-10,000 gallons, and \$11.50 for 10,001+ gallons; outside the village-\$7.18 for 0-5,000 gallons, \$13.87 for 5,001-10,000 gallons, and \$16.35 for 10,001+ gallons. Bulk water rates will remain unchanged for 2026. Additionally, water rates will increase by 5% annually on June 1 each year through June 2030 as scheduled. Jason Lemkau seconded the motion. Motion Carried Nick Benes: *Absent*

Jerad Little made a motion to suspend the requirement for three separate readings of Ordinance 2026-02, an ordinance of the Village of Malcolm, Lancaster County, Nebraska, providing for the increase of water usage rates, including Exhibit A Water Maintenance Line Fee: Monthly Rate Schedule, and to proceed with final passage of said ordinance upon first reading. Mike Faubion seconded the motion. Motion Carried Nick Benes: *Absent*

Jerad Little made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-02, an ordinance of the Village of Malcolm, Lancaster County, Nebraska, providing for the increase of water usage rates, and to adopt said ordinance as presented including Exhibit A Water Maintenance Line Fee: Monthly Rate Schedule. Jack Tarr seconded the motion. Motion Carried

- Nick Benes: *Absent*
- Jerad Little: *Yea*
- Jack Tarr: *Yea*
- Jason Lemkau: *Yea*
- Mike Faubion: *Yea*

The Board reviewed the 2026 Water Study by the Nebraska Rural Water Association, current water rates, and a 7-year Water Revenue Gain/Loss report showing losses in five of the past seven fiscal years. Based on this information, the Board discussed the need to increase water rates to improve financial stability.

The Board also reviewed how properties are billed and determined that several classifications had historically been billed at the single-family residential rate. The Board approved moving commercial properties, industrial properties, churches within the village, and churches and single-family homes outside village limits to a new rate category to better reflect usage and costs.

Executive Session

Jerad Little made a motion to move into executive session at 8:22 p.m. for the protection of the public interest to discuss matters related to financial and contractual information, the disclosure of which at this time could have a detrimental effect on the public body's bargaining position and fiscal interests, pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statutes governing executive sessions under the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Jack Tarr seconded the motion. Motion Carried Nick Benes: *Absent*

The Village Board returned from executive session at 8:40 p.m. No formal action was taken, and no decisions were made during the executive session.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S), FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

April 29 - Planning Commission Meeting

May 5 - Board Meeting

May 27- Planning Commission Meeting

June 3 - Board Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND/OR ADJOURN

Jerad Little made a motion to moved to adjourn at 8:41 pm. Jack Tarr seconded the motion. Motion Carried Nick Benes: *Absent*

April Faubion, Village Clerk