

Village of Brownville Town Board Meeting

November 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Marty Hayes pointed out the posting of the Open Meetings Act.

Board members present: Carol Furnas. Also present Kristy Mertes, Clerk. Jamie Smith was absent. Marty Hayes asked to excuse Smith for being absent.

The clerk administered the Oath of Office for new board member Colleen Volkmer.

Motion by Hayes to amend the agenda, Furnas seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Furnas, seconded by Volkmer to approve the agenda. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Furnas, seconded by Volkmer to approve October 3rd regular meeting minutes and November 3rd Special Meeting Minutes. All yes votes. Motion carried.

John Lauber spoke about wanting to be selected as a board member at a previous meeting and was wondered why now if you want to be considered for a board member position you have to put your name in the suggestion box. He said he understands that the Chairman is able to select whomever he wants.

Motion by Furnas, seconded by Volkmer to enter to executive session at 6:46. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Volkmer, seconded by Furnas to end executive secession and return to regular session at 6:55. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Volkmer, seconded by Hayes to approve Terry Vice as Park Superintendent. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Volkmer, seconded by Furnas to approve Natisha Helmick as the new Deputy Clerk. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Chairman Hayes announced new board member Kim Johnson who will begin the month of December.

Motion by Furnas, seconded by Volkmer to approve the financial Report. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Furnas, seconded by Volkmer to approve the claims as handed out. All yes votes. Motion carried. Claims submitted by Smith were reviewed. Hayes moved to approve Smiths claims. Furnas seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Helmick's claims were reviewed. Furnas moved to approve Helmick's claims. Volkmer seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Claims submitted by board member Hayes were reviewed. Furnas moved to approve Hayes claims. Volkmer seconded. All yes votes with Hayes abstaining.

Projects, Buildings, and Equipment:

Water/Seewer Report: Helmick spoke about how Brownville's hook-up fees are lower than most. Auburn charges \$850 for time, material and mileage. She is suggesting we look into raising the water/sewer hook- up fee. She would like to adjust the seasonal water disconnect fee to \$25.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Hall from Nemaha Rescue spoke about purchasing the tower from Tom's Radio. He would like to sign a long-term lease and will pay the BPW bill at the tower.

Motion by Furnas, seconded by Volkmer to sign the Culvert Resolution to proceed with bidding. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Furnas, seconded by Volkmer to sign a 3 year Larm Resolution for insurance coverage. All yes votes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion by Furnas, seconded by Volkmer to sign the year end 2023 City Street Superintendent Resolution 11-13-1. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Furnas, seconded by Volkmer to appoint Evan Wickersham from JEO Consulting Group as the 2024 Street Superintendent. All yes votes. Motion carried.

James Murphey discussed his frustration about his road not being maintained. Marty told him that he attended the County Commissioner's meeting in Auburn and told Murphey that he needs to talk to them about it.

December 9th is the date decided we will have Santa at the Town Hall from 1-3.

Motion by Furnas, seconded by Volkmer to approve the purchase of the Nebraska Basic Code of Ordinances. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Volkmer, seconded by Furnas to approve building permits submitted by Cowan and Woerth. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Volkmer moved to adjourn at 7:25. Furnas seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Kristy Mertes, Clerk