

Village of Brownville Town Board Meeting

February 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: Josh Russell, Terry Vice, Natisha Helmick. Also present was Kristy Mertes, clerk. Bailey Bindle was absent.

Motion by Helmick, seconded by Russell to approve the agenda. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Helmick to approve the January 9 regular meeting minutes. Hayes abstained, Russell – yes, Vice – yes, Helmick – yes. Motion carried.

The financial report was reviewed. Helmick moved the financial report be accepted as handed out. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

The claims were reviewed. Russell moved the claims be paid as presented. Objection by Helmick on BPW street lights being double amounts. Will look into. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Claims submitted by chairman Marty Hayes were reviewed. Russell moved to approve Hayes' claims. Helmick seconded. Vice voted yes, Russell – yes, Helmick – yes, Hayes abstained. Motion carried. Claims submitted by Vice were reviewed. Helmick moved to approve Vice's claims. Russell seconded. Hayes voted yes, Helmick – yes, Russell – yes, Vice abstained. Motion carried. Claims submitted by Helmick were reviewed. Russell moved to approve Helmick's claims, Vice seconded. Hayes voted yes, Russell – yes, Vice – yes. Helmick abstained. Motion carried.

Projects, Buildings and Equipment:

Water/Sewer Report: Russell made a motion to approve and sign the Rural Water Contract Agreement. Vice seconded. Hayes voted yes. Helmick abstained. Russell – yes, Vice – yes, Russell – yes. Motion carried.

Helmick reported on a Maintenance Contract with Mike Sullwold. Mike's rate is \$250 per hour, plus chemicals. Each mow will be \$480. Mike will mow and Davis will do spraying four times per year(State recommend). Russell moved to approve Sullwold. Hayes seconded. Vice voted yes. Hayes – yes, Russell – yes, Helmick abstained. Motion carried.

Street Report: Snow is off the streets thanks to Vice and Helmick.

Riverside Park: Vice reported that rock will be spread soon. Bid for seeding. Vice asked if anyone would like anything additional at the park? Maybe money could be spent on solar lights or mower are some ideas.

A Company is wanting to use Brownville boat dock in the park to off load heavy equipment going to Kearney. They will pay and make sure everything is left the way it was or better. Need to get that written in a contract.

Old Business: Tom's Radio is being used by Brownville. We are going check the lease and see what we should do about the BPW bill.

New Business: We will be accepting mowing bids soon for the 2023 year. We will advertise on Facebook, Post Office, and run an ad in the newspaper. Bids this year need to include weed eating.

Steve Woerth discussed Creative District Sign placement. He said no signs will be put along the highway. Steve is asking the board to make an amendment for sign placement.

John Lauber presented a program CLG which he feels would benefit Brownville. You can receive grants to get QR codes to see inside our museums if they are closed. He is encouraging the board to look into this. No fees for this program.

Adjournment: Vice moved to adjourn at 7:48. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.