

**Village of Brownville Town Board Meeting,
January 11, 2021**

The Regular 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: Natisha Helmick, Bailey Bindle, Josh Russell. Also present, Deborah Solie, clerk/treasurer. Terry Vice was absent.

Motion by Hayes, seconded by Russell, to excuse Vice from Board Meeting. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Bindle, to approve the agenda as handed out. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Bindle, to approve the December 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes and December 22, 2020 special meeting minutes. All yes votes. 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. Helmick moved the claims be paid as presented. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Projects, Buildings and Equipment:

Water/Sewer Report: The report was given by Russell. He provided an update from the recent Rural Water meeting and said Johnson Services from Kearney would be cleaning the wet well. Solie added they would be in town the week of January 11.

Street Report: The Merchants of Brownville subcommittee presented recommendations for slowing traffic on Highway 136 as they approach the primary entrance to Brownville. Their recommendations included: 1) requesting department of roads to move speed limit signs further west along Hwy 136. The goal of moving the signs is to encourage reduced speeds earlier and avoid engine breaking. 2) Requesting the Village Board to request Department of Roads to complete traffic study. There is no fee associated with the study.

Russell moved the Village of Brownville file for a traffic study, Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

The MOB subcommittee is researching a permanent radar sign on Highway 136 and options to pay for the radar sign.

The MOB subcommittee asked the Board to take action on repairing crosswalk sign lights at Main Street and Hwy 136, as well as Water Street and Hwy 136. The Board and MOB discussed

grant opportunities to assist with funding the repairs. The Board asked whether solar lights on the signs had been investigated and whether the grant could be used to reimburse repair costs.

Motion by Hayes to table repairs of cross lights until additional information can be provided on the grant opportunity and solar light options, seconded by Russell. All yes votes. Motion approved.

The MOB subcommittee will present at a future board meeting on slowing traffic on Main Street and painting crosswalks in the Village.

Snow removal of the sidewalks was discussed. It is up to the property owners to clear the sidewalks in front of their properties.

Hayes provided a bid for a new blade for the Village tractor. The Board reviewed. Motion by Helmick to purchase the new blade from Lewis Implement. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Riverfront Park: Solie provided an update on the Riverfront Park projects with FEMA. The Board asked her to follow up with the County Commissioners on maintenance of park roads to share with FEMA, and ask about cleaning the creek near the park.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Marilyn Woerth, Regent of the Otoe Chapter of DAR, presented a certificate of award to the Village of Brownville for their lighting of the United States flag on the welcome sign.

At 7:10 p.m., Helmick moved the Board adjourn the regular meeting. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Helmick, seconded by, Russell to enact a settlement plan regarding the consumer water bill. All yes votes. Motion carried.

At 7:12 p.m. Russell moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss a consumer water bill. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

At 7:30 p.m., Helmick moved the Board exit Executive Session. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Helmick moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bindle seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Adjournment at 7:32 p.m.

Deborah Solie, clerk