

**Village of Brownville Town Board Meeting,
September 13, 2021**

The regular board meeting of the Village of Brownville commenced immediately upon adjournment of the preceding budget hearing, which began at 5:30 p.m. on September 13, 2021, and continued until all attendee testimony had concluded. The Regular meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. Chairman Marty Hayes pointed out the posting of the Open Meetings Act.

Board members present: Bailey Bindle, Terry Vice, Natisha Helmick. Josh Russell was absent. Also present, Deborah Solie, clerk, and Heather Pemberton, CPA.

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

Motion by Helmick, seconded by Bindle, to approve the August 9 Budget Workshop and August 9 regular meeting minutes. All yes votes. Motion carried.

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

The claims were reviewed. Helmick moved the claims be paid as presented. Bindle seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Projects, Buildings and Equipment:

Water/Sewer Report: Russell was absent. Solie reported there was no significant water/sewer activity to report.

Street Report: Vice and Hayes reported Smith is doing concrete work and installing a railing at the corner of 5th and Main streets this week. Smith will also repair the railing at 6th and Main streets and the culvert at 4th and Main streets the week of September 13 as well.

Constructors of Lincoln began work patching streets throughout Brownville and will resurface 6th Street this week.

The County completed work at 3rd and Main streets to assist with drainage. Tom and Roxanne Vacek reviewed some ongoing challenges with the drainage. The tube is not catching all water. The Board will ask JEO Engineering to view the area and provide recommendations. Hayes also spoke with the County about additional options to assist with preventing erosion.

Town Hall Repairs: Vice reported the gutters and façade work had been completed. Hayes said electricians needed to be contacted to check the plugs throughout the Town Hall. Groups using

the Hall have had problems with power and tripping fuses. Vice said he would reach out to local electricians for bids.

Old Business:

The Board discussed continued interest in new Christmas decorations for Brownville. Helmick and Bindle presented on options for the Village. The topic was tabled until the next meeting while they do additional research on brackets to connect to light poles.

Public Hearing to Set the Final Property Tax Request:

Hayes opened the public hearing to set the final property tax request for the Village of Brownville. Pemberton answered questions from the audience. Vice moved to close the hearing. Bindle seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried and the public hearing closed.

Hayes read aloud the resolution setting the property tax request, Resolution No. 9-13-21. Vice moved the resolution be adopted. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Vice moved the Village of Brownville adopt the 2021-2022 budget as presented during the Budget Hearing. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Solie presented on the new non-profit organization established in Brownville – the Brownville Education Center for Arts and Humanities. The organization purchased the Brownville Schoolhouse, also formerly known as the Antiquarium. The intent is to provide meeting spaces for the community, areas for artist lectures and engagements, as well selling books and sharing Brownville history.

Helmick moved to renew liquor licenses for TJ's Tavern, The Market and The Lyceum. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Bob Sailors was present to discuss the Brownville budget and government. His questions were answered on the budget during the hearing held at 5:30 p.m. Sailors commented that he did not agree with the hourly rate for existing workers approved by the Board.

Public Comment:

The floor was opened for public comment from the community. Comments were made regarding water drainage from streets to private property, ensuring handicap spaces remain open when snow is removed, the need to replace the crosswalk light on Highway 136, and funds raised for the Brownville Volunteer Fire Department and Nemaha Fire and Rescue by the Vaceks.

Adjournment:

Vice moved that the meeting be adjourned. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.
Adjournment at 7:18 p.m.

Deborah Solie, clerk