

Village of Brownville Town Board Meeting,
November 9, 2020

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

Board members present: Natisha Helmick, Gary Stuchal, Josh Russell and Paul Fish. Also present, Deborah Solie, clerk/treasurer.

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

Motion by Helmick, seconded by Russell, to approve the October 12, 2020 regular meeting minutes and October 23, 2020 special meeting minutes. All yes votes. Motion carried.

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

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

Representatives from the Nebraska Strong Recovery Project presented on the services they are providing to the area. Representatives will be in Nemaha County for the next nine months and available to assist community members dealing with stress, mental health challenges and recovering from adversity, and provide free crisis counseling. Brochures were provided and are available in the Brownville Town Hall.

Projects, Buildings and Equipment:

The Water/Sewer Dept. report was given by Fish. He provided an update on the installation of water meters, radio antenna and a monitoring system in the water tower. Total cost for the water tower system was \$7,800 and the Village will be able to receive approximately \$6,000 of the costs from the State of Nebraska. The monitoring system will save the Village money from water losses.

The matter of two houses on one property paying two water/sewer bills was discussed. The League of Municipalities states that two properties should pay two bills. Winkelman moved that new houses should have separate water and sewer meters and receive two bills per residence. Russell seconded. Stuchal and Hayes abstained. All remaining yes votes. Motion carried.

Street Report: Fish and Steve Woerth reported on the lights at Highway 136 crosswalks. The lights were originally intended for school crossing and have inoperative timers and need repairs. Discussion was held on the importance of restarting the crosswalk lights and additional efforts to assist pedestrian traffic. Woerth is investigating costs for repairs and maintenance and will provide updates at the December meeting.

Woerth asked for permission to coordinate with County and State officials to re-paint crosswalks on Highway 136 and in the Village using the Village paint and machinery. Woerth was granted permission to move forward.

The Whiskey Run Creek Winery culvert was discussed. A quote was provided to Village Board members, but was substantially higher than anticipated. The Board asked the Clerk to speak with JEO Engineering and have them evaluate the needed repairs of the culvert before moving forward.

Old Business:

Request from owner of 679 North 7th Street asking for the Village to vacate a portion of 9th Street. Doug Merz, attorney representing the home owner, was present to help clarify the survey report and ask for a resolution regarding vacating the street. Discussion was held on the topic and Helmick and Russell agreed to pursue a resolution with the Brownville attorney and Merz.

Woerth asked for approval to purchase a second set of lights for the Brownville welcome sign. Since the expense was approved at the previous meeting, a new motion was not needed. Woerth is approved to purchase the second set of lights.

New Business:

No new business.

Adjournment:

Winkelman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

Deborah Solie, clerk