

**Village of Brownville Town Board Meeting,
December 14, 2020**

The Regular meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. Chairman Marty Hayes pointed out the posting of the Open Meetings Act.

Board members present: Natisha Helmick, Bailey Bindle, Josh Russell and Terry Vice. Also present, Deborah Solie, clerk/treasurer.

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

Motion by Helmick, seconded by Russell, to approve the November 9, 2020 regular meeting minutes and November 18, 2020 special meeting minutes. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Chairman Hayes read the Oath of Office to new Board members Bindle and Vice. Bindle and Vice signed the Oath.

Election of Board officers took place:

Helmick nominated Hayes for chairman, seconded by Russell. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Helmick nominated Russell for vice-chairman, seconded by Hayes. All yes votes. Motion carried. Street Commissioner will be all board members.

Hayes nominated Russell for Water/Sewer Commissioner. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Hayes nominated Vice for Park Commissioner. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Bindle and Helmick will serve as Purchasing Agents.

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

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

Projects, Buildings and Equipment:

Water/Sewer Report: The Consumer Bill Discussion agenda item was held until the end of the meeting because it requires an executive session.

Street Report: The Whiskey Run Creek Winery culvert was discussed. JEO Engineering viewed the culvert and recommended a temporary fix followed by a long-term solution. The longer term fix will require extensive work and be costly. JEO will assist with finding grants to help with the cost. Hayes would like bids on the long-term options. Helmick moved the Board purchase Quikrete for the temporary fix (two pallets). Bindle seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Hayes discussed the need to fix the bank on the west end of Main Street. Vice made a motion

to have Hayes discuss repairs with Nemaha County Commissioner Mike Hall and ask for the County's assistance. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Steve Woerth reported a subcommittee of the MOB will present in the January meeting recommendations for the Hwy 136 crosswalk and other options. The subcommittee will also present in February recommendations for painting crosswalks throughout the community. Discussion was held on the highway and current efforts to slow traffic.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

The Village Board discussed Governor Ricketts Directed Health Measures for Covid-19. Solie is to monitor the DHMS and ask Town Hall renters to follow the guidelines and sterilize when done.

Appointment of Village Street Superintendent for 2021 was discussed. Helmick moved that the Village retain Evan B. Wickersham as the Village Street Superintendent for 2021. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Resolution 12-14-20 Year End Certification of City Street Superintendent Form was read for approval. Helmick moved that resolution 12-14-20 be signed by the Chairman. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Appointment of Village Engineer for 2021 was considered. Helmick moved that the Village retain JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as the Village Engineer for 2021. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Since the appointment of the clerk/treasurer was recently completed, no re-appointment was needed.

The Village of Brownville received CDBG funding. The clerk discussed the new grant award system used by the state for these funds and a timeline for distribution.

The Village is giving a thank you gift to Larry Helmick for his assistance during the recent Christmas event.

Randel Smith report on dirt work being completed along the Missouri River front. He will talk with newly appointed Park Commissioner Vice about removal of dirt and material in the Rivertfront Park. Smith may be able to assist with park clean up.

At 7:25 p.m., Helmick moved the Board enter Executive Session to discuss a consumer water bill discussion. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

At 7:37 p.m., Helmick moved the Board exit Executive Session. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Russell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Adjournment at 7:38 p.m.

Deborah Solie, clerk