

**Village of Brownville Town Board Meeting,
May 10, 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: Bailey Bindle, Josh Russell, Terry Vice, Natisha Helmick. Also present, Deborah Solie, clerk.

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

Motion by Russell, seconded by Helmick, to approve the April 12, 2021 regular 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. Vice seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Projects, Buildings and Equipment:

Water/Sewer Report: The report was given by Russell. The Board discussed the bids to rebuild the Brownville lift station pump or purchase a new one. Russell moved to approve the purchase of a new pump. Vice seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

The Board also discussed the Whiskey Run Creek Culvert. An estimate was provided by JEO Engineering for a long-term repair to the culvert. The estimate was \$304,000. The Board decided to pursue a CDBG grant to assist with the costs.

Street Report: The Board discussed a letter from the Brownville Fine Arts Association asking for a grate to cover the drainage area at 5th and Main streets and the need for additional drainage along the street in this area. The board discussed asking Jimmy Smith about the cost of the grate when he is working on other street repairs. Helmick moved to cover the drainage area at 5th and Main streets with appropriate hazard mitigation in the interim. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. It was decided to hold on the request for additional drainage until the area can be further evaluated by the board.

The Board reviewed a bid for patchwork, 2" asphalt from 6th street to Highway 136 from Constructors. The Board discussed removing the overlay on 6th street from state row to apron. Vice moved to accept the bid with the overlay on 6th street from state row to apron removed. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed recent tree removal in the village. Trees were dropped onto Village streets and damaged trees on adjacent properties. Vice plans to call the tree removers to discuss the damages.

Vice reported FEMA projects have been obligated and the Village is working with JEO to open up bids once the projects are reviewed.

Old Business:

The Board reviewed new information regarding the crosswalk lights on Highway 136. The final cost to repair the lights will be \$1,700. Lights will run 24 hours, seven days a week. The bulbs will be replaced with LED lights.

After discussion, Vice moved to pay for the crosswalk repairs and turn on the lights. Bindle seconded. Vice – yes, Bindle – yes, Russell – yes, Hayes – no, Helmick – no. Motion carried.

New Business:

Wayne Brandenburger presented the Merriwether Lewis Foundation recommendation for a planning company for the riverfront project. Lamp Rynearson was the company recommended. Vice moved to accept the nomination of Lamp Rynearson for the project. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed an opportunity to purchase tables and chairs available for a small amount from an organization in Auburn. Vice moved the Board evaluate the tables and chairs for sale. Hayes seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the need to replace the Christmas decorations that are hung on the light poles each year. The discussion was tabled while the purchasing agents review options.

The Village has ordered two benches for Main Street as part of the Downtown Revitalization project. There will be remaining funds that may be redistributed. The Board decided to table the discussion until the exact amount available is known.

The Board reviewed a building permit for two new structures. Helmick moved to approve the building permit. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

The floor was opened for public comment from the community. On May 18 a subcommittee of volunteers will paint the crosswalks on Hwy 136.

Adjournment:

Vice moved that the meeting be adjourned. Hayes seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.
Adjournment at 7:05 p.m.

Deborah Solie, clerk