

## Village of Brownville Town Board Meeting

March 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Marty Hayes pointed out the posting of the Open Meetings Act.

Board members present: Colleen Volkmer, Carol Furnas, Kim Johnson. Jamie Smith was absent. Also present Kristy Mertes, clerk. Chairman Hayes made a motion to dismiss Smith from being absent. Volkmer seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Volkmer, seconded by Furnas to approve the agenda. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Volkmer to approve the February 12<sup>th</sup> regular monthly meeting. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Chairman Hayes announced that 2 Easter donations were received. The Brownville Fire Department made a donation of \$150 and there was an anonymous donation made for \$100.

Motion by Furnas, seconded by Volkmer to approve the financial report as made out. All yes votes. Motion carried.

The claims were reviewed. Furnas moved the claims to be paid as presented. Volkmer seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Hayes claims were reviewed. Johnson moved to approve Hayes claims as handed out, Volkmer seconded. All yes votes, with Hayes abstaining. Motion carried. Winkelman's claim were reviewed. Volkmer moved to approve Winkelman's claims as handed out, Furnas seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

**Water/Wastewater:** Winkelman reported that Windstream is going through and there could be a water line hit. 7<sup>th</sup> Street fiber optic lines most heavily marked. Water lines/telephone lines could possibly be hit. The CPA suggested that Brownville combine the water and sewer bank accounts to simplify everything. BPW meeting is where it was offered to do 30 day month to month contract developed by BPW. BPW withdrew their offer of month to month contract.

Kenton Wheeldon commented that we can't combine the water and sewer accounts. Sewer has an obligation bond.

**Street Report:** Johnson reported that we are looking forward to getting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street bridge fixed. JEO has a person on staff who is going to help look for funding.

**Old Business:** The flooring bids were discussed. Johnson made a motion to accept the low bid with Shipley Flooring, Volkmer seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Steve Woerth spoke on the new Welcome signs and Hwy 136 Sculpture. Steve said he is ready at any time to put the signs up. He wants the village to be responsible for obtaining easements. Motion by Johnson, seconded to Volkmer to table. All yes votes. Motioned carried.

Mowing bids were discussed. As of now we only have one bid. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Furnas to be tabled. All yes votes. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Motion by Johnson, seconded by Volkmer to approve the holiday ordinance. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Building by law ordinance was tabled. Motion by Volkmer, seconded by Johnson to be tabled. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Volkmer terminate Presto X. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Kay Fish spoke on her library books she has stored in the Town Hall. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Volkmer to be tabled. All yes votes, with Hayes abstaining. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Furnas to approve zoning committee minutes and BVT building permit. All yes votes. Motion carried.

BPW Contract: The public was allowed to speak about billing/meter reading. The majority were for keeping BPW.

Johnson moved to motion into executive session at 7:24, seconded by Volkmer. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Johnson moved to motion to exit executive session and adjourn at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Furnas. No decisions made. All yes votes. Motion carried.

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Kristy Mertes, Clerk