

**Village of Brownville Town Board Meeting,
May 9, 2022**

The special 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: Terry Vice, Bailey Bindle, Josh Russell and Natisha Helmick. Also present, Deborah Solie, clerk.

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

Motion by Helmick, seconded by Bindle, to approve the April 11 and 18 meeting minutes. All yes votes. Motion carried.

The financial report was reviewed. Helmick commented the Board may want to consider moving funds into CDs from general savings. 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 with the amendment to change the listing for diesel from truck to tractor. Bindle seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Claims submitted by board member Marty Hayes were reviewed. Helmick moved to approve Hayes' claims. Russell seconded. Helmick voted yes, Bindle - yes, Vice – yes, Hayes – abstain. Motion carried. Claims submitted by board member Terry Vice were reviewed. Helmick moved to approve Vice's claims. Russell seconded. Helmick voted yes, Bindle - yes, Vice – abstain, Hayes – yes. Motion carried.

Projects, Buildings and Equipment:

Water/Sewer Report: The water report and contract review were tabled until the Board receives feedback from the Village attorney. The Board reviewed the Nebraska Rural Water Association water study and recommended increases in water rates. Helmick moved to increase the water rate by \$.70/1,000 gallons and leave the base fee at its current level. There was no second. The motion died. The topic was tabled until the June meeting.

Street Report: Constructors is providing asphalt chips for 7th Street. Hayes is coordinating with Nemaha County to deliver and spread the asphalt chips. The Village insurance company, LARM, approved the purchase of Children at Play signs. Hayes met with Hall to discuss putting in a tube in the 3rd street alley to assist with water drainage. A drain was plugged by the Concert Hall. Vice and Hayes cleared it. Vice asked for community help identifying plugged spots.

Town Hall Repairs: No bids have been received for repairs. The topic is tabled. The Board discussed added security measures for Village properties and asked the Clerk to look at security camera options.

Riverside Park: The Village is seeking bids for work in the park. Park equipment has been ordered.

Old Business:

Helmick reported the dog ordinance is still under review by the Village attorney. The topic was tabled until the June meeting. The Board and community reviewed the leash ordinance and posting the ordinance in the Village post office.

Helmick reported the zoning ordinances are under review by the Village attorney. The topic was tabled until the June meeting.

New Business:

Helmick discussed the Spring Flea Market and asked BHS to ensure vendors stay within the allocated space and off community property. BHS president, Steve Woerth, said the organization was addressing these concerns. Helmick also suggested all campers are required to stay off Main Street. BHS and the Village plan to meet after the spring to discuss challenges with the flea market and how to address them. Helmick and Vice will serve on the committee for the Board.

Solie reported the final rule for the American Rescue Plan took effect on April 1. The Village has reported the funds will be used for general Village services.

Adjournment:

Vice moved that the meeting be adjourned. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Adjournment at 7:24 p.m.

Deborah Solie, clerk