

**Village of Brownville Town Board Meeting,
February 8, 2021**

The Regular meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Chairman Marty Hayes pointed out the posting of the Open Meetings Act.

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

Motion by Hayes, seconded by Russell, to excuse Helmick from Board Meeting. All yes votes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Vice, seconded by Russell, to approve the January 11, 2020 regular meeting minutes. All yes votes. Motion carried.

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

The claims were reviewed. Bindle moved the Village donate to Blue Rivers Area Agency. Vice seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Russell moved the claims be paid as presented. Bindle seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Projects, Buildings and Equipment:

Water/Sewer Report: The report was given by Russell. He provided an update from the Rural Water District. The District is raising rates by \$1 per 1,000 gallons as of July 1, 2021. The Board discussed the possibility of a water rate study for the Village. Russell moved to table the topic. Vice seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Street Report: The Merchants of Brownville subcommittee presented recommendations for painting intersections and crosswalks within the Village. They provided Board members with a map of 26 locations the subcommittee is recommended be painted. Total cost for painting and materials is about \$400. Russell asked to view the intersections with subcommittee representative Steve Woerth. Russell moved to table the topic to March. Hayes seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the need to repair roads this summer. The Clerk will investigate options and provide an update at the March meeting.

The Board discussed the need to fill holes and eventually pour asphalt on the alley, south and adjacent to the Fire Department. Hayes is contacting Nemaha County to discuss options and need for assistance.

The Board discussed a sink hole at the opening to an alley way on Third Street between Water and Main Streets. Hayes will ask the County for assistance to repair the sink hole.

Old Business:

The Merchants of Brownville presented an update on their request to fix the crosswalk lights on Highway 136. There are no grant funds available to assist with repairs, and solar lights, due to state regulations, would cost more than the previous estimate. Board of Public Works is investigating additional options. Russell moved the topic be tabled until the March meeting. Bindle seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

FEMA projects related to the Riverside Park were discussed. A subcommittee will continue working on this project.

New Business:

The Board discussed the request to use Brownville streets and other Brownville areas as part of the Radler Bike Festival in June. No streets will be closed. Vice moved to approve the request. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Nemaha Natural Resource District Hazard Mitigation Plan. Vice made a motion to adopt Resolution 2-8-21 to formally adopt the Nemaha NRD plan to lessen the effect of disasters. Bindle seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed a request for funding assistance to provide gravel along the Whiskey Run Creek Trail. Hayes moved to table the topic until further information can be provided. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Vice moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bindle seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Adjournment at 7:11 p.m.

Deborah Solie, clerk