

**Village of Brownville Town Board Meeting,
January 10, 2022**

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, Terry Vice and Natisha Helmick. Josh Russell was absent. Also present, Deborah Solie, clerk.

Hayes moved to excuse Russell from the Board meeting. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Helmick, seconded by Bindle, to approve the December 13 regular meeting minutes. All yes votes. Motion carried.

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

The claims were reviewed. Helmick questioned a line item related to a Board of Public Works call out. Helmick moved the claims be paid as presented except the line item related to the call out. Bindle seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Projects, Buildings and Equipment:

Water/Sewer Report: Russell was absent. No report given.

Street Report: Board spoke with Mike Hall, County Commissioner, and are waiting for his visit to the community to review needed street and culvert improvements. The Board identified a 2004 Dodge Ram single cab truck for the Village for approximately \$15,000, and a new blade and sander for approximately \$13,000.

Town Hall Repairs: Thrasher viewed the Village Hall foundation and provided an estimate for repairs. Helmick moved to accept the Thrasher estimate and schedule the needed repairs. Bindle seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. The Board discussed some tree damage and damage to the building exterior. They are waiting on estimates for repairs and tree removal.

Old Business:

The Board discussed moving funds from Keno savings to CDs. Helmick moved to transition the Keno savings to two CDs for a term of 12 months. Bindle seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Zack Fergus from Lamp Rynearson presented the final recommendations for the Riverfront Development Project. The final plan was a culmination of six months of planning with stakeholders and public feedback. The Board asked for additional information on respondents to the survey and how many were from Brownville. Fergus said he would provide additional information to the Board.

Vice said he would like to ask the community their views on the proposed berm, whether it is through a survey, calling or emailing residents. Steve Woerth said the MOB Subcommittee was planning to survey the community and would be willing to collaborate with the Village to include a question about the berm.

The MOB Subcommittee, represented by Steve Woerth, provided an update to the Village Board. Woerth noted the 6th Street culvert is blocked by trees and brush. Vice said he would check the culvert. The subcommittee is also working on securing public wifi for the downtown area. This would require fiber being run down Main Street. Woerth has meetings scheduled to learn more. The flag poles on the Welcome to Brownville sign at the Depot were blown down. Woerth proposed using galvanized pipes for the poles. He would look into costs.

Solie shared the Brownville Volunteer Fire Department is investigating pagers for its current members and bunker gear for new members.

The Board discussed Board members working for the Village and reviewed contracts to hire Hayes, Vice and Russell to work on streets, water and sewer projects. Each have filed conflict of interest paperwork with the Clerk.

Vice moved to approve Hayes 12-month contract to work for the Village. Helmick seconded. Hayes abstained. Vice, Helmick, Bindle voted yes. Motion carried.

Hayes moved to approve Vice's 12-month contract to work for the Village. Helmick seconded. Vice abstained. Hayes, Helmick, Bindle voted yes. Motion carried.

Hayes moved to approve Russell's 12-month contract to work for the Village. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

The floor was opened for public comment from the community. Comments were made regarding a large and aggressive dog.

Adjournment:

Vice moved that the meeting be adjourned. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Adjournment at 7:41 p.m.

Deborah Solie, clerk