

**Village of Brownville Town Board Meeting,
August 9, 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 Vice, seconded by Bindle, to approve the agenda as handed out. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Helmick, seconded by Vice, to approve the July 12, 2021 regular meeting minutes. All yes votes. Motion carried.

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

The claims were reviewed. Helmick moved the claims be paid as presented. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Chairman Hayes opened the public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant. There were no comments from the public. Helmick moved to close the public hearing. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Helmick moved to adopt the CDBG resolution # 8-9-2021-1 authorizing Martin Hayes as Chief Elected Official to sign an application for CDBG funds. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Chairman Hayes opened the public hearing for the One- and Six-Year Street Plan for 2020/2021. The public shared the following comments: including a 100 ft curb at 4th and Main streets; repainting crosswalks; culvert repair at 7th and Main streets; an annual review with JEO of streets and drainage; improvements of Main Street east of Highway 136.

Following the public comments, Helmick moved to close the hearing. Bindle seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Helmick moved the Village adopt resolution # 8-9-2021-2 to adopt the one and six year plan as discussed. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Projects, Buildings and Equipment:

The Board discussed a railing on Village property that had been hit by a car. A police report has been filed by the Village and a bid sought for repairs.

Vice discussed needed repairs to the Town Hall gutters including adding a down spout. Vice moved the downspout be added, as well as other needed repairs to the Town Hall gutters. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer Report: The report was given by Russell. The lagoons need maintenance. Vice moved Mike Sullwold be contracted to mow and spray the lagoons. Russell seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Street Report: Vice and Hayes reported the County deposited dirt in the alley between 3rd and 4th streets south of the Fire Hall. Helmick will check with the County on rock for the alley as well.

Vice reported Jim Smith will be providing a bid on concrete work at 4th and Main streets to repair a culvert. The County has completed work at the corner of 3rd and Main streets. Helmick will seed the disturbed ground at this location. The Board will also seek bids for concrete work and railing at the corner of 5th and Main streets.

Riverside Park: Vice reported the Village is ready to seek bids for the park debris removal, street work and park amenities – all projects approved through FEMA. Vice and Solie reviewed feedback from JEO regarding the berm project and reviewed options. The berm has been tabled until more information is available.

Old Business:

The Board discussed continued interest in new Christmas decorations for Brownville. Additional catalogs have been ordered. The topic was tabled until the September meeting.

New Business:

The Board reviewed the Nebraska Department of Transportation Resolution 8-9-2021-3. Helmick moved the resolution for Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance and the Certification of Compliance be approved by the Board. Bindle seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Helmick proposed alternate plans for Halloween, should Covid-19 cause a nationwide shut down. Helmick moved \$300 be made available by the Village for buckets and candy for a drive-by Halloween event on October 30. Bindle seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Solie and Woerth will seek additional funds for the event.

Public Comment:

The floor was opened for public comment from the community. No comments were made.

At 7:36 p.m. Vice moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel and wages. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Vice moved the Board close the executive session at 7:50 p.m.. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

During executive session, it was decided to pay new hires by the Village \$15 per hour.

Adjournment:

Vice moved that the meeting be adjourned. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Adjournment at 7:52 p.m.

Deborah Solie, clerk