

Village of Brownville Town Board Meeting

December 11, 2023

The 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: Colleen Volkmer, Jamie Smith, Carol Furnas, Kim Johnson. Also present Kristy Mertes, clerk.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Volkmer to amend JEO after the audit waiver. All yes votes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Volkmer, seconded by Furnas to approve the November 13 regular monthly meeting. All yes votes. Motion carried.

The clerk administered the Oath of Office for Kim Johnson.

JEO – Update on bidding process. Bids were accepted this afternoon. The estimate was set at 350,000. Bids ranged from 271,000 – 376,000. Kevin said there was a few irregularities he is looking onto.

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

The claims were reviewed. Furnas moved the claims be paid as presented. Volkmer seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Claims submitted by Marty Hayes for October were reviewed again as there was no quorum at the November meeting since Hayes abstained. Furnas moved to approve October claims for Hayes. Smith seconded. All yes votes with Hayes abstaining. Motion carried. Helmick's claims were reviewed. Volkmer moved to approve Helmick's claims. Furnas seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Hayes claims were reviewed. Smith moved to approve Hayes claims. Volkmer seconded. All yes votes with Hayes abstaining. Motion carried.

Water/Wastewater: Hydrant flushes no complaints. 1 water turn offs, 1 curb stop, 1 water pressure issue over weekend. Meter reading audit. State mandatory. It's been five years since last one.

Riverside Park: The sign for the park came in last month. The post was ordered to install the sign. Where does the board want to put the sign? Maybe close to the entrance where we don't obstruct the other 2 signs. Need input if there is any FEMA money left what we want to use it for?

New Business: The yearly employment conflict contracts were signed by the board members.

Steve Woerth spoke about replacement of Old Welcome signs to Brownville with the board's permission Steve would like to replace signs east and west of town. Steve was asked to find a new location on one which was on private property. Volkmer motioned to approve sign replacement. Smith seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Steve also asked the board for approval for visitor center signs he has five locations for sign placement. Ordinance needs to be rewritten for sign size. Tabled for later discussion.

George Neubert – Received a Creative District Grant. Permit was denied for placement of sculpture. It needs to be 20 feet off of the highway. The sculpture needs to be along the Nature Trail. George is asking for permission for placement of the Art sculpture. He says he is looking at 2 locations and it won't block the view. We need to discuss which location best fits (1/2 way between trail and trees). Mark it so we can see the location better. Volkmer moved to approve sculpture placement (With approval first). Furnas seconded. Smith – yes, Johnson – yes, Furnas – yes, Volkmer – yes, Hayes – no. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28. Volkmer seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Kristy Mertes, clerk