

Village of Brownville Town Board Meeting

September 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. Chairman Marty Hayes pointed out the posting of the Open Meetings Act.

Board members present: Terry Vice, Jamie Smith, Natisha Helmick. Also present Kristy Mertes, clerk.

John Lauber mentioned his interest in the board member spot and also the grant writer position.

Motion by Vice, seconded by Helmick to leave regular session for executive session at 6:35. All yes votes. Motion carried. Motion by Helmick, seconded by Vice to leave executive session at 6:38. All yes votes. Motion carried. Motion by Helmick, seconded by Smith to return to regular session at 6:39. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Motion by Helmick and seconded by Vice to accept Carol Furnas as the new board member. All yes votes. Motion carried.

The clerk administered the Oath of Office for Carol Furnas.

Motion by Helmick, seconded by Vice to approve the Agenda All yes votes. Motion carried.

Attorney Mossman was introduced as our new Attorney.

Motion by Helmick, seconded by Smith to approve the August 14 regular minutes, August 24 and August 29 Special meeting minutes. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Heather Pemberton CPA was present to discuss budget Hearing dates. The week of September 25th was decided upon.

The Financial Report was reviewed. Helmick moved the Financial Report be accepted as handed out. Vice seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

The claims were reviewed. Vice moved the claims to be paid as presented, Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried. Claims submitted by board member Hayes were reviewed. Helmick moved to approve Hayes claims. Vice seconded. All yes votes with Hayes abstaining. Motion carried. Claims submitted

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Projects, Buildings, and Equipment

Water/Sewer Report: Natisha reported new chlorine pump will be set up shortly. Quintin is providing chlorine. Water spikes this month. Two suspected leaks. Annual sewer test will be done soon.

Riverside Park: Terry reported the park is being used a lot. Looks nice with mowing and weed eating. People coming to unload next year will be some extra funds for the park.

Motion by Helmick, seconded by Vice to approve the building permit for BFAA.

James Murphy asked about the Village getting asphalt chip for his Street. Price depends on the hauling fee. 22 tons is \$1,200. Rock is cheaper.

We have an agreement currently with BPW to do the billing. Billing hasn't been the correct amount quoted. We don't have a signed contract. It was discussed at there meeting. We will be talking with BPW about moving forward.

The Village is discussing a grant writer position.

Steve Woerth reported on the Brownville Creative District. Ther are currently 16 Districts. Brownville was the first to receive one of the Development Grants. Currently have an Art and Nature project going along the Trail. Willa Cather coming in October. Furnas Gazebo coming soon. They have Scholarships available for young performers.

Steve Woerth reported on the Steamboat Trace 25th Anniversary Celebration. It will be held Saturday October 7. All are welcome. Food and fun.

Natisha and Terry reported on the Flea Market. In need of more porta potties. Venders need to stay back. Getting too crowded. Vendors need to stay far enough apart. 4th Street is a major concern. Sinks in the kitchen are now up to code for serving food.

Village Website is in beginning stages. We received a refund on the webpages expense of \$342.

Adjournment:

Vice moved to adjourn at 7:50. Helmick seconded. All yes votes. Motion carried.

Kristy Mertes, Clerk