

**VILLAGE OF BEAVER CROSSING  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2024**

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Beaver Crossing, Nebraska met in open session at 7:00 p.m., at the Village Hall August 14, 2024. The public had received advance notice of the meeting by posting the notice in the following places: Village Hall, Farmers & Merchants Bank and the U.S. Post Office. Upon roll call, the following board members were present: Jerry Zieg, Jere Leif, Lance Breitreutz, Mike Banks and JP Black. Members of the staff present were Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Pankoke, Maintenance, Alex Kohout and Zoning Admin. Gary Grantski. Also present were Attorney's Kelly Hoffschneider, David Solheim and Drew Graham with Svehla Law Office and members of the community. Chairman Zieg brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act Poster. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and JP Black opened in prayer.

**AGENDA:** No agenda changes were needed

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The One & Six year Road Plan hearing was opened.

**MINUTES:** Lance Breitreutz made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes for June 18, 2024 and regular minutes for July 10, 2024. Motion seconded by Jere Leif. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Lance Breitreutz made a motion to approve Planning Commission minutes for August 1, 2024. Motion seconded by Mike Banks. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

**FINANCIAL:** Jere Leif made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by JP Black. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

**CLAIMS:** were reviewed, Jere Leif made a motion to approve the claims. Motion seconded by Lance Breitreutz. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

**ATTORNEY:** Kelly Hoffschneider shared about his business and proposal for the Village Attorney. The Board interviewed Kelly.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ZONING:** Building Permit 24-12; Justin Vajgrt, 910 West St. install fence and deck. Lance Breitreutz made a motion to approve BP 24-12. JP Black seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Building Permit 24-14; Chad Forney, 605 Omaha St. install fence and deck. Jere Leif made a motion to approve BP 24-14. Lance Breitreutz seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Building Permit 24-15; Village of Beaver Crossing to install a covering over the baseball bleachers. Lance Breitreutz made a motion to approve BP 24-15. Motion seconded by Jere Leif. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Building Permit 24-16; Bryant Pankoke, 514 Chicago St, to move in a box storage truck. Jere Leif made a motion to approve BP 24-16. JP Black seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Building Permit 24-17; Tova Johnson, 512 Omaha St. to move in storage shed. Lance Breitreutz made a motion to approve BP 24-17. Motion seconded by Mike Banks. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Gary presented several sample building permits. Discussion was held on cost of permits and fines. It was decided to keep cost and fines as listed. Multiple projects can be listed on permits, would be beneficial to use additional permit sheets.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Alex presented the bid of \$40,610.00 from Stutzman Digging, for the Miller St. water, sewer project, discussion; thoughts were to go with a 4" line verses a 2" line. Contact Butzke for a second bid, contractors are booked out it may be a spring project. No action taken.

A quote from Johnson was presented for lift station cleaning, \$1275.00. Last time it was cleaned was 2018. Jere Leif made a motion to have Johnson clean the lift station. Motion seconded by Lance Breitreutz. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Viking representative will try to be at our September meeting to share tower report and discuss contact.

The streetsweeper has not been returned from repair yet.

Sargent did testing on the wells, no report has been received yet.

**ATTORNEY:** Drew Graham with Svehla Law Office discussed services and contact. The Board interviewed Drew.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The concrete cap for park is completed, perfect fit, we need to send thank-you. Marsha Barh shared on the Paxson Estate, the land in Kansas had two appraised values and was sold to a life long friend of Jackies father at the lower appraised value. Marsha presented a consent of beneficiary that stated the Village would not sue Terry and Marsha Barth, Legal Reps for the Estate since the property was sold for the lower appraised value. Lance Breitreutz made a motion to sign the consent to approve the sale of the ground in Phillips County in KS for \$108,000. JP Black seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Discussion on the CDBG projects, Jerry had reached out for a bid for asphaltting several streets near the park and cemetery, no bids were received. A new community building was another possible project after discussion it was decided to apply for the grant in 2025 that would allow us to better prepare.

Discussion on process of putting VOBC Ordinances on our web site. The Board would like to review them and make changes first.

Lynn Schernikau prepared a pool review. The board noted that we may purchase a track phone for use at the pool next summer.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Lance Breitreutz made a motion to close the 1 & 6 year Road Plan hearing. JP Black seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion of selling Village property to Joe Smith. Jerry Zieg made a motion to retain the property. Lance Breitreutz seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Zieg, Breitreutz, Banks and Black aye, Leif abstain. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Lance Breitreutz made a motion to approve Resolution 24-3; The VOBC 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Jere Leif seconded the motion, roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

A grant from the NE Arboretum for \$15,000.00 was awarded to Beaver Crossing for tree planting, care and removal.

The Planning Commission would like to apply for a grant with the Upper Big Blue NRD, the proposed area would be along Main St. and Pioneer Rd. just north of Potters. The PC will need to verify Village ownership, and then work up a document stating intentions and a rough draft of the plan for the area.

**ATTORNEY:** David Solheim form Crete, shared his business and services. The Board interviewed David. Discussion was held on the three Attorney's. JP Black made a motion to hire David Solheim to represent the Village at an hourly rate of \$175.00. Lance Breitreutz seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** JP Black inquired about if the printer had the capability to convert word documents to PDF files, yes it does.

Mike Banks asked if Ray Foreman had finished the town camera updates, yes, he has. Mike also asked why there has not been a Building permit for the fence in Chris Heaters yard. In process.

Lance Breitreutz thanked the PC for promoting Build Beaver and other grant work they have done. Lance shared about a QR code for park camping guestbook, Lance will check further into this project. Lance noted that the Fire Dept. would like to install new keypad locks. Butch Wing would install them, cost would be approximately \$1,500.00. Pankoke stated that she would reach out to LARM for a safety grant. Lance Breitreutz made a motion for the Village to pay for the locks and installation. Jere Leif seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Jere Leif stated that near 517 Detroit St. there is a tree growing on the street right away that needs to be removed. Pankoke should mail Moore a letter to inform him that Kohout will be removing the tree.

Jerry Zieg shared that John Deere will be offering commercial mowers to Villages at State prices, we may want to consider this.

**CLERK REPORT:** Pankoke stated that she gave notice to Property owners at 302 Dimery Ave. to mow the property. Mike Banks said he would call them and ask them to mow it.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:30p.m.

Minutes approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman of the Board

Attest \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk/ Treasurer