

**VILLAGE OF BEAVER CROSSING  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 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 January 10, 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. Also present was members of the Planning Commission. 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 changes in the agenda.

**MINUTES:** Lance Breitreutz made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for Dec.13, 2023, along with the minutes for the Special Meeting on Jan. 4, 2024. Motion seconded by JP Black. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Lance Breitreutz made a motion to approve the Planning Commission minutes on January 1. Motion seconded by JP Black. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

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

**CLAIMS:** were reviewed and discussed, Merles Garden Center submitted an old invoice of \$400.00 after discussion request was to change payment to \$200.00. Lance Breitreutz made a motion to approve the claims. Motion seconded by JP Black. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ZONING:** None.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** None.

**CORRESPONDANCE:** Svehla Law Office represents many municipalities and offered legal services to us. Upper Big Blue Natural Resource District will have 3 Hazard Mitigation meetings in the area. FEMA request one representative from this jurisdiction to attend the meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** New City Shop update, total cost to date is \$174,246. The Ihde Fund provided \$25,000 toward the project. Waiting on the Menards rebate to purchase remainder of restroom items. Waiting on blocks for rock and gravel stalls.

Discussion of old City Shop we will check with the BC Fire Dept. to see if they have any interest.

CSI will donate a stainless-steel cap for the concrete in the park.

Seward Co. Sheriff has not provided a contract yet.

NE Affordable Housing Grant has provided documents and contacts to sign. They request us to open a separate checking account for the funds. We also need two users for the recipient portal. Lance Breitreutz volunteered to help with the portal. Lance Breitreutz made a motion to open a non-interest-bearing checking account for the Housing Grant. JP Black seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Resolution 24-1 Seward Co. LEOP (Local Emergency Operations Plan) Lance Breikreutz made a motion to accept Resolution 24-1, to approve the 2024 Seward Co. Emergency Plan. JP Black seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Brandon Mares Planning Commission Chair presented a plan to add a walking/ biking trail near the old railroad right-away and old lagoon and to gain access to the Blue Rover for fishing or kayaking. The old lagoon is out of compliance. The group would like to have the Village area surveyed. The board approved to have the area surveyed. We need to be aware of the poison oak in the area.

Discussion was held on the current nuisance ordinance; some feel it is vague and needs to be stronger. The board decided that each member should bring five properties that pose the biggest problem to the next meeting. Chairman Zieg made a motion to enter executive session for employee reviews. Lance Breikreutz seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. The board entered executive session at 8:15 pm. Chairman Zieg made a motion to leave executive session at 9:27pm. Lance Breikreutz seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Zieg made a motion to increase Alex cell phone payment to \$50.00 monthly and increase his salary \$750.00 a year. Lance Breikreutz seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Zieg made a motion to increase clerk hourly wage \$1.00 and to pay 13 four-hour days at \$26.00, for back vacation, and will receive six days of vacation in 2024. Jere Leif seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** None

**CLERK REPORT:** Pankoke stated she registered for Municipal Clerk school in March held in Columbus. Pankoke stated stamp prices will increase, the board suggested to buy four rolls of 100. Pankoke asked the board how they felt about emailing water statements, it would be an option and could save the town some money. The board said to put it out in the next water statement if residents wanted email statements verses mailed statements.

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

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

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