

**VILLAGE OF BEAVER CROSSING
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 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 October 9, 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: Jere Leif, Lance Breitreutz, Mike Banks and JP Black. Jerry Zieg was absent. Members of the staff present were Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Pankoke. Also present were members of the community. Vice-Chairman Breitreutz 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: Added reinstate Planning Commission member to the current agenda. JP Black made a motion to approve the agenda item. Mike Banks seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried, 4-0.

MINUTES: JP Black made a motion to approve the Tax Request Hearing minutes, the Budget Hearing minutes and the regular meeting minutes for September 11, 2024; the Special Meeting minutes for September 25, 2024. Motion seconded by Jere Leif. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 4-0.

FINANCIAL: Mike Banks made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Jere Leif. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS: were reviewed, Jerry Leif made a motion to approve the claims. Motion seconded by Mike Banks. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ZONING: Building Permit 24-19, Bryant Pankoke to install a fence and deck at 514 Chicago St. JP Black made a motion to approve BP 24-19 with the understanding per phone conversation that the fence must be framed with wood on top and the bottom of the fence. Mike Banks seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 4-0.

Discussion was held on hiring a Zoning Administrator from out of town, that just does building and zoning for other towns as well, the Board would like to see what kind of arrangement we could work out.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Viking Water tower maintenance contract was tabled and would like to have input from the Village maintenance person.

Witt 360 Tree Service submitted an estimate to remove a tree on south Main St. for \$1,200.00, It was mentioned that there is a tree at 517 Detroit St that needs to be cut down. Jere Leif made a motion to accept the bid for Witt 360 Tree Service and have them take both trees down. JP Black seconded the motion. Roll call vote all aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussed bid from JR's Bobcat for Miller St. We need to connect with Stutzman Digging to rebid the project in 4" instead of 2". Lance will visit with Stutzman.

The pool has been cleaned and the pool painting is almost finished. The lighting in the office and pool house are original and suggested to be updated, will check with Dawson or Ulch to get a bid. The diving boards also need replaced, we will need a 14', approximate cost is \$4,000.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Discussion on committee for new Community Building. Leif and Breitreutz would like to serve on the committee. Need to think about best location, how the building will be used. Discussion was held on bids for replacing the mower. It was suggested to get a bid for a 72” deck, with 35 horse power. We did have a bid of \$20,750 for a Kabota tractor, 60” deck. They would give us \$7,000.00 for John Deere trade in. No decision was made.

Discussion was held on a Tower Ordinance; the Board likes the Seward Tower Ordinance. Peggy will share that Ordinance with our Attorney and specifically want the term of (collocate).

Review of Employee benefits, we may need to offer a stipend to go towards health insurance for full-time employees.

Reviewing of current ordinances, it was suggested that each member take a section to review JP/1, Mike/2, Lance/3, Jerry/4, and Jere/5.

Report on Baseball stand covering, question was would galvanized or colored metal be best for the covering, the thought was white reflects the sun more and might be the better option.

NEW BUSINESS: We currently have 2 applicants for maintenance person. We will take applications through October 18. Plan is to interview candidates on October 22.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Leif stated that Terry Barth has volunteered his time to help out in several areas including mowing, as well as organizing the city shop.

Leif also mentioned on behalf of Zieg that a letter should be mailed to Mason Kuhl and request mowing.

Leif stated that Hemphill will train Leif on the street-sweeper.

Leif also said that the old street sweeper was sold on the Kobza Auction.

JP Black made a motion to hire The Sprinkler Guy to winterize the ballfield sprinklers. Mike Banks seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 4-0.

It was mentioned that the pool house and park restrooms will also need winterized around November 1.

CLERK REPORT: Pankoke stated that she put in a request for the Ihde Fund Grant of \$15,000.00 for a new mower. We did receive the \$500.00 LARM grant for the locks on the Fire Department. Pankoke notified the Seward Co. Sheriff about the illegal dumping at the burn site on Sept. 22, not sure if a ticket has been issued. EMC Insurance is in place for the Beaver Crossing Vol Fire & Rescue, anniversary date is July 1, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:19p.m.

Minutes approved by _____ Chairman of the Board

Attest _____ Clerk/ Treasurer