

The Village of Brule Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 9, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in the Brule Community Hall. Notice of the meeting was posted in three public places prior to the meeting date, that being the designated procedure. The meeting will be conducted according to the Open Meetings Act.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance to the Board Chair and Board members.

Prior to calling the meeting to order Mr. Wendell stated "According to section 1-121 of the Village ordinances that everything that is not governed by a specific statute will be governed by Parliamentary Procedure.

Roll Call: Lonnie Olson, B J Franken, Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff, Kevin Tjaden. Absent: None.

*Signed in Guests:* Josh Wendell: Village Attorney, Val Olson, Molly Hill, Curt Kaskey, Corina Kaskey, Barb Baney, Pam Horr, Ed Horr, Crystal Olson, Steve Kozial, Paulette Kozial, Chris McNeff, Molly Jeffers, Connie Craig, B J VanVelson, Matthew Emerzian, Kate Preston, Jamie Moore, Brent Burkland, Russell Correll, Roger Triplette, Jackie Triplette, Jerry Hayward, Jamie Moore.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Lonnie Olson stating the meeting will be conducted according to the Open Meetings Act. Lonnie asked Mr. Wendell If we need to seat officers. Lonnie was elected Chairman Pro tem at the December 21, 2023 meeting. This meeting was held to pay previous billing from the October 11<sup>th</sup> – December 21, 2023. October minutes were tabled in the December meeting.

A motion by Brian McNeff to nominate Lonnie Olson as Chair of the Board and seconded by K. Tjaden. Lonnie asked for other nominations there were any other nominations for the Chair position? There being no other nominations for roll vote. Brian McNeff made a motion to approve Lonnie Olson as Chair. Roll call for Lonnie Olson to be seated as Chair and seconded by Kevin Tjaden.

A motion made to table the October minutes until the next meeting by Brian Mc Neff and seconded by Mike Gibson. Yeas: Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff, Kevin Tjaden, Lonnie Olson. Nay: B J Franken. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

A motion to approve the minutes as amended of the December 21, 2023 with a listing of the billings by Mike Gibson that were approved and correct the paragraph to modify with a list of the yeas and nays and seconded by Brian. Roll Call: Yeas: B J Franken, Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff, Kevin Tjaden, Lonnie Olson. Motion Carried.

A motion to pay the billings as presented by Brian McNeff seconded by B J Franken. Yeas: B J Franken, Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff, Kevin Tjaden, Lonnie Olson. Carried.

Cemetery Financial were presented.

Lonnie Olson stated that this is a Public Hearing at 7:53 p.m. from the Village Engineer Brent Burklund for the Brule 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Brent stated, the State requires three parts as of September 30, 2023 the State Highway allocated \$70,778.28 and Motor Vehicle payments of

\$5366.77 Totaling \$76,145.05. Qualifications to receive the monies are a 1-year plan for the next year and a 6 years plan for the future. Kevin Tjaden suggested that the radius be placed as part of the plan. State Street was completed in 2023. Plan for current year will be to armor coat Oak from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> and this maybe this year or extend into the 6 Year Plan. The long term plan that has been in a project is to pave the street from Highway 30 to 8<sup>th</sup> Street. This would make it a complete loop around the town. Kevin suggested that radius' be put in place as soon as money allow. Crystal Olson asked if the crown of the road is too high and the manholes are very deep. This is actually a maintenance issue. In the spring the streets are evaluate for maintenance. The Lane Mile Reports do sometimes change and the Village is pay by the length of the street and the width of the street. This does vary as far as the lane miles and Brent does not know why because that has not changed in the Village for years. Lonnie asked if anyone had more comments. A motion by Brain to close the meeting and seconded by Mike Gibson. Yeas: B J Franken, Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff, Kevin Tjaden, Lonnie Olson. Carried. A motion to adopt the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan made by Kevin Tjaden and seconded by Brian McNeff. Roll Call Yeas: B J Franken, Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff, Kevin Tjaden, Lonnie Olson. Carried.

Mr. Kaskey had a question concerning his water billing. The beginning and ending numbers with switch up from time to time. Lonnie will ask Matt to check the meter.

Molly Jeffers and Connie Craig presented information for small businesses and new businesses.

Molly is working with business development and a class will be held at Mid Plains Community College locally and a Rep with have a class once a month starting on February 8<sup>th</sup>. February 9<sup>th</sup> a class by Lana Shaw at the local Mid Plains Community College. Classes with be held once a month. Molly stated that there are small business funding grants available. Molly "thank for having us.

Chrystal Olson has a concern about Matt installing radio read in her home. She does not want Matt in her home. She said Chris Batt will install the radio read and she with pay him to install the radio read at her expense. A motion by Mike Gibson to approve the radio read installed by Chris Batt and seconded by Brian McNeff. Roll Call Yeas: B J Franken, Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff, Kevin Tjaden, Lonnie Olson. Nays: None. Carried.

Lonnie Olson asked if he was to appoint a 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair. Josh Wendell said that a seconded Chair is not necessary. If Lonnie will not be present, he then will appoint a Chair Pro tem.

Lonnie Olson read Resolution 01-09-2024-1, a recall petition to remove Brian McNeff and Mike Gibson. This Special Election is to remove Brian McNeff and Mike Gibson. A motion by Brian to approve this Resolution Recall and seconded by Kevin Tjaden. Yeas: B J Franken, Brian McNeff, Kevin Tjaden, Lonnie Olson. Nays: Mike Gibson. Carried.

A louvered door to be replace at the wastewater plant by Western Nebraska of Lisco, Nebraska and it needs to be replaced as soon as possible at a bid of \$3030.

Discussion on the Viking bid for the painting and repairing the Water Tower will be tabled until the in February 13, 2024 meeting and accountant acknowledges the funding is available for the large project.

A motion to approve the billing as presented made by Brian McNeff and seconded by Kevin Tjaden. Yeas: B J Franken, Brian McNeff, Kevin Tjaden, Lonnie Olson. Nays: Mike Gibson. Carried.

Paulette and Steve informed the board that they will be filming the next meeting and post it on Facebook.

Crystal Olson stated that they are pulling the bid for snow removal because they are too busy to help with snow removal at the present time.

Lonnie Olson asked for a motion to approve the building permit Matthew Emerzian fence. Jackie Triplette asked why Matthew Emerzian fence is taller than 6'. Lonnie said the fence is that high because he is planning to put in a pool. This fence height is required if you have a pool or a hot tub for liability purposes. A motion by Brian to issue a building permit for Matthew Emerzian and seconded by Kevin Tjaden. Roll Call Yeas: B J Franken, Brian McNeff, Kevin Tjaden, Lonnie Olson. Nays: Mike Gibson. Carried.

The October Treasurer Report was tabled until next.

Treasurer report and billings were presented. A motion by Brian McNeff to approve the billings and treasurer's report seconded by Kevin Tjaden. Roll Call Yeas: B J Franken, Brian McNeff, Kevin Tjaden, Lonnie Olson. Nays: Mike Gibson. Carried.

A motion was made by Brian McNeff to approve the Resolution 1-24-2023-1 Municipal Annual Certification for Program Compliance 2023 and seconded by Mike Gibson. Lonnie Olson, B J Franken, Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff, Kevin Tjaden Cemetery Financials were presented.

October minutes will be presented at the February meeting for approval.

A motion to pay the following billings was made by Brian McNeff and seconded by Mike Gibson. Roll Call: Lonnie Olson, B J Franken, Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff, Kevin Tjaden Lonnie Olson - 68.65, ATC COMMUNICATIONS -159.34, B J Franken - 46.18, BLACK HILLS ENERGY – 200.44, City of Ogallala – 15,000, TIM DIAZ – 1500.00, E-LOGIC- 85.00, ENVIRO SERVICE INC - 820.00, MIKE GIBSON - 46.18, KWIK STOP – 464.64 , KEITH COUNTY NEWS – 173.45, VICKI MALMKAR – 1156.44, Matthew Emerzian – 1454.19, MATTHEW EMERZIAN Reimbursement– 150.00, BRIAN MCNEFF - 46.18, Murphy Tractor & Equipment-6767.41, NDEE Public Water Operators – 10.00, NAPA – 14.99, NPPD – 5593.67, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center - 1355, Nebraska Printworks - 2.90, RANKIN SALES AND SERVICE – 389.95, SHELCO – 33822.12, SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE – 95.00, KEVIN TJADEN – 46.18, UNITED STATE POST OFFICE—119.96, WASTE CONNECTIONS – 136.53, Wolf Auto of Ogallala—68.65, WIEST HARDWARE - 0, Total –\$ 35839.30.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brian McNeff and seconded by Mike Gibson. Roll Call: Lonnie Olson, B J Franken, Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff, Kevin Tjaden.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

The minutes have not been approved prior to publication.