

The Village of Brule Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the Brule Fire 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 which is the posted on the north side of the meeting room.

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

Roll Call: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff, Ed Smith. Absent: None.

Guests: Cody Fenwick, Ryan Essink, David Spencer, Jamie & Pam Moore, Russell & Joanne Correll, Molly Jeffres: KCAD, Chris McNeff, Jerry Hayward, Josh Wendell (Attorney), Molly Hill.

The meeting was called to order by Alan Bahnsen stating the meeting will be conducted according to the Open Meetings Act posted on the north wall

Josh Essink said that he got done with baseball practice with his son and the he is a coach for his son's baseball team and they were over at the park playing catch and all of a sudden there was a group of kids that wanted to play with the team. He thought it would be very beneficial to community have a team and use the ballpark. Reverend Dickmander and myself went over last week and everything is still there, uniforms, shirts, socks, pants, bats, balls, bases, etc. The Lions Club have approved the use of the equipment and asked what they might need help monetarily. They would like the water turned on for use of the restrooms. Setup a day or two to practice and have their own ball team for the kids. Ryan stated the he and his family would cleanup the end field. There are several volunteers for help clean up the ballfield. The bleacher cannot be used because the insurance company does not approve their use. A motion by Kenneth Armknecht to approve the use of the ballpark seconded by Mike Gibson. Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht, Ed Smith, Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

7:50 David Spencer said Matt Emerzian stated that the town is in the process of paving the streets and Spencer is interested in the time line. The construction crew that worked on the interstate has offered milling to the Village. The road projects are in the One & Six Year Plan. Alan Bahnsen said that he is not sure where and when the next road improvement with take place. Brent Burklund (Village Engineer) would have to approve the projects for the One & Six Year Plan. It is very expensive to pave streets and depends on the budget restrictions. To pave 1 block is in the range of was 26000 to 27000 on State Street. I have pictures of the sod I planted. He is wondering about the 10th Street Road and if it is a through road. Alan Bahnsen explained that from Cherry to State Street is a Village street and from East of State Street to Keith that Bill McCarty granted a temporary maintenance access for the County and Village to use as an access road. The blue building owned by the Ron Richards is really in the alley. Matt said that he would have to come down that road and remove that sod and Spencer said that was ok as long as you continue to down that street. He stated that Matt told him that Spencer had put a lot of energy into the property and that he was not going to do anything. Then a few days later Matt came and sprayed the sod. Matt continued down the street to spray. The next pictures he believes needs to have the entire town treated the same. Ed Smith asked what Spencer wants in the moment. Spencer believes he is being targeted. What are long term plans? He said someday he would like to build another house. He will get his ATV licensed. 8:14

8:15 KCAD the number 1 pick for the mural project on the Park Restrooms is Breanna Benson (local artist). KCAD is there asking for the official yes to go ahead with the project and sign the mural installation project and maintenance agreement for 10 years. It is standard with every mural project. The Village is required to carry insurance on the restroom. It is KCAD responsibility to repair any damage done to the mural. NP media will be filming while the artist is painting the mural. NP Media will do Interviews with the artist, Molly Jeffers and Mary, KCAD personnel, community members from Brule. The Brule Mural will be on the south side. NP Media will air March of 2024. Josh Wendell Paragraph 9 that owner and artist must carry liability insurance. Molly said that the building is in good shape and not in need of repairs. The owner of the mural is Keith County Area Development. There is a plaque is on the south sign and is it ok to remove the plaque. A motion made by Ed Smith and seconded by B. McNeff to approve the signing the agreement. Armknecht, Mary Jeffers said that KCAD would like to request the Boards approve on the countywide Branding Project that was held on May 10 and there were 7 members from Brule that attended the meeting. Keith County Chamber, NPPD, KCAD, to focus on Housing Development and First Impressions. They have been working on the project of branding each community in Keith County. They are looking for each community to approve the concept of the program at this time. This is a program that will not be funded by each community. A motion to accept the Windmill as logo for Brule Branding by McNeff and seconded by Smith. Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Mike Gibson, Ed Smith, Brian McNeff. Absent: Keith County Sheriff contract was presented by Deputy Hebbert for 2023-2024 for \$43963.90 with 2 equal payments of 21981.95. Ed Smith asked what the Village will be receiving for this amount of money? The Sheriff contract will not cover civil violations or Village ordinances and they only cover civil crimes. Ryan asked if there would be more patrolling? They will be on call as needed only. Speed limit on all Brule streets is 25mph. JoAnn Russell said that the Village could use the \$43,963.90 towards other projects in Brule that would be more beneficial than the Sheriff contract. Jim Jimenez is the court officer and not a patrol officer. A motion by Mike Gibson to not accept the contract or to renew and seconded by Ed Smith. Al asked Ed Smith opinion on the contract stated that 15 code violations in 15 months and they are shorthanded which her does not see changing, he does not fell the Village is getting the full 20 hours and not ½ the time of the patrol car. Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht, Ed Smith, Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff. Absent: None. Motion: Carried

When will something be done concerning the drug houses in Brule. Deputy Hebbert stated that they are in the court system.

Cody Fenwick (WCNDD) presented the following properties for abatement:

Declare a Nuisance by Resolution

CASE NO	Property
2023 BRU 001	PID 109009801, Brule, NE
2023 BRU 002	PID 109009800, Brule, NE
2023 BRU 003	317 Linnell, Brule, NE
2023 BRU 004	317 Olive, Brule, NE

2023 BRU 005	307 Olive, Brule, NE
2023 BRU 007	619 East 3rd, Brule, NE
2023 BRU 008	316 Linnell, Brule,
2023 BRU 010	305 State, Brule, NE
2023 BRU 011	507 East 3rd, Brule, NE
2023 BRU 012	213 State St, Brule, NE
2023 BRU 013	207 State St, Brule, NE
2023 BRU 014	212 Olive, Brule, NE
2023 BRU 017	611 Highway 30 East

A resolution to declare all the above properties a nuisance by Ken Armknecht and seconded by Ed Smith. Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht, Ed Smith, Brian McNeff. Nays: Mike Gibson. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

Cody Fenwick stated that Taylor Stone will be taking Cody Fenwick's position as the Nuisance Officer as of the next meeting. Cody Fenwick will be the Keith County Zoning Board.

Blake Odenbaugh's building permit to erect a fence on his property. A motion by Mike Gibson to approve the building permit and seconded by Ken Armknecht. Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht, Ed Smith, Brian McNeff. Nays: Mike Gibson. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

A motion by K. Armknecht to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by B. McNeff. Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht, Ed Smith, Brian McNeff. Nays: Mike Gibson. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

A motion by B. McNeff to approve the Treasure's report as present and seconded Kenneth Armknecht Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht, Ed Smith, Brian McNeff. Nays: Mike Gibson. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

Brule Cemetery financials were presented.

A motion by Brian McNeff to approve Ed Smith as a cosigner for the Village bank account and seconded by Ken Armknecht. Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht, Ed Smith, Brian McNeff. Nays: Mike Gibson. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

A motion by Ed Smith to approve the bills as presented and seconded by Brian McNeff. Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht, Ed Smith, Brian McNeff. Nays: Mike Gibson. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

A motion to approve the 2023 Nuisance and Abatement by Ed Smith and seconded by Brian McNeff. Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht, Ed Smith, Brian McNeff. Nays: Mike Gibson. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

A motion by Mike Gibson to apply for a State Credit Card with a limit of \$1000 and to have the card in the building and pre-approved prior to use seconded by Brian McNeff. Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht, Ed Smith, Brian McNeff. Nays: Mike Gibson. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

Alan Bahnsen will need to send a letter to the State to do a study concerning the traffic on Highway 30. The study will more than likely not be conducted soon.

A motion to approve the billings as presented by K. Armknecht and seconded by E. Smith. Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht, Ed Smith, Brian McNeff. Nays: Mike Gibson. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

Kenneth Armknecht 46.18, Alan Bahnsen 68.65, ATC Communications 157.84, Black Hills Energy 165.42, Brule Activity Center 175.00, Chief Transfer 88.00, Complete Circuit and Contracting 6120.00, Tim Diaz 3000.00, Matthew Emerzian 2908.38, Hi-Line Coop 144.45, Keith Co Sheriff 26877.94, Kenfield Electric 325, Kwik Stop 166.72, Vicki Malmkar 1156.44, Malmkar, Vicki Reimburse (Postage) 45.75, Murphy Tractor 94.26, NDDE Fiscal Services 6274.87, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center 542, Nebraska Public Health Environmental 51.00, NPPD 1716.56, One Call Concepts 8.68, Brian McNeff 46.18, Sapp Brothers Petroleum 602.00, Shelco Asphalt and Paving 4486, Kevin Tjaden 255.00, TC Engineering 595.00, United States Postal 711.25, Waste Connection 607.16, WIEST HARDWARE 0.57952.38

Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht, Ed Smith, Brian McNeff. Nays: Mike Gibson. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

Vicki Malmkar, Clerk

Approved Alan Bahnsen

Approved Vicki Malmkar

July 11, 2023