

The Village of Brule Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 8, 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.

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.

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

Guests: Lonnie & Val Olson Clay & Barb Baney, Brenna Triplette, Roger Triplette, Art & Molly Hill, Lonnie & Val Olson, David Spencer, Matthew Emerzian, Taylor Provost (WCNDD), Earle Benedict, B. J. Franken, David Spencer, John & B J VanVelson, Roger & Amy Triplette, Ted Taylor.

Taylor Provost, WCNDD presented properties in the Nuisance and Abatement program to be abated.

2023 BRU 002 Unlicensed vehicles & auto parts.

2023 BRU 004 Scrap wood, buckets, barrels, scrap auto parts.

2023 BRU 012 Unsecured structure.

2023 BRU 014 Scrap metal, scrap wood, chemical containers, trash, unlicensed vehicles.

2023 BRU 017 Unsecured structure, roof is debatable.

Mike Gibson: Are the people that own these buildings trying to clean up the buildings and have they been contacted? Taylor: I have only had contact with one property owner. We like to keep the process going to be sure that the progress continues. The other property owner has not contacted me. Mike Gibson: can we pull one of the properties off the list. We presented the properties for abate and prefer not to remove properties from the list. A motion by Brian McNeff to abate all the properties and seconded by Ed Smith. Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Brian McNeff, Kenneth Armknecht, Ed Smith. Nays: Mike Gibson. Motion: Carried.

Matthew Emerzian presentation: The water system master plan for Brule should be committed to providing the highest quality of water and service in the most economical, safe, reliable and timely manner. The master plan is our framework for water wells, storage tanks and water infrastructure.

“Title 179, these regulations govern public water systems, including fluoridation of water supplies, monitoring and reporting, public notice of violations, operator certification, operation and maintenance and laboratory certification for testing drinking water. 6/14/52023. Chapter 22-standard operation procedures, cross connections, High and Low Hazards, what is hazardous

to our drinking water. 22-005 General maintenance, preventative maintenance program. (Maintenance Management System)

Title 179: Regulates public water systems. There are 25 chapters that outline SOPs. If you have any questions regarding Title 179 reference dhhs.ne.gov. Every 5 years: Cross connection surveys are sent to residents. Once per year, informational pamphlets on backflow prevention and remedies are sent. All Community and NTNC public water systems must adopt and carry out a preventive maintenance program MMS.

Village Ordinance – Chapter V Article II Streets, Section 5, 102 Obstructions, Section 5 103 Permitted Obstructions, Section 5 211 Utility Lines, Wires, ETC. Section 5 212 Cutting Curb. No permit shall be granted for the occupancy of the sidewalk space for more than 1/3 of the roadway of the public space. A suitable passageway for pedestrians shall be maintained within the public space included in the permit, which shall be protected and lighted in the manner required by the Village Board.

Capacity Development, ensuring our drinking water is safe. Capacity-building is defined as the process of developing and strengthening the skills, instincts abilities, processes and resources that organizations and communities need to survive, adapt, and thrive in a fast-changing world. We will always need water. Installation of an additional well will ensure that the town and its current and future residents have reliable water. MCL's for nitrates 10.0. The state is requiring us to make a master plan to deal with our nitrate program.

Forward thinking, keeping the future of the village in mind. There is and will be continued interest in this area as the local economy builds and grows. Based on the new census population estimates. From July 2021-July 2022, Nebraska grew by 4,369 people, putting the states estimated population at 1,967,923 (5/2023 Omaha World Herald).

Future Goals: Update water meter system 0-10 years, GPS location/leak detection/ Remote Reading. Remodel the Concession Stand and utilize existing Village owned building. Sewer infrastructure rehabilitation. Certain areas within the Village limits have high risk potential hazards. I have created, developed and equipment list to standardize inventory for all maintenance and repairs in the future. Continue to ensure we have the best product to ensure safety and efficiency. Private and public organizations have an ethical and regulatory duty to avoid the bacterial and chemical contamination that can spread disease and damage health. It would be beneficial and in the Village's best interest to contract with the county to handle our building permits/zoning.

Fund raiser for the new Village Sign to replace the present sign by the railroad tracks. April 2023 Koss Construction donated \$5000. Goal: Host a large fundraiser for the new sign. Anyone donating to the sign project will have their name on a plaque that will be placed on the sign.

Setup an interlocal agreement for Zoning and Building Permits with the Keith County Zoning. Water rates increased slowly by 2040.

Ed Smith: What are latest nitrate? Matthew: last nitrate is 8.98.

Ed Smith: How often are the water totals recorded? Matthew: They are recorded 5 days a week and the system check takes 2 hrs. Ed Smith: How often do you dispose the sludge at the treatment plant. Matt: In summer I waste 3000 gallons once a week. In the winter we do not waste sludge. Matt: Clarifier is good for about 10 years. Matt: I have keep a state standard requirements log for the water, sewer, road & equipment. If anyone would like to ride along with me for a day, you are more that welcome. My direct state bosses are Tony Martinez-water and Jeff Stittle-wastewater. The sewer samples cannot be mailed because they are considered bio-hazard material and they must be driven to the lab.

City of Ogallala Water Systems Superintendent \$38.58
Wastewater Superintendent \$31.92
Street Superintendent 31.76
7/21/2023

City of McCook Water Systems Operator \$25.24 7/21/2023

Village of Brule Water Operator, Wastewater Operator, Street Superintendent \$24.04

Questions for the Board

1. Retirement - a verbal Contract, 01/2020 Mayor stated that I had been collecting benefits but never saw any paperwork. Do I have a retirement?
2. Health Insurance Benefits
 - a. Lapsed
 - b. Basic dental checkup paid with Village card
 - c. I had to pay out of my own pocket –Total \$250
3. Raises and Bonuses
Verbal contract 01/2020, Mayor and Board of Trustees that I would receive bonus/ bonus with each certification acquired.

I am requesting: Raise \$5-\$8 increase pay per hour. Compensation: 3 years back retirement benefits and bonus.

Earle Benedict is requesting a replat of his property of 16.67' that will be sold to his neighbor. A motion by Brian McNeff to approve the replat of the Benedict property and seconded by Ken Armknecht. Roll Call: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff, Ed Smith. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

Val Olson: According to your open meeting act and your by-laws you are to do a roll vote. This would help clarify who voted for each motion. That procedure the Board will follow.

John VanVelson is considering building on a vacant lot and ask the cost for a water and a sewer tap. Alan Bahnsen: John, did you get your sewer elevation. John: Yes, Matt got that for me.

Alan: We will get a cost of supplies and let you know. Alan: When you going to start building?

John: When I find out how must this cost. B J we are going to talk to KCAD about the project.

Ted Taylor: I went to the Village office and requested a book of Ordinances & a building permit. Vicki: I told him they were online. Ted didn't want to go to all the trouble to read them on line. I gave him a book of Ordinances. He didn't know it the Ordinance book was current, so I didn't want to start. I was hoping that there was a more current book. He should have asked for a Zoning Book.

Minutes of the previous meeting.

Brian McNeff: I have a letter from the State of Nebraska of Agriculture. This cleared that up. I have a question for you Matt. Matt: Yes. Brian: would you consider a pile of gravel a utility easement? Matt: I don't think I can answer that. Brian: You told me I was ignore because you had a utility easement. There is no utility easement on that block, don't call me names and barking orders, don't come to my place of business and try to chew my ass. Do you understand? Do you feel me? Matt: You ok? Sorry you feel that way. Brian: That episode at the Kwik Stop where Matt cut me off. Matt: Brian drove away and my vehicle was still parked at the Kwik Stop. Matt: I asked you politely to not spray the Park because we have K-lawn spray the park and if you spray the park you will double saturate the park. Alan gave Brian permission to spray the sidewalk. Ed: Let's stop this conversation because it is now getting personal.

Ted Taylor: Is it normal to use the street sweeper without water because it will clog up the sweeper. I cleared the gut all the way to the alley and then a couple of weeks later the loader was across the street and the gutters were full again and then the street sweeper created a cloud of dust and I had to clean the gutter out again. Alan: The old machine is just tired and old.

Brian: Are the alley's the responsibility of the property owners? Alan: Ask Bob Sestak that question and Bob said the insurance company requested the property owners take care of their alleys or the insurance rates would be higher. Roll Call: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff, Ed Smith. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

The "No dogs in the park" signs will not be posted.

Treasurers Report: A motion by Ken Armknecht to accept the Treasurers Report and seconded by Brian McNeff. Roll Call: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff, Ed Smith. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

A motion to pay the billing by Brian McNeff and seconded by Ed Smith. Names for use of Village credit card. Mike Gibson would suggest that all Board Member would be on the credit card and checking account. TABLED.

ATV's are to be registered with the Village. If the Village did not have the Ordinance for ATV the Village could be liable if there were and accident with an unlicensed vehicles (ATV).

Barb Baney asked where to get a ATV permit form? Vicki: I will drop application at your house.

Armstrong's are asking for a letter of support for their new business than will provide jobs for 25-30. Brain McNeff made a motion to send a letter of support for the Armstrong business and

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

Mike Gibson: Use of Village equipment to be parked in the shop and not by Matt's house. Who owns the Utility vehicle? Matt: I own the vehicle. Kenneth Armknecht: I believe that the company vehicle is to be kept at Matt's house and parked in the correct position and seconded by Brian McNeff. Roll Call: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff, Ed Smith. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

Review of employee's job performance to be held in January.

Brian McNeff: The Chicken Ordinance. The geese in the ordinance should be removed. The fee of \$50? The term adjacent. TABLED

A motion by Kenneth Armknecht to approve the billings and seconded by Brian McNeff.

21st Century Equipment - 206.00, 4-D Trenching - 450.00, ALAN BAHNSEN - 68.65, ATC COMMUNICATIONS - 160.61, KENNETH ARMKNECHT - 46.18, BLACK HILLS ENERGY - 40.88, 45.83, BRULE ACTIVITY CENTER - 175.00, CORE & MAIN LP - 3707.93, EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS - 36.50, EDWARD SMITH - 50.00, ENVIRO SERVICE INC - 25.00, FRASER WELDING, LLC. - 200.00, MIKE GIBSON - 46.18, HI-LINE COOP - 105.84, KWIK STOP - 166.32, KEITH COUNTY NEWS - 105.31, VICKI MALMKAR - 578.22, 578.22, MATTHEW EMERZIAN - 1454.19, 1454.19, BRIAN MCNEFF - 46.18, Murphy Tractor & Equipment C. LLC - 174.46, Nebraska Department Of Revenue - 732.30, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center - 271.00, 271.00, Nebraska Printworks - 2.90, Nebraska Public Health Environmental - 216.00, NPPD - 742.55, 31.85, 37.68, 446.44, 712.21, 31.58, 32.58, 31.58, 31.58, OFFICE SERVICE - 283.95, PIEPHO'S PLUMBING - 407.12, RANKIN SALES AND SERVICE - 6.56, KEVIN TJADEN - 325.00, TRISTEN A STICKLEY - 88.80, 313.66, VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY - 117.40, 470.25, WIEST HARDWARE - 158.68, WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NE, INC. - 66.03, 113.03, Total - 15863.42. Roll Call: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff, Ed Smith. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Kenneth Armknecht and seconded by Ed Smith. Roll Call: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht, Brian McNeff, Ed Smith, Mike Gibson. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

