

The Village of Brule Board of Trustees met in regular session on September 12, 2023 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 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,. Absent: None.

Guests: Lonnie Olson, Val Olson, Randy Meininger (EMS), David King, Matthew Emerzian, Richard Greek, Chrystal Olson, Lonnie Boring, Jerry Hayward, Brenna Triplette, Roger Triplette, Jackie Triplette, Molly Hill, Don Pedersen, Kevin Tjaden, Pam Horr, B. J. Franken, David Spencer, B J VanVelson, Chris McNeff.

Lonnie Olson introduced Randy Meininger (Regional West EMS director) and David Kling (Keith County Emergency Manager). Randy Meininger: Thank you for the invite. I have been with Regional West for 8 years. I grew up in this area and graduated from OHS and I have many ties to the area. Regional West will be pulling the plug out of this area and EMS covers Brule, Paxton, Perkins County and Ogallala. I am reaching out and would like to sustain the EMS for this area. The cost is approximately 1.2 million dollars per year. We are asking for your support with the funding of the EMS. EMS is 24/7 from one hospital to another. The City of Ogallala has agreed to supply their licensed ambulance. We will need an additional \$600,000 of monetary support and how to sustain this support.

David Kling: It was suggested that the EMS service put under Emergency Management, which only make sense. Management \$1,000,000 budget. Based on valuation would be 1/3 population, 1/3 call volume, 1/3 last years calls. We are asking if you could help out monetarily.

Mike Gibson: Can the Brule Ambulance be updated to be used by the EMS?

Lonnie Olson: It is about \$100,000 cost to upgrade the Brule Ambulance plus workmen's comp cost and it is just not feasible.

Lonnie Olson and Kevin Geiger are licensed EMT's. Kevin works out of Oshkosh.

Pam Horr: Can you ask to be taken to a specific location.

Randy Meininger: You can request a specific location and we will our best to accomplish the request. Generally, we would meet an ambulance at a specific point to take the patient to the location requested.

EMS is not a profit system but needs to sustain the current coverage.

Crystal Olson: Are non-profit grants are available.

Randy Meininger: David Kling is always looking for other means of financial help. Volunteers are always appreciated.

Alan Bahnsen entertained a motion to approve funding to help out with the county wide Mutual Aid Ambulance Service. A motion by Mike Gibson to approve the financial aid and seconded by Brian McNeff. Yeas: Armknecht, Gibson, McNeff and Bahnsen. Nays: None. Approved

Molly Jeffers- KCAD: I am sharing you today the designs for the new brands and an agreement for AI to sign showing that KCAD owns the new branding and not to change them as they are. Nebraska Printworks has all the logos and Regi from Five Star Custom Design has everyone logo. Just to remind everyone to update their website with the new logos. Brule's logo is the windmill. A motion by to approve Alan Bahnsen sign the agreement with KCAD. A motion by Brian McNeff to have Alan Bahnsen sign the agreement with KCAD and seconded by Mike Gibson. Yeas: Armknecht, Gibson, McNeff and Bahnsen. Nays: None. Approved. Molly Jeffers will send a copy of the sign agreement to the Village.

Pam Horr: Presented a copy of the application of the Oshkosh chicken & fowl application. I just happened to be in Oshkosh and picked it up.

Richard Greek: I am gone 6 months of the year and instead of paying for the time when I am gone. Just call Vicki when you are leaving and when you are coming home. Do we have any place to take branches? Matthew Emerzian: I am working on an agreement with City of Ogallala Manager to take the branches to Ogallala. The tree dump in Ogallala is actually Keith County tree dump. Anyone in Keith County can use the Keith County tree dump.

Kevin Tjaden: Who is authorized to enforce the ordinances? Alan Bahnsen: I have contacted the Village Attorney to see if we can hire a Village Ordinance Officer to enforce the ordinances. As of today I have not heard back from the Attorney.

Crystal Olson: How do you get a copy of the Ordinances? Alan Bahnsen: I have had the Ordinance book reprint at NPW because my disc is now accessible any longer. Chris McNeff prepared a Google document it has not been transferred to a website. Accessing to the Google document to put on the webpage. Would you consider using our trucks to move snow this winter and they would like to use the Village loader. Don Pedersen: Snow needs to be removed from all the streets this year. Truck parking in Brule? Streets in Brule are not adequate for trucks to pull in town with full loads. Don Pedersen: There is a cattle truck that parks by my house and it is not washed out and it stinks. Crystal: I feel we are being pushed out of Brule. It could cost Brule quite a bit of money if the trucks are not allowed in Brule. How do you get put on the Board? A notice will be published in the paper and all applicants will submit a letter of interest. Applicants will be sent to the Village Clerk. A name will be presented and voted upon until it is unanimous for the applicant. Crystal: I would be interested but we are gone for 6 months out of the year. It will be checked to see if this is a possibility.

Don Pedersen: Do we have a cop or not have a cop in town? The Sheriff's Department is responsible to enforce all laws but will not enforce local ordinances. I have dogs on my property I will shoot them. Jackie Triplette: I have a neighbors dogs the wake me up at all hours and they bark 24/7. I called the Sheriff and they will not do anything. Kevin Tjaden and I have to put up with this all the time.

The Budget Workshop will be the September 14 2023 at Brule Community Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Brian McNeff: Chicken Ordinance is at the Attorneys Office.

Correction: 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, Brian McNeff. Nay: Mike Gibson. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

Matthew Emerzian: Our current nitrate levels are 6.5 which is acceptable. Water taps are \$2000 plus saddle \$700 and Sewer taps are \$2000 plus saddle \$1500.

Brian: Why is there a charge to the Village account for a payment? The person is an auto deduct and their paycheck was changed to a later date and their account was then overdrawn. The bank then charges the Village and the Customer. A motion to approve the bank statement as presented by Mike and seconded by Ken Armknecht. Roll Call: Alan Bahnsen, Kenneth Armknecht, Brian McNeff. Nay: Mike Gibson. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

Cemetery Financials were presented.

Alan Bahnsen has not heard anything back from the Financial company concerning Matt's retirement.

Annual Certification of the Roads was presented and approve by Ken Armknecht and seconded Brian McNeff. Yeas: Bahnsen, Armknecht, Gibson, McNeff. Nays: None. Carried

A motion to move forward with the credit card with one signature of Mike Gibson for the Village by Ken Armknecht and seconded Brian McNeff. Yeas: Bahnsen, Armknecht, Gibson, McNeff. Nays: None. Carried.

ALAN BAHNSEN - 68.65, ATC COMMUNICATIONS - 157.88, KENNETH ARMKNECHT - 46.18,
BOMGAARS - 28.99, 13.28, BRULE ACTIVITY CENTER - 175.00, TIM DIAZ - 1500.00, EDWARD SMITH
- 46.18, ENVIRO SERVICE INC - 25.00, 264.00, FRASER WELDING, LLC. - 327.75, MIKE GIBSON -46.18,
JOHNSON SERVICE COMPANY - 13732.30, JOSH HOOVER - 849.20, League Association of
Risk Management - 17432.00, VICKI MALMKAR - 578.22, 578.22, MATTHEW EMERZIAN - 1454.19,
1454.19, BRIAN MCNEFF - 46.18, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center - 271.00, 271.00, Nebraska
Municipal Power Pool - 618.32, Nebraska Printworks - 15.40, 291.32, NPPD - 742.55, 31.85, 41.03, 31.58,
623.39, 31.58, 31.58, 462.04, 31.58, Nebraska Rural Water Association - 250.00, One Call Concepts, Inc.

- 17.86, 4.34, KEVIN TJADEN - 950.00, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE - 204.00, 58.40, WEST
CENTRAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT - 868.00, WIEST HARDWARE - 23.37, WASTE CONNECTIONS
OF NE, INC. - 35.50, 66.03. Total - 44795

A motion to pay the billings as presented Ken Armknecht and seconded by Brian McNeff. Yeas:
Bahnsen, Armknecht, Gibson, McNeff. Nays: None. Carried.

A motion to approve the resignation of Ken Armknecht as of end of this meeting by Brian
McNeff and seconded by Mike Gibson. Yeas: Bahnsen, Gibson, McNeff. Nays: None. Carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Brian McNeff and seconded by Mike Gibson. Yeas:
Bahnsen, Gibson, McNeff. Nays: None. Carried.

Alan Bahnsen_____

Vicki Malmkar_____

Approved_____