

The Village of Brule Board of Trustees met in regular session on October 10, 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, Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff. Absent: None.

Guests: Ric Penner: VIP, Omaha, NE, Val Olson, Steve & Paulette Koziol, Brenna Triplette, Roger Triplette, Amy Triplette, Jackie Triplette, Brenna Triplette, Molly Hill, Matthew Emerzian, Taylor Provost (WCNDD), Earle Benedict, B. J. Franken, B J VanVelson, Ted Taylor.

Ric Penner based out of Omaha with VIP presented the repairs and maintenance needed at the water tower and sewer treatment plant. There could be 2 plans over a 5-year period to extend the cost. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was made to increase the water and sewer rates by \$5 per service by Brian McNeff and seconded by Mike Gibson. Roll Call: Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Brian McNeff, Mike Gibson. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

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

Resolution to Rescind (1):

2023 BRU 012 213 State St., Brule, NE

Abatement Cost

1 property from 2021

1 property from 2022

7 properties from 2023

2023 properties on hold

A motion was made by Brian McNeff to approve the resolution to abate the properties and seconded by Mike Gibson. Roll Call: Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Brian McNeff, Mike Gibson. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented, a motion by Brian McNeff to approve as presented and seconded by Mike Gibson. Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Brian McNeff, Mike Gibson. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

There was a discussion of a budgeted 5% pay increase and retirement payments for Matthew Emerzian. Mike Gibson made a motion to table the pay raise and retirement payments seconded by Brian McNeff. Roll Call: Alan Bahnsen, Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff. Nays: None. Motion Carried:

Christmas decorations to be replaced by banners was discussed. Brian McNeff will contact Community Group concerning the decorations.

A motion was made by Brian McNeff to approve the Resolution 10-10-2023 Municipal Annual Certification for Program Compliance 2023 and seconded by Mike Gibson. Yeas: Alan Bahnsen, Brian McNeff, Mike Gibson. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

A motion to purchase a color printer, scanner, copier for the office was made by Brian McNeff and seconded by Mike Gibson. Roll Call: Alan Bahnsen, Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

LARM lowered the insurance rate on the Concession Stand which was valued at \$70,000 empty, to a lower value of \$37,000 because there is no chance of fire due to no electricity to the building and they raised the valuation on the water tower to \$1.2 million.

Cemetery Financials were presented.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Mike Gibson to accept the Treasurer's Report and seconded by Brian McNeff. Roll Call: Alan Bahnsen, Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

A motion to pay the following billings was made by Brian McNeff and seconded by Mike Gibson. Roll Call: Alan Bahnsen, Mike Gibson, Brian McNeff. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion: Carried.

ALAN BAHNSEN - 68.65, ATC COMMUNICATIONS -159.34, KENNETH ARMKNECHT - 46.18, BLACK HILLS ENERGY – 77.94, CORE & MAIN LP – 606.61, TIM DIAZ – 3000.00, E-LOGIC- 125.00, ENVIRO SERVICE INC - 25.00, MIKE GIBSON - 46.18, KWIK STOP – 78.04 , KEITH COUNTY NEWS – 173.45, VICKI MALMKAR – 1156.44, MATTHEW EMERZIAN – 2908.38, BRIAN MCNEFF - 46.18, NAPA – 14.99, NPPD – 2301.85, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center - 542, Nebraska Printworks - 2.90, RANKIN SALES AND SERVICE – 389.95, SHELCO – 33822.12, SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE – 95.00, KEVIN TJADEN - 950.00, UNITED STATE POST OFFIC E--28.95, WASTE CONNECTIONS – 136.53, WCNDD – 865, WIEST HARDWARE - 0, , Total –\$ 47,664.08.

Flood Plan Manager and Village Superintendent will attend the required meeting on October 12, 2023, for the Flood Plan schooling in Alliance.

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

Alan Bahnsen

Approved _____ Alan Bahnsen