

Village of Brule Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025

The Village of Brule Board of Trustees met on April 8, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Brule Community Hall. Notice was posted at the Brule Post Office, Adams Bank & Trust, and Village Office per procedure. The meeting followed the Open Meetings Act, displayed in the room. Advance notice and the agenda were provided to board members, with acknowledgments attached to these minutes. The meeting was recorded while open to the public.

Roll Call: Present trustees: BJ Franken, Julius Dickmader, and Thaddeus Glenn. Absent trustees: Mike Gibson and Dave Spencer. Also in attendance: Village Clerk/Treasurer Tamera Loomis and Village Attorney, Josh Wendell.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village Clerk Loomis

Village Attorney Josh Wendell administered the oath of office to BJ Franken, a nominated and qualified elector, appointing him to the Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy. His term will expire in 2028.

Village Clerk Loomis called for nominations from the Village Board to elect an Acting Board Chairman *pro tempore* to preside over the meeting in the absence of the Board Chairman. Per procedure, the Village Board selects a present member to temporarily fill the position.

Dickmader moved, seconded by Glenn, to nominate Franken as Acting Board Chairman *pro tempore*.
Yea: All. Motion passed.

Franken was duly appointed as Acting Board Chairman *pro tempore*.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Advisory: A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room accessible to the public.

Glenn moved, seconded by Dickmader, to approve the hourly rate increase for legal services to \$185.00 per hour from McQuillian & Wendell, P.C., L.L.O. Yea: All. Motion passed.

Dickmader moved, seconded by Glenn, to approve the consent agenda, including the February 11, 2025, meeting minutes and payment of claims. Yea: All. Motion passed.

CLAIMS \$36,532.93

GENERAL					
PAYROLL	EXP	1,465.42	VERIZON	PH	61.67
ATC COMMUNICATIONS	PH/INT	104.33	WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NE, INC.	TRSH	75.27
Adams Bank Trust	Transfers In/ Out	24,371.85	WATER FUND		
BRULE ACTIVITY CENTER	Rent	175.00	PAYROLL	EXP	1,335.38
KEITH COUNTY NEWS	PUB	81.23	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	94.84
Tamera Loomis	SU	55.00	ENVIRO SERVICE INC	TSTG	30.00
Tamera Loomis	R&M	31.68	Nebraska Public Health Enviromental	TSTG	247.00
McQuillian & Wendell, P.C. L.L.O.	LEG	225.00	One Call Concepts, Inc.	Fee	8.30
VERIZON	PH	53.72	SETH GODBEY	REIM	32.25
STREET FUND			SEWER FUND		
PAYROLL	EXP	1,335.37	PAYROLL	EXP	1,335.39
ATC COMMUNICATIONS	PH/INT	106.33	NPPD	Utilities	786.97
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	171.44	SAFETY FUND Pol/Fire		
Fraser Diesel and Repair LLC	R&M	2,698.25	NPPD	Elec	32.63
KWIK STOP	Fuel	90.68	PARK FUND		
NPPD	Elec	1,092.54	KEITH COUNTY NEWS	Pub	337.50
			NPPD	Elec	97.89

Franken provided a brief report on behalf of Utility/Street Superintendent Seth Godbey.

Franken moved, seconded by Dickmader, to table the decision on allowing chickens in village limits until all trustees are present. Yea: All. Motion passed.

Dickmader moved to table the purchase of the Starter Ensemble for the Keith County Area Development Brule First Impressions Project. The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Franken moved, we purchase the Starter Ensemble for the Keith County Area Development Brule First Impressions Project. The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Franken moved, seconded by Dickmader, to table the decision of purchasing Starter Ensemble for the Keith County Area Development Brule First Impressions Project and invite Molly Jeffres, Community Development Coordinator attend the next regular meeting. Yea: All. Motion passed.

Dickmader moved, seconded by Glenn, to accept the 2025 K-Lawn bid for spraying Brule Park and the tennis courts. Yea: All. Motion passed.

Glenn moved, seconded by Franken, to accept the mowing bid from Brott Lawncare for weekly maintenance of Barton Park, including a four-foot perimeter on either side of the walking path at the baseball field. Yea: All. Motion passed.

Attorney Wendell presented and read by title Ordinance No. 01-04-25, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF BRULE, KEITH COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE BRULE VILLAGE CODE BY REVISING AND REPLACING §6-101 AND §6-207 AND TO ADD §6-208, TO AMEND THE DATES FOR SENDING UTILITY BILLS AND FOR THE PROCEDURE TO DISCONTINUE SERVICE; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE MADE A PART OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF BRULE; AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Glenn moved, seconded by Franken, to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 01-01-25. Yea: All. Motion passed.

Franken moved, seconded by Dickmader, we amend section 3(B) 7-106 to 6-101. Yea: All. Motion passed.

Glenn moved, seconded by Franken, to authorize the clerk to enter into a written agreement with past-due customers, allowing them to prorate overdue balances for no more than six months while continuing to pay current monthly utility charges. Payments must be made no later than the 10th of each month. Failure to comply with the agreement will result in service disconnection. Yea: All. Motion passed.

Franken moved, to adjourn at 8:50 pm, seconded by Dickmader. Yea: Yes. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned.

BJ Franken, Acting Board Chairman *pro tempore*

ATTEST:

Tamera Loomis, Village Clerk