

Village of Brule Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2026

The Village of Brule Board of Trustees met on July 14, 2026, at 6:30 PM at the Brule Community Hall. Notice of the meeting was posted at the Brule Post Office, Adams Bank & Trust, the Village Office, and on the Village website in accordance with established procedures. The meeting complied with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, which was displayed in the room. Advance notice and the agenda were provided to all Board members, and their acknowledgments are attached to these minutes.

Roll Call: Present were Trustees Marquez, Spencer, Glenn, Dickmader, and Franken. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer Tamera Loomis.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Franken moved to approve the consent agenda, including the June 9, 2026 meeting minutes with the correction changing "Baseball" to "Basketball" under the Parks Department Report; payment of claims; and the available month-end bank balance report. Marquez seconded. Yea: Glenn, Dickmader, Spencer, Marquez, and Franken. Motion passed.

GENERAL FUND

PAYROLL	EXP	1,037.38
ATC COMMUNICATIONS	PH/INT	121.25
BRULE ACTIVITY CENTER	RENT	175.00
BRULE LIONS CLUB	FE	50.00
Cornhusker Press	TG	92.55
IRS	TX	151.08
KEITH COUNTY NEWS	PUB	193.49
Nebraska Printworks	SU	199.52
OFFICE SERVICE	R&M	249.99
OFFICE SERVICE	SU	61.52
Tim Diaz	MOWG	2,000.00
VERIZON	PH	39.93
WIEST HARDWARE	SU	3.79

STREET FUND

PAYROLL	EXP	818.42
ATC COMMUNICATIONS	PH/INT	123.14
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS	48.75
IRS	TX	132.01
KEVIN TJADEN	R&M	502.50
KWIK STOP	DSL	178.18
NPPD	ELEC	1,248.02
VERIZON	PH	47.88
WIEST HARDWARE	R&M	209.79
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NE, INC.	TRSH	75.83

WATER FUND

PAYROLL	EXP	1,664.89
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS	50.39
CORE & MAIN LP	MTRS	3,303.09
CORE & MAIN LP	R&M	26.08
ENVIRO SERVICE INC	TSTG	30.00
Brenda Heidemann	TRVL	169.65
IRS	TX	155.91
Municipal Supply Inc.	R&M	3.10
NE Dept. of Revenue	TX	46.55
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	TSTG	216.00
One Call Concepts, Inc.	FE	2.03

United State Postal Service	PSTG	191.50
SEWER FUND		
PAYROLL	EXP	1,312.31
IRS	TX	109.05
NE Dept. of Revenue	TX	220.93
NPPD	ELEC	536.85
PeopleService, Inc.	CS	1,500.00
PeopleService, Inc.	R&M	14.84
United State Postal Service	PSTG	191.50
SAFETY FUND Pol/Fire		
NPPD	ELEC	36.84
Rivas Electric	R&M	125.00
PARK FUND		
PAYROLL	EXP	75.03
Brott Lawncare	CS	1,385.00
NPPD	ELEC	110.52
Snell Services, Inc	R&M	651.82
WIEST HARDWARE	R&M	67.94
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NE, INC.	TRSH	36.65
Total:		19,993.49

Franken moved to approve the Special Designated Liquor License application submitted by the Ogallala Elks Lodge No. 1760 for the Alumni event at the Brule Activity Center on August 1, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 10:30 PM, and to authorize the Chairman to sign the application. Dickmander seconded. Yea: Spencer, Franken, Glenn, Marquez, and Dickmander. Motion passed.

Franken moved to approve the offer from Nebraska Certified Arborist George C. Acker, dba A+ Tree Care, in the amount of \$250.00 to remove the diseased park ash tree and stump, with the cost to be paid by the Village from the Park Fund. Glenn seconded. Yea: Franken, Marquez, Spencer, Glenn, and Dickmander. Motion passed.

Attorney Jim McNally of Municipal Code Services, Inc. presented the Board of Trustees with the Village of Brule, Nebraska Revised Municipal Code.

Franken introduced Ordinance No. 26-07-01 for adoption of the revised municipal code and moved that the statutory rules requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Marquez seconded. Yea: Glenn, Spencer, Franken, Marquez, and Dickmander.

The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Board, and the statutory rules were declared suspended for consideration of said ordinance.

Ordinance No. 26-07-01 was then read by title. Dickmander moved for final passage of the ordinance, seconded by Glenn. The Chairman stated the question: "Shall Ordinance No. 26-07-01 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the following trustees voted Yea: Dickmander, Franken, Marquez, Glenn, and Spencer. Nay: None.

The passage and adoption of said ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Village Board, the Chairman declared the ordinance adopted. The Chairman, in the presence of the Board, signed and approved the ordinance, and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

Resolution No. R26-07-01, directing the Village Clerk to cause Ordinance No. 26-07-01 to be printed and published in book form by Municipal Code Services of Neligh, Nebraska, was introduced and moved for passage by Marquez. Copies of Ordinance No. 26-07-01 and the published book form are available at the Office of the Village Clerk, 715 Oak Street, Brule, Nebraska. Dickmander seconded. Yea: Franken, Dickmander, Spencer, Glenn, and Marquez. Motion passed.

Franken moved to accept the inHance Statement of Work in the amount of \$3,350 to add the Bank Statement Reconciliation Module to complete the PowerManager Suite and ensure full functionality of the system already purchased, strengthening internal controls, reducing audit risk, improving transparency and reporting accuracy, supporting timely month-end closeouts, and enhancing overall financial workflow efficiency within the Village's accounting system. Dickmander seconded. Yea: Marquez, Franken, Spencer, Glenn, and Dickmander. Motion passed.

Glenn moved to acknowledge and accept the Letter of Understanding outlining the terms, objectives, and scope of services for the engagement with McChesney Martin Sagehorn PC, Susan Maline, CPA, for the years ended September 30, 2025, 2026, and 2027, in the form prescribed by the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Letter of Understanding. Fees for services shall not exceed \$3,700. Dickmander seconded. Yea: Dickmander, Glenn, Spencer, and Marquez. Nay: Franken. Motion passed.

Dickmander moved to approve Floodplain Administrator Thaddeus Glenn's attendance at the Nebraska Floodplain & Stormwater Managers Association Annual Conference on July 16, 2026, in Kearney, Nebraska, and to direct the Village Clerk to book a direct-bill hotel room, issue a check for the registration fee in the amount of \$165.00, and issue a check for the \$200.00 Agency/Corporate Membership application. The checks are to be provided to Glenn to carry with him to the conference. Glenn shall provide a report at the next regular meeting. Marquez seconded. Yea: Marquez, Spencer, Dickmander, and Franken. Abstain: Glenn. Motion passed.

Department reports were heard from Water, Sewer, and Parks.

Water: Water systems are operating normally. Nebraska Water Tank Maintenance Consultant Jared Kutschara of Viking Industrial Painting will be invited to attend a future meeting to further discuss *Optimizing Tank Service Life: Maintenance Program*.

Sewer: Spencer attended a Zoom meeting with representatives from the EPA and the Wichita State University Environmental Finance Center, including Program Manager Brian Bohnsack, PhD. The EPA has selected Brule to receive free engineering assistance to develop a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the wastewater plant. The first site visit is scheduled for August 4, 2026. A PER is the next step required for Brule to submit a funding request to Nebraska's WWAC Committee for potential loans or other assistance for the wastewater facility.

PeopleService contacted contractors and obtained a repair estimate from Piepho's Plumbing in the amount of \$5,275.00. Repairs are scheduled for the week of July 20.

A sewer backup was reported at 818 Cherry Street, with recurring flow issues occurring approximately every six months. The Board briefly discussed sewer jetting; it has been performed in past years but not recently. Jetting helps clear accumulated sewer sludge and may reduce the recurrence of backups. Spencer will contact Superior Sanitation Services, dba Scotties Potties, to obtain information on sewer jetting services.

Parks: Cleanup of tree limbs from past storms continues. Appreciation was expressed to Mike Gibson, John Van Velson, and all others who assisted with burning the tree pile, and to Lonnie Olson for issuing the burning permit. The black outline barrier around the Park Playground will be removed by a group of volunteers to reduce potential injuries and liability.

Dickmander moved to require additional information and measurements to be added to the Building Permit Application for 714 State Street and to confirm that the applicants are aware of

the building setback requirements. Marquez seconded. Yea: Glenn, Franken, Dickmander, Spencer, and Marquez. Motion passed.

Public Comment: BJ Van Velson addressed the board.

Franken moved, to adjourn. Dickmander seconded. Yea: Marquez, Spencer, Glenn, Dickmander, and Franken. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Dave Spencer, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Tamera Loomis, Village Clerk