

Village of Brule Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes, Budget & Final Tax Request
September 8, 2026

The Village of Brule Board of Trustees met on September 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Brule Community Hall. Notice of the Regular Meeting, Budget Hearing, and Final Tax Request Hearing was posted at the Village Office, U.S. Post Office, and Adams Bank & Trust in accordance with established procedures. Notice of the Budget Hearing was also published in the Keith County News.

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were provided to all Board members, and acknowledgments are attached to these minutes. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was available for public inspection in the meeting room.

Roll Call: Trustees Franken, Dickmander, Glenn, Marquez, and Chairman Spencer were present. Clerk/Treasurer Tamera Loomis was also present. A quorum being present, Chairman Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the location of the Open Meetings Act was announced.

Franken moved to approve the consent agenda, including the August 11, 2026 meeting minutes; the available month-end bank balance report; and payment of regular claims. Dickmander seconded. Yea: Spencer, Glenn, Dickmander, Franken, and Marquez. Motion passed.

GENERAL

PAYROLL	EXP	839.02
ATC COMMUNICATIONS	PH/INT	130.05
BRULE ACTIVITY CENTER	Rent	175.00
BRULE LIONS CLUB	FE	50.00
IRS	TX	205.12
KEITH COUNTY NEWS	PUB	129.96
OFFICE SERVICE	SU	158.74
VERIZON	PH	39.93

STREET FUND

PAYROLL	EXP	631.14
ATC COMMUNICATIONS	PH/INT	116.61
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS	48.82
Barb Baney	TB Reg Fe	25.00
Michael R. Gibson	TB Maint	120.72
IRS	TX	274.04
NPPD	ELEC	1,225.36
VERIZON	PH	47.88
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NE, INC.	TRSH	75.83

WATER FUND

PAYROLL	EXP	954.36
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS	48.82
ENVIRO SERVICE INC	TSTG	60.00
IRS	TX	279.80
NE Dept. of Revenue	TX	49.12
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab	TSTG	160.90

SEWER FUND

PAYROLL	EXP	631.14
IRS	TX	258.76
NE Dept. of Revenue	TX	227.86
NPPD	ELEC	599.12
PIEPHO'S PLUMBING	CapX	5,275.00
PeopleService, Inc.	CS	1,500.00

SAFETY FUND Pol/Fire

NPPD	ELEC	36.84
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PARK FUND

Barb Baney	TRVL	31.92
Brott Lawncare (Tristan Brott)	CS	1,385.00
IRS	TX	13.38
Michael R. Gibson	TRVL	31.92
NPPD	ELEC	110.52
Snell Services, Inc	R&M	790.50
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NE, INC.	TRSH	36.65

Total: 16,774.83

Franken moved to approve the payroll claim for Trustee Julius J. Dickmader for interim water utility work, payable from the Water Fund in the amount of \$535.46. Marquez seconded. Yea: Spencer, Glenn, Franken, and Marquez. Abstaining: Dickmader. Motion carried.

Dickmader moved to approve the payroll claim for Trustee William J. Frankin for interim sewer utility work, payable from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$713.62. Glenn seconded. Yea: Marquez, Spencer, Glenn, and Dickmader. Abstaining: Frankin. Motion carried.

Dickmader moved to approve the travel claim for Trustee Glenn for mileage to and from the Nebraska Floodplain & Stormwater Managers Association Conference in Kearney on July 16, payable from the General Fund in the amount of \$238.64. Marquez seconded. Yea: Spencer, Dickmader, Franken, and Marquez. Abstaining: Glenn. Motion carried.

Glenn moved to approve the payroll claims for Trustee Marquez for seasonal park bathroom and trash maintenance, payable from the Park Fund in the amount of \$46.18. Dickmader seconded. Yea: Dickmader, Glenn, Franken, and Spencer. Abstaining: Marquez. Motion carried.

Dickmader moved to approve the payroll claim for Chairman Spencer for interim Grade IV Water Operator duties, payable from the Water Fund in the amount of \$668.58. Marquez seconded. Yea: Franken, Glenn, Dickmader, and Marquez. Abstaining: Spencer. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the status of recruitment efforts for the Utility Superintendent position. To expand outreach and attract qualified candidates, the Clerk was directed to advertise the position through the Utilities Section of the League of Nebraska Municipalities and the Nebraska Rural Water Association. The Clerk will also provide the position description to BJ Van Velson for publication on her widely followed Facebook page. The position will remain open until filled. The Clerk will continue recruitment efforts and provide updates to the Board as applications are received and the hiring process progresses.

Department reports were received for Water, Sewer, Streets, and Parks.

Water: The water system continues to operate normally, and no significant operational issues were reported.

Sewer: The Chairman reported that the EPA continues its work on the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the wastewater treatment facility and has provided a preliminary written summary of its findings. Village staff continues to respond to information requests and provide the documentation necessary for the review process. The EPA is expected to provide a final written report at a later date outlining its findings, recommendations, and potential next steps.

Trustee Franken reported that one of the wastewater plant's air compressors has failed and the second unit is showing signs of deterioration and may soon require replacement. Chairman Spencer directed Trustee Franken to notify PeopleService of the issue and request that they evaluate the equipment and provide recommendations and cost estimates for repair or replacement. The Board will review the information and determine an appropriate course of action once estimates are received.

Streets: Street grading operations continue to progress well. Jordan of the asphalt company is preparing an estimate for needed street repair work, which will be presented to the Board for consideration upon receipt.

Parks: Following recent storm activity, tree limbs and other storm debris were removed from Village parks and public areas. Trustee Marquez also emptied the downtown trash receptacles after they became full. The Board noted that the downtown trash cans are Village-owned facilities and their maintenance and servicing are the responsibility of the Village as part of its ongoing public works and park maintenance activities.

The Budget Hearing of the Village of Brule, Keith County, Nebraska, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Spencer.

The proposed budget hearing was advertised in the Keith County News and was posted at the Village Office, U.S. Post Office, and Adams Bank & Trust.

Susan Maline, CPA, McChesney Martin Sagehorn, P.C., presented the budget outlining key provisions of the proposed budget.

Chairman Spencer asked for public comments to the budget hearing. There were no comments.

Franken moved to adjourn the Budget Hearing. Marquez seconded. Yea: Spencer, Franken, Glenn, Marquez, and Dickmander. Motion passed.

Franken moved to call the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request to order. Dickmander seconded. Yea: Franken, Glenn, Dickmander, Marquez, and Spencer. Motion passed.

Franken moved to set the tax levy at a different amount than the prior year tax request. Second, by Dickmander Yea: Spencer, Marquez, Glenn, Franken, and Dickmander. Motion passed.

Glenn moved to adopt Resolution R26-09-01 Setting the 2026-2027 Property Tax Request. Marquez seconded. Yea: Marquez, Spencer, Glenn, Dickmander, and Franken. Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST
RESOLUTION NO. R25-09-01**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the Village of Brule passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Village of Brule resolves that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	\$	64,660.50
Bond Fund:	\$	40,390.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 5.85 percent.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.29579 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The Village of Brule proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.31104 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the Village of Brule will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 7.96 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.

Franken moved to adjourn the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request. Marquez seconded. Yea: Dickmader, Franken, Spencer, Marquez, and Glenn. Motion passed.

Franken moved to adopt the 2026-2027 budget as presented by Susan Maline, CPA, McChesney Martin Sagehorn, P.C. Glenn seconded. Yea: Dickmader, Marquez, Franken, Spencer, and Glenn. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the building permit application for the property located at 714 State Street. Following discussion, Franken moved to approve the application as submitted. Marquez seconded. Yea: Spencer, Glenn, Dickmader, Marquez, and Franken. Motion passed.

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

Dave Spencer, Chairman
Village of Brule Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Tamera Loomis, Village Clerk

