

Brule Village Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes, Budget & Final Tax Request
September 9, 2025

Notice of the regular meeting, budget hearing, and special hearing was posted at the Village Office, U.S. Post Office, and Adams Bank & Trust. Notice of the budget hearing was also advertised in the Keith County News. The agenda was kept current and available for public inspection at the Village Office and on the Village website. Advance notice, along with the agenda, was sent to Board of Trustees members, whose acknowledgments are attached to these minutes. The meeting was recorded while open to the public.

Roll Call: Present Trustees: Spencer, Glenn, Dickmader, and Franken. Others present: Village Clerk/Treasurer Tamera Loomis, Village Maintenance Supt. Seth Godbey, and Village Attorney Josh Wendell.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Open Meetings Act was acknowledged, with its location noted.

Brian Vasa, Senior Economic Development Consultant and Account Manager with NPPD, presented the Brule Annual Energy Report and noted that the current lease agreement expires in 2042.

Public Comment: David King, Emergency Management Director for Keith County, and Jordan Meiniger, affiliated with Keith County EMS, and BJ Van Velson approached the board.

Franken moved to approve 8 trees be planted on Village property – 2 on the empty lot located at the corner of State Street and Second Street and 6 on the ballfield property. Second, by Dickmader. Yea: Spencer, Dickmader, Glenn, and Franken. Motion passed.

Franken moved to accept Standard 3 of the Tree City USA program, requiring an annual expenditure of \$2.00 per capita on forestry program expenses. Second, by Dickmader. Yea: Franken, Glenn, Dickmader, and Spencer. Motion passed.

Dickmader moved to accept the quote from Crouch Recreation for the Freenotes Starter Steel Surface Mount Ensemble Collection in the amount of \$17,931.00 and to authorize the Village Treasurer to pay the \$8,965.50 deposit from the Lotto Money Market account. Second, by Franken. Yea: Dickmader, Glenn, Spencer, and Franken.

Franken moved to adopt Resolution R25-09-01 LARM Member Voluntarily Terminate Participation by Written Notice. Second, by Franken. Yea: Spencer, Dickmader, Franken, and Glenn. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. R25-09-01

WHEREAS, The Village of Brule is a member of the League Association of Risk Management (LARM);

WHEREAS, section 8.10 of the Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment and Operation of the League Association of Risk Management provides that a member may voluntarily terminate its participation in LARM by written notice of termination given to LARM and the Nebraska Director of Insurance at least 90 days prior to the desired termination given to and that members may agree to extend the required termination notice beyond 90 days in order to realize reduced excess coverage costs, stability of contribution rates and efficiency in operation of LARM; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of LARM has adopted a plan to provide contribution credits in consideration of certain agreements by members of LARM as provided in the attached letter.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the governing body of The Village of Brule, Nebraska, in consideration of the contribution credits provided under the LARM Board's plan, agrees to:

Provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2028. (**180-day notice and 3-year commitment; 5% discount**)

Adopted this **9th** day of **September 2025**.

Village Attorney Josh Wendell presented and read by title Ordinance No. 25-09-01, an ordinance of the Village of Brule, Keith County, Nebraska, to amend the Village of Brule Zoning Code by amending Section 2-401 and adding Section 2-410 to permit residents to obtain a permit for keeping chickens; and to provide when this ordinance shall go into full force and effect.

Motion by Glenn to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 25-09-01. Second, by Dickmader. Yea: Franken, Spencer, Glenn, and Dickmader. Motion passed.

Motion by Glenn to adopt Ordinance No.25-09-1. Second, by Dickmader. Yea: Spencer, Glenn, and Dickmader. Nay: Franken. Motion passed.

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. Comments were heard.

Franken moved to adjourn the Budget Hearing. Second, by Dickmader. Yea: Dickmader, Glenn, Spencer, and Franken. Motion passed.

Spencer moved to call the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request to order. Second, by Franken. Yea: Glenn, Dickmader, Franken, and Spencer. Motion passed.

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

Glenn moved to adopt Resolution R25-09-02 Setting the 2025-2026 Property Tax Request. Second, by Dickmader. Yea: Glenn, Dickmader, Spencer, and Franken. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION NO. R25-09-02

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 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	\$	45,533.00
Bond Fund:	\$	54,367.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 22.21 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 0.297732 per \$100 of assessed value.

4. The City or Village of Brule proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.313089 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 7.08 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

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

Franken moved to adopt the 2025-2026 budget as presented by Susan Maline, CPA, McChesney Martin Sagehorn, P.C. Second, by Dickmader. Yea: Glenn, Dickmader, Spencer, and Franken. Motion passed.

Brief departmental reports were presented. Tamera will be attending the League of NE Municipalities 2025 Annual Conference Sept. 24 – 26, 2025 in Lincoln.

Franken moved to approve the consent agenda including August 12, 2025, regular meeting minutes, and Payment of Claims. Second, by Dickmader. Yea: Franken, Dickmader, Spencer, and Glenn. Motion passed.

GENERAL		
PAYROLL	EXP	704.38
ADAMS BANK AND TRUST-BRULE	Fees	14.00
ATC COMMUNICATIONS	INT/PH	123.87
BRULE ACTIVITY CENTER	Rent	175.00
BRULE LIONS CLUB	UF	50.00
IRS	TX	956.60
KEITH COUNTY NEWS	PUB	298.00
McQUILLAN & WENDELL, P.C., L.L.O	LEG	427.00
NE Child Support Pmt Ctr	CS	211.50
OFFICE SERVICE	SU	54.36
VERIZON	PH	53.71
STREET FUND		
PAYROLL	EXP	1,343.34
ATC COMMUNICATIONS	INT/PH	116.28
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	46.09
NAPA	R&M	188.99
NPPD	ELEC	1,093.92
VERIZON	PH	61.66
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NE, INC.	TRSH	80.57
WATER FUND		
PAYROLL	EXP	1,343.34
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Gas	46.09
Bomgaars Supply	Fees	12.00
Bomgaars Supply	R&M	106.97
ENVIRO SERVICE INC	TSTG	190.00
NE Dept. of Revenue	TX	46.06
PowerManager	SU	191.10
United State Postal Service	PSTG	62.80
SEWER FUND		
PAYROLL	EXP	1,343.34
NE Dept. of Revenue	TX	221.17
NPPD	ELEC	563.94
PowerManager	SU	191.10
SAFETY FUND Pol/Fire		
NPPD	Utilities	32.63
PARK FUND		
BRULE LIONS CLUB	R&M	100.00
Brott Lawncare	Mowing	1,505.00
NPPD	ELEC	97.89
CEMETERY FUND		
TIM DIAZ	Mowing	2,000.00
	TOTAL	14,052.70

Franken moved to adjourn. Second, by Dickmader. Yea: Spencer, Glenn, Franken, and Dickmader. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

ATTEST:

Dave Spencer, Chairman
Village of Brule Board of Trustees

Tamera Loomis, Village Clerk