

**Beaver Crossing Nebraska  
Village Board of Trustees  
August 13, 2025 Regular Meeting/ Public Hearing**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at the Beaver Crossing Village Hall. The public had received advance notice of the meeting by posting the notice in the following places: Village Hall, Farmers & Merchants Bank and the U.S. Post Office. Upon roll call, the following board members were present: Jerry Zieg, Jere Leif, Kaely Eberspacher, Ray Foreman, and Brandon Mares. Members of the staff present were Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Pankoke, Maintenance, Ryan Kratochvil. Also present was members of SENDD and the Planning Commission. Chairman Zieg brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act Poster. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Ray Foreman opened in prayer.

**Agenda:** Additions to the agenda are as follows; motion to open and close Public Hearing, tree cleanup bid, motion for resolution of signing application for CDBG grant; approval of BCVFD new members. Eberspacher made a motion to approve changes to the agenda. Mares seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

**Public Hearing:** Leif made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Eberspacher. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. James Owens with SENDD read the hearing notice and shared information on the grant. The following are statement or question that were shared during the hearing.

Linda Welch asked if the results from the town survey could be shared, it would be helpful.

Chris Heater asked how many surveys were mailed out? Surveys were mailed to everyone within the 68313 zip code, about 380 surveys went out. About 90 surveys were returned to SENDD.

Mona Luth asked if the Village Board had already voted and approved the community center? Yes.

Tiffany shared that her and her husband think a new community center is an awesome idea, adding a gym and having public access would be great.

Lance Breitreutz stated the exact layout has not been determined yet, we may have to charge a small fee to use the building.

Gary Grantski stated that he felt it would be just another empty building.

Kathy Davis asked why we want a new building?

Lance Breitreutz stated the current building was built in 1916, and has been updated several times, ADA restrooms are needed. Cost to remodel are very comparable to new building cost. We could do fundraising as well as donations for remainder of cost.

Mary Wilson asked how the \$\$ amount was determined for the new building.

Lance Breitreutz stated that we estimated a square footage needed and visited with contractors about cost.

Linda Welch shared her story about over spending on her home and is worried that the town will be overspending as well. The Village has other infrastructure needs. Linda thinks that we may need to replace the water tower. The town is barking up the wrong tree and the town is going to hell in a handbasket.

James Owens shared survey results.

David Davis asked about the grant and restrictions and what exactly this grant could be used for.

It was mentioned that we would also apply for a CCCFF s state grant for the building also.

Debra Upton if we received \$600,000.00 would the remaining cost of building be bonded.

Lynn Sheppard stated that the NE Dept of Ag Food Safety reported the inspection failures to the Legion not DHHS.

Mary Wilson stated that on the recent survey a community building need was listed lower.

Cyndy Potter asked if the resolution would be signed later during the meeting.

Gary Grantski asked if the grant would work for a new fire department? The fire department offered the fire department to the Village and they would build a new fire dept, then the village build a new maintenance shop.

Jack Leiting stated that we all have our own opinions on what needs to be done. This new building is a huge betterment for the community.

A letter from Jim O'Hare was read, a resident of Beaver Crossing for 42 years. Shared the history of the current building, the needs of a new building and the many events that could be held here, it would be a bonus for Beaver Crossing.

Terry Barth stated that he is very much in favor of a new community center.

Kathy Fisher asked if the building could be made larger than the current building?

Jesse Timmerman stated that they are in favor of a new building, a budget should be set and stay within the budget. We do not need to compete with Seward or York.

Mona Luth can the town afford a new building?

Marsha Barth stated she is in favor of a new building. When the ballfield changes were made in 2015 we had opposition but we pulled together and created an amazing park/ballfields and get compliments all the time on the beautiful park, with return campers all the time, "Beaver Crossing is one of their favorite locations to camp."

Lance Breitkretz stated he is definitely in favor of a new community building.

Chris Heater is against a new building, we have other needs in town, curb stops, more homes.

Mike Pankoke shared after the 2014 tornado the town pulled together even with much opposition and rebuilt the ballfields with mostly volunteers and a small cost to the community. Pankoke recently used the current building for a reunion and was embarrassed for the community the building is overcome with mice and droppings all over the counters. This community needs to come together and make this project happen.

Tiffany Leiting asked about improving water infrastructure would we be metered and would cost increase?

Foreman made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Mares. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

**Minutes:** Leif made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for July 9, 2025, Budget workshop for Aug. 5 and Planning Commission minutes for August 4. Motion seconded by Mares. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

**Financial:** Leif made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Eberspacher. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

**Claims:** Leif made a motion to approve the claims. Motion seconded by Mares Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

**Public Comment:** Terry Barth stated that the town pulled together after the recent storm and cleaned it up.

**BCV Fire Dept. Report:** No report given. Mares is working with Peterson and Kreutzer on updating building plans and checking on grant funding.

**Planning Commission/ Zoning:** Building permit 25-13 will need to be measured to determine the fence is being installed on Foley property. Building permit 25-14 add a metal shed at 580/406<sup>th</sup> Eberspacher made a motion to approve permit 25-14 with the condition that it is properly staked down Motion seconded by Foreman. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Demo permit 3-25 Cramer to remove coop at 806 Main St. Eberspacher made a motion to approve permit 3-25. Motion seconded by Foreman. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. The Planning commission had revised the current building permit.

**Correspondence:** Grant information was shared with Village, Fire Dept and Library for Fiber Optic.

**Maintenance Report:** Schernikau Pool Manager shared the pool is closed, new drain covers need to be ordered for the big pool. The pump for the baby pool might need repair, the leak near the slide needs attention and the red paint needs repainting. The pool house sinks; toilets, stalls and floors need updating, Leif obtained bids for the floor from Garage Force for the amount of \$12,783.20, no decision was made.

Washington St curves to the east, the center of the street is about 20 feet off of center. We will check with our Attorney about an easement could it be grandfathered in?

We need to communicate water shutoffs to the community and allow them time to prepare. We will use the town website to put out warning to text and emails. Kaely will put it on Facebook.

Two bids for tree cleanup on south Main St. were presented Eberspacher made a motion to go with the \$2700.00 bid to cut and clear. Leif seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- A. Zieg read Ordinance 25-1 to repeal Ordinance Chapter 9 Building Regulations and Chapter 10 Municipal Planning. Leif made a motion to suspend the three readings. Mares seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Mares made a motion to adopt Ordinance 25-1. Eberspacher seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.
- B. The softball and baseball fields both need dirt and other repairs. We currently have 2 bids for the work. Mike Pankoke volunteered to cut the sod, we need to do the baseball field this fall and the softball field in the spring. We may get another bid, we will also reach out to Grounded Turf with questions.
- C. A new office copier contract was reviewed. Mares made a motion to go with a Ricoh IMC320F and use the Smart Print agreement with Easkes Office Solutions. Eberspacher seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.
- D. Leif made a motion for the Resolution to authorize Chairman Zieg to sign the application for the CDBG Funds for the amount of \$630,000.00 for a Community Center. Foreman seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Leif aye, Foreman aye, Zieg aye, Eberspacher nay, and Mares abstained. Motion carried 3-1-1.

#### **New Business:**

- A. Mares made a motion to accept the bid of \$654.94 from Keller's IT Solution.to replace Kratochvils office computer. Eberspacher seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. Reviewed Ordinance 3; 201-219, after discussion the Board recommends using aggressive dog instead of a specific breed of dog.in 3-211, Peggy will reach out to Attorney Solheim.
- C. Zieg made a motion to allow any Board member to attend the annual conference in Lincoln, Sept 24-26. Motion seconded by Foreman. Roll call vote, Zieg, Foreman, and Leif aye, Eberspacher and Mares abstained. Motion carried 3-0-2.
- D. Tiffany Leiting, Rebecca Stinson and Keegan Vetronsky applied for membership to the BC Vol Fire Dept. Eberspacher made a motion to approve all three members for the Fire Dept. Mares seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye. Motion carried 5-0.

**Board Member Reports:** Leif stated that the storm sewer at Main and Beaver Street needs to be cleaned. Zieg stated that the Village needs to have more water mains and valves repaired and exercise them regularly. We will get bids for this project. Eberspacher stated that the Board needs to be a better example and show respect to each board member.

**Clerk Report:** Pankoke had a resident ask if more dirt and rock will be added on Miller St. Pankoke shared that she received notification of Lead Service Line Inventory notices need to be mailed out shortly, this was being done by Kohout and nothing has been done since he left his position. Pankoke plans to attend a Southern 7 meeting in York on Aug. 21

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 10:00p.m.

Minutes approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman of the Board

Attest \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk/ Treasurer