

**VILLAGE OF BEAVER CROSSING
MINUTES OF RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2023**

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Beaver Crossing, Nebraska met in open session at 7:00 p.m., at the Village Hall December 13, 2023. 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, Lance Breitreutz, Jere Leif, JP Black and Mike Banks. Members of the staff present were Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Pankoke, Maintenance Alex Kohout, Zoning Gary Grantski.

Clerk Pankoke brought the reorganizational 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 JP Black opened in prayer.

Clerk Pankoke opened the floor for nominations for board Chairman. Jere Leif nominated Jerry Zieg for Board Chairman. Lance Breitreutz seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Leif, Breitreutz, Banks, Black all aye. Zieg abstain. Motion carried.

Clerk Pankoke opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. JP Black nominated Lance Breitreutz for Vice Chairman. Jerry Zieg seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Black, Leif, Zieg, Banks all aye. Breitreutz abstain. Motion carried.

Resolution 23-7 Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent. Jere Leif made a motion to approve Resolution 23-7, Lance Breitreutz seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Village appointments for 2024 were reviewed. JP Black made a motion to accept the 2024 Village appointments as follows: Village Clerk/Treasurer: Peggy Pankoke, Maintenance: Alex Kohout, Zoning Administrator: Gary Grantski, Planning Commission Chairman: Brandon Mares, Village Attorney: Greg Damman of Blevens and Damman Law Office, Village CPA: Romans Wiemer & Associates, Village Engineer: JEO Consulting Group, Inc., Village Street Superintendent: Ryan C. Kavan of JEO Consulting Group, Inc., Law Enforcement: Seward County Sheriff's Department, Legal Newspaper: Seward Co. Independent, Village Depository: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Advisory Accountant: Jami Kozisek. Mike Banks seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Reorganizational meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Chairman Zieg called the regular meeting to order at 7:06pm. Zieg opened the Public Hearing for the Liquor License for The Crossing Pub and Grub.

MINUTES: JP Black made a motion to approve the Planning Commission minutes for Nov. 13 and Dec. 41 Lance Breitreutz seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Lance Breitreutz made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for November 8, 2023. Motion seconded by Mike Banks. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

FINANCIAL: Lance Breitreutz made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by JP Black. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS: were reviewed. Lance Breitreutz made a motion to approve the claims. Motion seconded by JP Black. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ZONING: Jake Stutzman addressed the board about putting in a new irrigation and house well. The Upper Big Blue Natural Resource District gave permission as well. Lance Breitreutz made a motion to approve the new wells for Stutzman. JP Black seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Building Permit 23-13 for C. Forney at 605 Omaha St. for a storage container and fence was discussed. Grantski will contact Forney and get more information on the project. Grantski also stated that US Cellular wants to put up a tower north of Beaver Crossing. Seward Co. has a tower board specifically for this so he passed on the information to them.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Kohout shared that his cell phone cost has increased and would like to see an adjustment. The board will discuss this further during the January reviews. Leif asked if the old city shop has been cleaned up. Kohout has taken care of that. Zieg asked about the sucker trees that were sprayed and cleared this spring, do any of them need to be retreated?

CORRESPONDANCE: Pankoke shared a thank you from the Seward Co. Veteran Service, they appreciated the support for operation Green Light, showing gratitude for the many veterans.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: New City Shop update, the electrical is complete. The building has been insured. Unfinished items are concrete blocks for rock and gravel, and a restroom vanity is needed. JP Black made a motion to purchase supplies needed to finish this project. Mike Banks seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Zieg contacted the Village of Utica about the purchase of their street sweeper and once they receive their new one, we can purchase the used one for \$8,000.00 and payment can be made at that time.

We have not received the Seward Co. Sheriff contract yet.

We are waiting on a contract from SENDD for the NE Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Zieg shared the results of the 3-Year Land Lease auction, we will receive \$400.00 an acre, lessee is Brent Steckly.

Dawson repaired the lights on the west end of town on the Beaver Crossing sign. Lance Breitreutz made a motion to approve the light repair. JP Black seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Liquor License Hearing, Zieg asked for any discussion. JP Blacke made a motion to close the hearing. Mike Banks seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS: JP Black made a motion to approve the Liquor License for the Crossing Pub and Grub. Jerry Zieg seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Employee reviews will be in January and the board feels that using a performance review sheet may be beneficial. Pankoke will provide them to both the employee and the board to be filled out prior to the review. Zieg shared that attendance of every board meeting might not be possible, but to show courtesy by informing the clerk or another board member if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Nuisance vehicles was discussed in length, it was suggested to invite our attorney Greg Damman to the January board meeting, also suggested to have a special meeting on this issue.

Leif discussed covering the concrete piece in the park with a galvanized cap, Breitreutz will check into stainless steel.

Discussion on the Old City shop and options, selling or tear down, nothing was determined.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Leif stated that he had complaints of trash blowing down Main St. It was suggested that we put up notices to have residents secure their trash cans, Nebraska winds are unpredictable

CLERK REPORT: Pankoke reported that she received a letter from the IRS that the Village should not be paying federal unemployment tax. Pankoke researched the account any found payment back to 2016. The board asked Pankoke to try and get a refund if possible.

Pankoke asked permission to book a motel room in Columbus for the Municipal Clerk Institute held in March.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Minutes approved by _____ Chairman of the Board

Attest _____ Clerk/ Treasurer