

**VILLAGE OF BEAVER CROSSING  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES OF RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 2024**

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 11, 2024. 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 Breitkreutz, Jere Leif, JP Black and Mike Banks. Members of the staff present were Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Pankoke, Maintenance Steve Brackhan.

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 JP Black opened in prayer.

**AGENDA:** Additional agenda items were Witt 360 bid and Bank account signers. JP Black made a motion to approve additions to the agenda. Mike Banks seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

**MINUTES:** Lance Breitkreutz made a motion to approve the Regular minutes for Nov. 13 and the Planning Commission minutes for Dec. 2. JP Black seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

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

Discussion was held on payment to Alex Kohout for training and water samples. Lance Breitkreutz made a motion to pay Kohout \$25.00 hourly and \$50.00 per water sample. Jere Leif seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Jim Ferguson was present and representing the minor who made an illegal dump at the Village burn site on September 22. The board discussed the issue and the minor will be allowed to do community service for the Village.

The 2024 Certificate of Election was presented. JP Black made a motion to accept it. Mike Banks seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Outgoing Trustees were thanked for their service.

**ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE**, at 7:35p.m.

Clerk Pankoke brought the meeting to order at 7:36p.m. Upon roll call, the following members were present; Jerry Zieg, Jere Leif, Kaely Eberspacher, Ray Foreman, and Brandon Mares. The newly elected Trustees recited the Oath of Office together.

Clerk Pankoke opened the floor for nominations for board Chairman. Jere Leif nominated Jerry Zieg for Board Chairman. Kaely Eberspacher seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Leif, Eberspacher, Foreman, Mares all aye. Zieg abstain. Motion carried. 4-0-1

Clerk Pankoke opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Gerald Zieg nominated Jere Leif for Vice Chairman. Ray Foreman seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Zieg, Foreman, Eberspacher, & Mares all aye. Leif abstain. Motion carried. 4-0-1

Village appointments for 2025 were reviewed. Jere Leif made a motion to appoint Peggy Pankoke as Village Clerk/Treasurer; appoint Steve Brackhan as Maintenance; appoint Chris Heater as Planning Commission Chairman; appoint David Solheim with Solheim Law Firm as Village Attorney; appoint Romans Wiemer & Associates as Village CPA; appoint JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as Village Engineer; appoint Ryan C. Kavan of JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as Village Street Superintendent; appoint Seward Co. Sheriff Dept. as Village Law Enforcement; appoint Seward Co. Independent as Legal Newspaper;; appoint Farmers & Merchants Bank as Village Depository; appoint Jami Kozisek as Advisory Accountant;. Jerry Zieg seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** The Planning Commission voiced some concerns about the new tower ordinance. The answers were mainly found in the Zoning Book. The Planning Commission will review and suggest changes if need.

**CORRESPONDANCE:** Pankoke reminded them about a Housing Recovery & Development meeting in Goehner on Dec. 12.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** S. Bracken is paid hourly so the board discussed holiday pay to check wells or move snow. Jere Leif made a motion to pay time and ½ for holidays. Brandon Mares seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Wing Construction bid for replacement of doors on east well house, the doors are on order and will be installed once they are primed and painted.

Brackhan reported that the motor grader has working brakes and heat, he will have Potter rewire and install new LED lights.

The Kubota lawn tractor was delivered, the board suggested using factory filters for a year, so the warranty will be honored.

Bracken shared on water and wastewater certification, classes are full, he plans to take the water test in Lincoln in the upcoming months. We may want to mail in the water samples, it would cut down the cost, the samples have to arrive at the lab within 30 hours.

Witt 360 Tree Service bid needs to be updated to include a tree on south Main. No action taken.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** A bid for new diving boards was reviewed, one of the boards has been rejected by the State, the other board requires new surfacing. Foreman volunteered to research diving boards more and will report in Jan. Dawson Electric submitted a bid of \$2800.00 for electrical work at the pool. Zieg made a motion to approve the Dawson electrical bid. Brandon Mares seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Leif shared that he will assist Brackhan to redo the lifeguard stands this winter. It was also mentioned that there may be a leak in the baby pool.

Review of Chapter 4 & 5 of the Village Ordinances. No changes were needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mares made a motion to allow the Chairman Zieg, and Vice Chairman Leif along with Clerk Pankoke to be signers on the Village bank accounts. Motion was seconded by Eberspacher. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** Zieg shared that it would be nice to add additional sidewalk in the park extending the current sidewalk at the concession area to the bleachers and also north to the parking lot. The size would be approximately 6' x 170' for a cost of about \$11,000.00. Concern was stated about underground sprinkler system and wires, we will check on that before progressing  
Shade on bleachers has been delayed due to the need of better support on the structure.  
Leif stated that the concrete on the westside of the firehall needs to be replaced.

**CLERK REPORT:** Pankoke stated that Luther with LARM was out to check value on some items, we are underinsured on the new city shop and also the town siren.  
A second stop -pay was issued on a Aqua-Chem check and reissued.  
Thanked the Board for participation in the Village Christmas.  
Pankoke suggested that we have two Trustees review and initial all invoices before the board meeting begins.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:35p.m.

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

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