

**Beaver Crossing Nebraska
Village Board of Trustees
January 14, 2026 Regular Meeting**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 14, 2026 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 our Attorney Matt Blaser. Chairman Zieg brought the meeting to order and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act Poster. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Ray Foreman opened in prayer.

Agenda: BC Vol Fire Dept. member application was added to the agenda, along with the correction to dates of Minutes. Eberspacher made a motion to approve the addition to the agenda and correction. Leif seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Minutes: Eberspacher made a motion to approve Dec. 10, minutes. Motion seconded by Zieg. Roll call vote, all aye. Motion carried 5-0. Eberspacher made a motion to approve the Jan. 5, Planning Commission minutes. Motion seconded by Leif. 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: Eberspacher made a motion to approve the claims. Motion seconded by Foreman. Roll call vote; all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment: none.

BCV Fire Dept. Report: Scott Petersen stated there were six rescue calls and one vehicle fire. The Department will meet on Feb 23, about billing for rescue calls. The BC VFD will host a Pancake Feed, Sunday Feb. 8.

Planning Commission/ Zoning: No building permits. J Kallhoff would like to convert the garage into a home on Omaha St. Heater stated the group is looking into emergency preparedness.

Correspondence: Eberspacher read a Thank you.

Maintenance Report: Pankoke will mail out letters about extra curb stops that are being used and not being paid for. Kratochvil has been studying for water exam.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Attorney Blaser reviewed Resolution 26-1, Ratifying and approving Independent Architect (Greg Newport) for Design/Build fire dept. addition. Eberspacher made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-1. Mares seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, Motion carried 5-0.
- B. Exhibit A on Resolution 25-9 the Board determined the Parameters as follows 10% Developer financial resources to complete the project, 30% Ability of proposed personnel of Developer to perform, 30% Character, integrity, reputation, judgement, experience, and efficiency of Developer, and 30% Ability of Developer to perform within the time specified.
- C. Nuisance; Mares made a motion to Declare 808 and 810 Main St. a Nuisance and order to abate. Zieg seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Mared made a motion to Declare 707 Oak St a Nuisance and order to abate. Foreman seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye. Motion

carried 5-0. Blaser will check on transfer of titles. Fehlafer's in Utica might be able to assist. The Board asked Pankoke to send a letter to Morris on Elk St. and request that porches be cleaned.

- D. Pool House project, the Ihde Fund awarded the Village \$22,357.42 for the project. Leif is getting more bids for the project. The State inspector approved running a water line along the fence and across the cement for the water slide we will need a safety ramp for protection. Inspector also stated that we need to have 3 working showers in both the men and ladies bath house. Leif also mentioned wood rot in the Northwest ceiling. Additional funding possibly from Build Beaver or Seward Co. Gives. Zieg made a motion to proceed with the floor, restroom partitions, water slide repair, and some plumbing for the pool project. Eberspacher seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye. Motion carried 5-0.
- E. The Village has the opportunity to apply for a CCCFF grant. Mares made a motion to approve application and letter of intent for an additional \$375,000.00 for the BC Community Building project. Eberspacher seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. The Board will have a Special meeting on Jan. 21 with the BC Community Building committee at 7pm and direct the group.
- F. Leif made a motion to apply the funds received from the Paxson Estate to the BC Community Building project. Mares seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye. Motion carried 5-0.
- G. The material for the Baseball awning will be delivered Jan. 21. The footings for the awning have been poured.

New Business:

- A. Attorney Blaser shared some possible grants that could be used for the Fire Dept addition. Seward Co. Legacy Fund is able to set up future donors. NE Community Foundation carries the Ihde Fund. The Village could put a bond measure to vote; cost of project would need to be determined.
- B. Eberspacher made a motion to approve the membership of Grace J Rowe to the BC Vol Fire Dept. Motion seconded by Foreman. Roll call vote, all aye. Motion carried 5-0.
- C. Zieg made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:38 pm, for employee reviews. Eberspacher seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Zieg made a motion to leave Executive Session at 9:08. Leif seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Eberspacher made a motion to increase the Clerks hourly wage from \$29.00 to \$31.00. Foreman seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.
- D. Zieg made a motion to allow Eberspacher and Mares to attend Midwinter LONM Conference. Motion Seconded by Foreman. Roll call vote. Aye, Zieg, Foreman. Abstain Eberspacher, Leif and Mares. Motion failed, 2-0-3

Board Member Reports: none.

Clerk Report: Pankoke stated that the Farmers & Merchants monthly water/ sewer payments were not increased correctly, hopefully the bank will have this error corrected for February transfers.

Adjournment: Eberspacher made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Foreman. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:32p.m.

Minutes approved by _____ Chairman of the Board

Attest _____ Clerk/ Treasurer