

**Beaver Crossing Nebraska
Village Board of Trustees
January 8, 2025 Regular Meeting**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 8, 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, Steve Brackhan. Also present was members of 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 Jerry Zieg opened in prayer.

Agenda: No changes in the agenda.

Minutes: Leif made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for Dec.11, 2024. Motion seconded by Eberspacher. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Eberspacher made a motion to approve the Planning Commission minutes on Dec. 30. Motion seconded by Foreman. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

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

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

Public Comment: None.

IRA Forestry Grant information was shared by Brandon Mares, Beaver Crossing has received a grant for \$15,000. The grant will be used for removal and planting of trees on public and private ground. Graham Herbst, Dan with Witt 360 Tree Service, and Todd Faller were also present to and talked about BC current tree inventory, pruning trees in the park and cleaning up diseased trees. They would like to offer a tree pruning training day for residents.

Planning Commission/ Zoning: Leif made a motion to approve Butch Wing as a new Planning Commission member. Eberspacher seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Discussed the Tower Ordinance and Heater would like to review it at the PC next meeting. A demolition permit 1-25 for M. Banks was presented for 607 Detroit St. Leif made a motion to approve the permit, Foreman seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Maintenance Report: Brackhan suggested that the Board think about installing a generator at north well. Rick Micek was present and shared information on Superzyme a enzyme and degreaser for the lift station to keep grease down. The cost would be \$298.75 for 2 months. Leif made a motion to try the Superzyme. Zieg seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Alex training pay, no action taken.
- B. Witt 360 Tree Service bids for S. Main and Miller St. we discussed using a portion of the grant money for the two sites.
- C. Nuisance property, we will have our attorney David Solheim present in Feb., no action taken.

- D. Simming pool diving boards, Foreman reported that the pool is governed by NE Dept. of Environment and Energy. We will need to apply for a permit for new diving boards and will need to involve an engineer also.
- E. Assign Ordinances for review, Kaely will take Chapter 6, Brandon will take Chapter 7.

New Business:

- A. IRA Forestry Grant info shared at beginning of meeting.
- B. Mares made a motion to go into Executive Session for annual clerk review, Leif seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. The Board enter the session at 8:18. Mares made a motion to leave Executive Session at 8:46, Leif seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Eberspacher made a motion to increase the clerks pay to \$29.00 an hour. Motion seconded by Leif. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Pankoke asked for clarification on PTO hours and the board agreed with the employee handbook of 40 hours of PTO per year, for part time employees.
- C. Mares made a motion to increase payment for cleaning City Hall to \$75.00 per cleaning, twice monthly. Motion seconded by Leif. Roll call vote, Ayes: Mares, Leif, Zieg, & Eberspacher. Abstain: Foreman. Carried 4-0-1.

Board Member Reports: Mares asked about closing the road/street at Main and Pioneers, Seward Co. resolved the issue. Mares also suggested a possible projector for power point presentations. **Zieg** shared we need to know the correct procedure for priming the pump at the lift station. **Eberspacher** questioned if a Board Member should rotate and attend the Planning Commission meetings?

Clerk Report: Reported on a parking issue at Forney Cycle and Fab. Eakes will replace the drum in the copier. Stutzman called and stated that the water project on Miller St will take place in the spring. Pankoke will be taking time off Feb. 25 and return on March 5, approved; Eberspacher volunteered to check phone messages during that time off.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:35p.m.

Minutes approved by _____ Chairman of the Board

Attest _____ Clerk/ Treasurer