

**Beaver Crossing Nebraska
Village Board of Trustees
March 11, 2026 Regular Meeting**

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 11, 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 on 2/20/26 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: Windstream Rep Rex Roberts, SDL for Fire Dept. and Street closing were added to the agenda, Eberspacher made a motion to approve the additions to the agenda. Leif seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Minutes: Eberspacher made a motion to approve Feb. 11, Regular minutes. Motion seconded by Foreman. Roll call vote, all aye. Motion carried 5-0. Eberspacher made a motion to approve the Feb. 19, Special minutes. Motion seconded by Foreman. Roll call vote, all aye. Motion carried 5-0. Eberspacher made a motion to approve the March 2 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: Tim Huntington introduced himself and shared that he is on the ballot for Seward Co. Sheriff. Tyler Dickison introduced himself and shared that he is running for Seward Co. Commissioner.

BCV Fire Dept. Report: Scott Petersen stated there were ten calls, 2 medical and 8 fire.

Planning Commission/ Zoning: No building permits. J Kallhoff has not turned any paperwork in.

Correspondence: Pankoke shared that Seward Co. has a new Emergency Manager, Megan Eckles.

Maintenance Report: The tree on S. Main has been taken down, one more tree needs to be removed, Kratochvil will get a bid. Water will be turned on in the park around March 20.

Unfinished Business:

- A. James Owens our Grant Manager with SENDD. Work continues in the Special Conditions, compliance and the environmental review. Since the new building is within the flood plain, an 8-step process needs to be followed with public notices and deadlines. Release of funds should be mid-April. JEO may be helpful with a list of contractors. Could start procurement process.
- B. Pool House moving forward. The floor resurfacing will begin on March 24. Painting is being done.
- C. Ballfield maintenance will begin March 24, starting on the softball field. The baseball canopy is almost finished. Leif made a motion to have LARM insure the canopy for a value of \$50,000.00. Foreman seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.
- D. Fire Dept addition update on the architect and project. Eberspacher made a motion to terminate Architect Greg Newport. Mares seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

- E. Nuisance; discussed 707 Oak St, 808 and 810 Main St. Upton reached out to Zieg and Leif for an extension. Mares made a motion to have Attorney Blaser write a contract allowing 30 days to abate properties. If the contract is not signed, we will have Junk King immediately do the work. Eberspacher seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Zieg and Leif will deliver the contract. The Board asked Pankoke to send a letter to 823 Elk St. stating that they need to continue moving forward with cleanup or we plan to redeclare their property a nuisance.
- F. Community Building Chair Breitzkreutz shared a beginning blueprint, adjustments will be needed. The Legion building will need to be inspected for asbestos. Leif made a motion to pay Ron Prochaska do the inspection for \$500.00. Eberspacher second the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.
- G. Discussion on removal of Legion. Trustees agreed to knock the building down and have the Fire Dept. do a burn. Leif suggested to do an auction to sell any items of interest.
- H. The Seward Legion would like to use the baseball field for several games. After discussion, we will charge the Seward Legion \$50.00 per game, with the addition of \$20.00 each paid to John Kunert and Jeff Cast for field prep. They will also need to pay for six bags of chalk.

New Business:

- A. Eberspacher made a motion to accept the 504/ADA Grievance Procedure for the CDBG grant. Motion seconded by Leif. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.
- B. Leif made a motion to reinvest the current Certificate of Deposit for \$411,499.02 to a new 9-month CD on maturity March 20, at Farmers & Merchants Bank. Motion seconded by Eberspacher. Roll call vote, all aye. Motion carried 5-0.
- C. Reviewed applications for Pool Manager, Asst. Manager and Lifeguards. Mares made a motion to hire L. Schernikau as manager; G. Schernikau and L. Breitzkreutz as Asst. Managers; to hire L. Breitzkreutz, C. Pankoke, A. Riley, E. Baack, K. Breitzkreutz, C. Hoffschneider, C. Kolterman, and J. White as lifeguards; with no increase in wages. Foreman seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.
- D. Zieg made a motion to install a handicap parking sign on the north side of the Fire Dept near the Corner of Dimery Ave. Eberspacher seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.
- E. Rex Roberts a Rep. from Windstream shared about the internet fiber situation for Beaver Crossing, There was a project to install fiber in 2023 and dropped for cost purposes. Rex will provide our current franchise agreement to our Attorney. Thoughts are that residents and businesses are paying extreme cost for internet currently, it is not a competitive market.
- F. Leif made a motion to approve a SDL for the Vol Fire Dept on May 2. Motion seconded by Mares. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.
- G. Eberspacher made a motion to approve the street closing on West St for the Vol Fire Dept event on May 2. Mares seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0.

Board Member Reports: Mares reported that he is working on several opportunities for grants for Beaver Crossing projects. He is also reaching out to Congressman Flood and Senator Fisher for support on the fire department addition. Mares also stated he will be cleaning up near south Main and asked to use the Village equipment to attach to his skid loader. It was approved. **Eberspacher** shared materials from the League Conf.

Clerk Report: Pankoke stated she will be attending Clerk Academy March 18-20 in Omaha.

Adjournment: Eberspacher made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Foreman. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:07p.m.

Minutes approved by _____ Chairman of the Board

Attest _____ Clerk/ Treasurer