

**VILLAGE OF BEAVER CROSSING
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 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 November 8, 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, Jere Leif, Mike Banks, Lance Breitreutz and JP Black. Members of the staff present were Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Pankoke, Maintenance, Alex Kohout and Zoning Admin Gary Grantski. Also present were members of the general public.

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.

MINUTES: Jere Leif made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for Oct. 8, 2023. Motion seconded by Mike Banks. Roll call vote, Leif aye, Banks aye, Zieg aye, Black aye, Breitreutz abstained, motion carried 4-0-1.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Laryn Murray introduced himself and shared that his wife and family purchased the BC Corner Bar and the new name will be The Crossing Pub & Grub, plans to open January of 2024. They have applied for a NE Liquor license; the hearing will take place at the Dec board meeting.

ZONING: A revised building permit and a new demo permit by Brandon Mares was presented. The permits will be printed on regular printer paper and copies will be made. Lance Breitreutz made a motion to approve the new zoning and demo permit with revisions. JP Black seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye. Motion carried 5-0. Gary shared that sidewalks leading into the park entrances would be beneficial.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Alex reported that he is having issues with his computer. Kohout shared that a laptop would benefit him more. Andy Keller will be contacted about the needs. Breitreutz suggested purchasing Adobe as well.

Leif asked Kohout if the leak at the pool has been repaired, it is pending.

Kohout will take a sick day for family on Nov. 9.

Kohout did finish the new utility trailer, need to insure and have it licensed.

CORRESPONDANCE: Presentation on upcoming available grants will be Nov. 27 at Seward Civic Center at 6:30-8:30, information was provided by Raegan Hain.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: New City Shop project update. The bunkers for gravel and rock are on order. Heating and door have been installed. Electrician will be here soon. Norris PPD will replace the pole and transformer, Restroom will need to be constructed, will need \$800.00 for material, a sink, faucet, and toilet have been donated. Mike Banks motioned to proceed with restroom plan. Lance Breitreutz seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried 5-0. Butch Wing was contacted about adding a closure to the door, estimate was \$150.00. Mike Banks made a motion to have Butch Wing install a closure on walk through door for \$150.00. Lance Breitreutz seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye. Motion carried 5-0. Leif built a shop bench with some used material. Shelving will still be needed for the shop. Harry will work cameras once the electrical is finished.

Employee handbook was discussed, minor changes were made to page 7, regarding Smoke-free workplace Utica has a used street-sweeper with 1900 hours on it for sale \$8,000.00. Leif and Zieg were in Utica to test drive it and get more information on it. JP Black made a motion to purchase the sweeper for \$8,000.00. Jere Leif seconded the motion. Roll call vote, all aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The Seward Co. Sheriff contract was discussed, we would like clarification on #5, minimum monthly patrol hours average is 40 hours; we would like to see that increased to 50 hours.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Zieg announced that the Village of Beaver Crossing is the recipient of the 2023 NE Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The funds of \$287,500.00 will go to Homeowners that qualify for owner-occupied rehabilitation. A web-ex meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14 to learn more about the process.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Jere Leif noted that the light on the west edge of town on the Beaver Crossing sign is not working, Dawson Electric will be in town for City Shop work, will have him check it out.

CLERK REPORT: Reminded Board of Land Lease Auction on Nov. 15, at 7pm.
Pankoke will attend Southern 7 meeting in Seward on Nov. 16.
Pankoke shared clerk info on licensing of golf carts, etc.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:10p.m.

Minutes approved by _____ Chairman of the Board

Attest _____ Clerk/ Treasurer