

Village of Bancroft
Regular Meeting
March 2, 2020

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Bancroft was convened in open and public session on Monday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. Present: Trustees: Peirce, Rief, and Hermelbracht. Absent: trustees Soll and Hulstein. Also present is Chief of Police Davis and other interested persons.

Advance notice of the meeting was published in the Wisner News Chronicle on February 27, 2020. Proof of publication is being attached to these minutes.

Chairperson Hermelbracht called the meeting to order and stated that a copy of the "Open Meetings Act" was on display in the meeting room.

Motion was made by Peirce seconded by Rief to approve meeting minutes as previously prepared for the February 3, 2020 regular meeting. RCV: Ayes; Peirce, Rief and Hermelbracht. Absent: Soll and Hulstein.

Motion was made by Peirce, seconded by Rief to approve renewal of the Bancroft Lottery License for \$100.00. RCV: Ayes; Peirce, Rief and Hermelbracht. Absent: Hulstein and Soll.

Motion was made by Rief, seconded by Peirce to approve the 2020 utility assistance agreement between the Village of Bancroft and the Bancroft Senior Citizen Center in the amount of \$1500.00. RCV: Ayes; Rief, Peirce, and Hermelbracht. Absent: Soll and Hulstein.

Resident Randy Bargmann present to see what the status is of the cleanup notices that were sent to the commercial businesses in town. The board said they have only had the letters for a week or two so they will give the businesses until the first part of April to make some progress on the clean up around their businesses. Randy also wondered about broken out windows on a business and if a letter would get sent to them about that. The board was not aware of a broken window on a business so a letter will get sent to them to repair that. The town is working on the old department store building in town and getting that closed up better. The village attorney will be drawing up a letter to send to the department store property owner to start the process of inspection of the structure in hopes to save the building.

Discussion was held on getting a newer street sweeper for the village. The current sweeper needs about \$14,000.00 in repairs to run properly. Clerk Novak called around to some places that sweep streets and one won't drive this way because of the distance and the other company will charge \$3500.00 per time to clean the streets. The village can get a 1998 for \$31,000.00 and is newer than the current sweeper the village owns. The board would like to see if there is any warranty options for the 1998 sweeper and also check into if the village sales tax account can be used to purchase equipment for the street. Clerk Novak will check into these questions and the board will decide what they want to do.

The village needs some curbs, sidewalks and street repairs done. Chairperson Hermelbracht spoke with Brook Darnell Construction and he is willing to do the necessary repairs. The sidewalk be the mini park on Main Street needs either replaced or some landscaping done to allow the water to drain off. The village will have Brook look at that and see what the best option is. Motion was made by Rief, seconded by Peirce to hire Brook Darnell Construction for street, curb and sidewalk repairs for the village. RCV: Ayes; Rief, Peirce and Hermelbracht. Absent: Soll and Hulstein.

Bancroft Summer Rec board has some suggestions for the village for repairs at the ball fields. The south score board doesn't work so that needs to be looked at. Also more fence needs repaired and wondering

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if more fence can be added to both dugouts. The new bleachers by the football field will need moved as well and they think that moving one half to the south field and the other half in the right outfield of the north ball field. Then the bleachers will be utilized for ball games for the summer. The summer rec board would also like to have some dirt work done to level the fields so water drains better after rain. The rec board will pay for the dirt work and the quick dry dirt to place on the fields. The village will look into the next piece of fence that needs repaired and have Renz electric come down and look at scoreboard on the south ball field.

Reviewed delinquent utility accounts.

Motion to pay February bills made by Rief, seconded by Peirce. RCV: Ayes; Rief, Peirce, and Hermelbracht. Absent: Hulstein and Soll.

A motion to adjourn was made by Peirce, seconded by Rief. RCV: Ayes; Rief, Peirce, and Hermelbracht. Absent: Soll and Hulstein. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Michael Hermelbracht, Chairperson

Megan Novak, Village Clerk

Previous Month Wage		9,295.29
A. Rief	board salary	115.44
Barnes and Noble	books	27.17
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	268.00
C & J Auto	Bancroft bucks	300.00
Capital One Card	books/utilities/tests	5,153.26
Carter Pump	sewer repairs	5,093.59
Cengage Learning	books	20.79
Center Pointe Lg. Print	books	27.71
CVA	fuel	203.25
First Community Bank	Bancroft bucks	400.00
J. Hulstein	board salary	115.44
Johnson and Mock	law fee	525.00

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Junior Library Guild	books	228.20
Lyle Soenksen	cemetery electric	152.34
M. Hermelbracht	board salary	230.87
NE Dept of Revenue	license fee	100.00
NE Public Health	water test	425.00
Omaha World Herald	subscription	122.20
Peters Lawn	mowing	1,195.84
Petersen Metal	repairs	61.80
Quality Printing	supplies	288.53
Ru-De's Mart	fuel/supplies	245.79
Wisner News Chronicle	publishing	49.38
Z. Soll	board salary	115.44
TOTAL		\$24,760.33