

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Bancroft was convened in open and public session on Monday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. Present: Trustees: Peirce, Rief, Soll and Hermelbracht. Absent: 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 October 28, 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 Soll to approve meeting minutes from the October 4, 2020 meeting. RCV: Ayes; Soll, Peirce, Rief and Hermelbracht. Absent: Hulstein.

David Branch with Cuming County Economic Development District and Dr. Jon Cerny with Bancroft-Rosalie School are present to discuss the rural workforce housing grant that CCEDD is wanting to apply for. This is a very competitive grant available through the Department of Economic Development that was funded in August with \$10,000,000 through LB 1170. This grant creates a Rural Workforce Housing revolving Fund for housing throughout a community. We would be applying for it through The Cuming County Economic Development office in the amount of approximately \$450,000. This takes matching funds from the community. The actual budget we are currently looking at is a total of \$950,000 with \$450,000 of that being grant funds and \$500,000 being match funds. This would create a revolving fund that after a project is completed and sold the funds go back into the next project. The first three projects that will be addressed are a duplex next to the school in Bancroft, a duplex in Beemer and a single-family home on the property that CCED owns in West Point. To achieve the match David has reached out to the different communities and is asking for at least \$75,000 from each LB 840 fund. The rest of the match will come from either a traditional loan or possibly a NIFA grant. These funds would not be needed until funds were released from Department of Economic Development. We would need commitment letters from each community. The letter of intent has to be done by December 1, 2020 and the application has to be completed in January 2021. Notifications for approved grants will come out in April 2021. David and Dr. Cerny reiterated the need for housing in Bancroft and Cuming County. The recent housing study done for Cuming County showed a high need for housing and Bancroft was above the average percentage. Jan Merill with Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District will be writing the grant for CCEDD since the NIFA grant has to be applied for by someone who is a certified grant writer. David Branch is not certified at this time so NNEDD will be helping on the grant. Questions arose from the board about local contractors being able to bid to try and keep business local. David said that is what CCEDD would like to see if this grant gets approved. David would like to make sure contractors are local and that they utilize local lumber yards for building materials for the project. Each project will be up for sale once each unit is complete. David mentioned that West Point already has interest in the house that would be built, Beemer has an interested buyer as well for their duplex, and if there is no interest in the Bancroft duplex, then the school could purchase that. No money will be spent until after April 2021 from the LB840 fund. Right now the account has \$99,277.31 and gains between \$3,000 and \$4,000 each month, so the concern of the balance of that account shouldn't be a problem

when it comes to the day to write the check. Motion was made by Rief, seconded by Peirce to approve LB840 application no 2033 for \$75,000.00 for CCEDD to apply for the Rural Workforce Housing through NIFA. RCV: Ayes; Peirce, Rief, Soll and Hermelbracht. Absent: Hulstein.

Motion was made by Peirce, seconded by Rief to approve LB840 application no 2032 for \$1560.00. RCV: Ayes; Rief, Soll, Peirce and Hermelbracht. Absent: Hulstein.

Motion was made by Soll, seconded by Peirce to hire Porter and Company CPA to complete the 2019-2020 fiscal year audit and 2021-2022 fiscal year budget for the Village of Bancroft. RCV: Ayes; Peirce, Rief, Soll and Hermelbracht. Absent: Hulstein.

Motion was made by Soll, seconded by Rief to approve Resolution 2020-11; to adopt the amended 2020 Cuming County LEOP. RCV: Ayes; Peirce, Rief, Soll and Hermelbracht. Absent: Hulstein.

RESOLUTION 2020-11

Resolve: That in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Cuming County, the Village of Bancroft and other cities and villages in Cuming County, the Bancroft Village Board deems it advisable and in the best interests of the community and the County to approve the attached Cuming County Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Cuming County Local Emergency Operations Plan.

Motion was made by Rief, seconded by Soll to approve the 2020-2021 snow removal bid from Siebrandt Trucking for \$305.00 per hour which includes two trucks and one loader. RCV: Ayes; Peirce, Soll, Rief and Hermelbracht. Absent: Hulstein.

Discussion held on the 2020 holiday luncheon. Trustees Rief and Soll doesn't think having it this year would be a good idea with COVID and the increase of cases in the area. Santa is fine with attending and letting kids talk to him from a distance. Motion was made by Rief, seconded by Soll to not hold the 2020 holiday luncheon and have Santa come to visit kids. RCV: Ayes; Rief, Peirce, Soll, and Hermelbracht. Absent: Hulstein.

Reviewed council reports.

Reviewed delinquent utility accounts.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Rief, seconded by Soll. RCV: Ayes; Rief, Peirce, Soll and Hermelbracht. Absent: Hulstein. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Michael Hermelbracht, Chairperson

Megan Novak, Village Clerk

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Previous Month Wage		9,318.49
BHE	gas	246.00
Brodart Co	library	267.87
Capital One Card	books/electric/tests	6,014.54
Cengage Learning	library	132.24
D. Redding	reimbursement	9.00
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Hugo Plumbing	maintenance	530.64
Johnson and Mock	law fee	645.00
Kings Disposal	trash fee	3,770.00
LARM	insurance	5.88
Lyons Mirror Sun	library	47.00
Maguire Iron	water	87,200.00
NE Public Health Lab	test fee	100.00
NE Rural Water	sewer	75.00
Neihardt Foundation	library	69.90
Peters Lawn	mowing	1,195.84
Quality Printing	library	351.18
Renz Electric	water	50.80
Rudes Mart	fuel	244.69
Smidts Dumpall	general	519.12
Wisner News	publishing	88.11
TOTAL		<u>\$110,921.30</u>

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Friends of the Library

Biblionix	800.00
NE Library Commission	500.00
Total	<u>\$1,300.00</u>

LB840

Johnson and Mock	195.00
Total	<u>\$195.00</u>