

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Bancroft was convened in open and public session on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Present: Trustees: Peirce, Rief, Soll, Bargmann and Hermelbracht. Also present, Lesa Bargmann and other interested persons.

Advance notice of the meeting was published in the Wisner News Chronicle on February 2, 2022. 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 Soll, seconded by Rief to approve meeting minutes from the January 3, 2022, meeting. RCV: Ayes; Bargmann, Rief, Peirce, Soll and Hermelbracht.

Dr. Cerny from Bancroft-Rosalie School is present via phone call to discuss creative district grant with Neihardt Center, LTE tower location, and give an update on the Cuming County Economic Development duplex project on Main Street. Nebraska Creative District grant is a state legislative program. The John G Neihardt Historic Site would like to partner with the Village of Bancroft and Bancroft-Rosalie School to certify Bancroft as a Nebraska Creative District. A grant application would be submitted to the Nebraska Arts Council to receive \$10,000 to complete the certification process. There needs to be a minimum of three entities in the partnership to apply for the funds. The Neihardt Executive Director would manage the grant. Certified Creative Districts are eligible to apply for up to \$250,000 of funds to carry out the plan that is developed. The village board agreed to be the third entity for the creative district grant.

Nebraska Indian College is looking for two-acre area for a 150-foot tower that would hold LTE coverage for Bancroft-Rosalie students for reliable internet. Right now, they must shoot the signal from the BR school to the preschool building downtown since they need a direct line of site to the Rosalie water tower. This new tower would give them a more reliable signal for students in the Rosalie area but will also help students around the Bancroft area that can't get reliable internet through local providers. The board recommended asking resident east of the school to see if he is willing to at least lease a portion of his property since he lives just east of the school and would be a feasible location for the tower. Dr. Cerny also gave an update on the CCEDD duplex project that is in collaboration with the BR school. He mentioned the cost of the duplex went to \$430,000 since they added basements to the duplex. Dirt work was supposed to have started since the weather has been nice. The school will own the duplex for now but the idea is to have an investor purchase it so those funds can go back into the revolving fund that was created for Cuming County Economic Development.

Sidewalk replacement status at 511 Main Street is still on hold. The resident was approved for a grant through CCEDD and is waiting on bids from a contractor for some dirt work and tiling for around their house. David Branch has tried contact the resident to see what the status is for a bid from a contractor. He is unable to reach them. In this point and time, the village can hire the sidewalk to be replaced and charge the resident for the work since they did receive a letter several months ago stating the sidewalk replacement needed to be completed. Trustee Rief suggested sending the bid the village received from a contractor for the sidewalk work to be sent to David to see if it can get approved so the town doesn't have to pay for it and the resident gets it covered as well. Clerk Novak will send the sidewalk bid to David so it can be discussed as the next Cuming County Economic board meeting.

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Property at 321 Main Street discussed. No bids have been received for the necessary repairs that need to be made. The board would like to see if a crew of people could be hired to help with the clean out. The village will pay and order the dumpsters that will be needed for the items inside. Clerk Novak will ask a couple local contractors if they would be interested in bidding their hourly rate for the clean out.

Discussion about new park bathrooms revisited. Trustee Bargmann suggested just ordering a prefabricated bathroom from CTX Prefab Concrete Company. Trustee Soll had gotten two quotes from this company in October 2021 for two different models of bathrooms. Local contractors are busy and its hard-to-get quotes from them on a stick-built bathroom. There are a couple grant opportunities for this type of project and the deadlines are approaching to get a preapplication in to qualify. Clerk Novak can apply for these grants as soon as the village gets a quote for the bathroom and also a quote from a plumber/electrician to hook up the bathroom once it arrives. Trustee Soll will contact the bathroom company to get updated pricing and more details on the overall cost of a bathroom. Once we get that quote Novak will send to Renz Electric to see what the cost would be to hook up plumbing and electrical for the bathroom.

Police trainings for Chief of Police Davis was discussed. There is a training on Friday being held that he is going to attend. It was also brought to the boards attention by the village insurance company LARM, that the police department doesn't have the policy, Duty to Intervene adopted.

Discussion held on lead service lines in the Village of Bancroft. Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy is going to implement a program that will revise the lead and copper rule for public water systems. As part of this revision, public water systems are advised to start taking inventory of materials present in their water service lines. Both commercials and residential service lines will need to be documented as either lead, non-lead, galvanized needing replacement or unknown. Documentation of any lead bearing materials or connectors if they are present as well. They are suggesting water systems to start this process as soon as possible to help when the revision goes into effect. Clerk Novak will send out the informational flyer with the March water bills.

Reviewed council reports and delinquent utility accounts.

Motion was made by Bargmann, seconded by Rief to pay January bills. RCV: Ayes; Rief, Peirce, Bargmann, Soll and Hermelbracht.

Motion to adjourn made by Peirce, seconded by Bargmann. RCV: Ayes; Bargmann, Rief, Peirce, Soll and Hermelbracht. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Michael Hermelbracht, Chairperson

Megan Novak, Village Clerk

Previous Month Wage		9,861.43
Agrivision	parts	238.35
AWS Well Co	water repair	6,080.00

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Bancroft Rural Fire Board	mutual agreement	9,000.00
BHE	natural gas	380.00
C&J Auto	vehicle maint	505.89
Capital One Card	utilities/supplies/books	4,684.77
Cengage Learning	books	250.49
CVA	fuel	101.65
D. Redding	phone reimbursement	40.00
First Community Bank	Bancroft Bucks	250.00
Kings Disposal	trash fee	5,773.00
L. Bargmann	mileage	63.80
Layne Christensen Co	water repair	1,101.20
Lyle Soenksen	cemetery	139.26
M Novak	meal reimbursement	21.10
NE Public Health Lab	test fee	129.00
One Call Concepts	811 fee	21.14
Peters Lawn Service	mowing	1,230.75
Quality Printing	supplies	294.86
Ru-Des	fuel	355.57
Wisner news	publishing	35.50
TOTAL		\$40,557.76