

Village of Bancroft  
Regular Meeting  
March 1, 2021

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Bancroft was convened in open and public session on Monday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. Present: Trustees: Peirce, Soll, Bargmann, Rief and Hermelbracht. 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 24, 2021. 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 February 1, 2021 meeting. RCV: Ayes; Soll, Bargmann, Peirce, Rief and Hermelbracht.

Tom Christopherson with GroundWater Solutions Group and Bryce Anderson with AWS Well Co present to discuss the findings of the phase 1 south well rehabilitation project. Overall, the findings showed that nitrate levels were higher in the upper water (monitoring well #2) and lower in the deeper aquifer (monitoring well #1). From the information they gathered, they believe that perforating the casing of the well and sealing the annular space of the water supply, the nitrate levels have a good chance of decreasing. During phase 1 they drilled a test well at 220 feet and 46 feet. The 220-foot test well is the same depth as our production well. They sampled each test well every 30 minutes for nitrates. At the end of the testing the 220 foot well nitrate levels went from 7 to 0.5 and the 46 foot well went from 66 to 9. Those tests prove that the upper water is penetrating the current production well since the 220 test well nitrates were almost nothing when they finished. Phase 2 is the next step which consists of pulling the current pump and placing a camera down the well pipe to look at the current casing. If the camera shows the current pipe can be sealed, they will perforate the casing at 115 feet and squeeze sealant into the holes to seal off the upper water that is penetrating the well pipe. The current pipe or casing must be in good shape in order to seal or grout the casing. Phase 2 can take between two weeks and a month. The pump will be inspected and repaired if needed. If the pump is beyond repair, then a new pump will be put in place after the casing is sealed. Motion was made by Rief, seconded by Peirce to approve Phases 2 and 3 of the south well rehabilitation project with AWS Well Company. RCV: Ayes; Soll, Peirce, Rief, Bargmann and Hermelbracht.

Discussion held on increasing the water and sewer rates for Bancroft. The board decided last year to not do a rate increase because of COVID. This year would be the year to revise the sewer rate ordinance since that is done every three years. Trustee Rief brought up the idea of waiting until June or July of 2021 to discuss the increases. He said since we are having a nitrate problem with our south well people might question why we are increasing at this time. By June or July the south well should be back to normal nitrate levels if all goes as planned with the plan AWS Well Company has in place. Then if the residents question the increase the board would have good reasoning for the increases since the south well rehab project is going to cost around \$60,000 when its all done. The rate increases will be discussed at the June or July 2021 board meeting.

Motion was made by Bargmann, seconded by Hermelbracht to approve the SDL application for Bancroft Fire and Rescue for a benefit being held at the Bancroft Fire Hall on March 27, 2021. There is a possibility that the fire department will not hold the license and will ask Tavern 310 to apply for the SDL to cater the event. In that event the board will have to hold a special meeting to approve that application. RCV: Ayes; Bargmann and Hermelbracht. Abstain: Rief, Peirce and Soll.

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The village will hold a spring clean up this year. The date is set for Saturday, April 24 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Same items as the past years will be accepted in the roll off dumpsters. No paint, oil or tires will be accepted.

Reviewed council reports.

Reviewed delinquent utility accounts.

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

A motion to adjourn was made Soll, seconded by Rief. RCV: Ayes; Bargmann, Rief, Peirce and Soll.  
Absent: Hermelbracht. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

*Michael Hermelbracht, Chairperson*

*Megan Novak, Village Clerk*

Previous Month Wage		10,473.97
AWS Well Co	water repairs	13,950.00
Bancroft Rural Fire	fire contract	6,250.00
BHE	natural gas	298.00
C & J Auto	repairs	52.85
Capital One Card	utilities/books/supplies	4,970.44
Cengage Learning	books	132.24
Cuming Co Industries	maintenance	354.32
CVA	fuel	202.05
D. Redding	reimbursement	40.00
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Hugo Plumbing	water repair	1,232.43
Junior Library Guild	membership	228.20
Kings Disposal	trash fee	3,770.00

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Les Feed	supplies	10.60
MicroMarketing	books	24.99
NE Public Health Lab	test fee	300.00
Peters Lawn	mowing	1,195.84
Quality printing	supplies	10.99
Renz Electric	supplies	11.95
RuDes Mart	fuel/supplies	328.84
Siebrandt Trucking	snow removal	3,500.00
Steinys Farm Repair	repairs/maint	681.03
Steve Sorensen	reimbursement	75.00
Wisner News	publishing	35.94
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$48,188.33</b>