

Village of Bancroft
Regular Meeting
March 7, 2022

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

Advance notice of the meeting was published in the Wisner News Chronicle on March 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 Peirce, seconded by Soll to approve meeting minutes from the February 7, 2022, meeting. RCV: Ayes; Bargmann, Rief, Peirce, Soll and Hermelbracht.

Mike Oltrogge with the Nebraska Indian College present to discuss LTE tower placement by Bancroft water tower. The Nebraska Indian Community College has been collaborating with the Bancroft-Rosalie School to get a tower up in Bancroft to allow students in the Bancroft-Rosalie School district access to reliable internet for K-12 students. They need a high point in Bancroft and the area by water tower would be the best location. The tower would only take up a 25-foot x 25-foot area and would be 195 foot tall. The board discussed allowing the tower to be constructed in the southeast corner by the water tower where the old satellite dishes use to be Great Plains Communications. The board would like to look at the spot and flag out an area before giving final approval to NICC to construct the LTE tower in that area. Mr. Oltrogge was fine with waiting until the April board meeting to get the final decision. He was thanked for his time.

David Branch with Cuming County Economic Development is present to give an update on the duplex project for the Bancroft-Rosalie School. Dirt work should be starting in the next couple weeks and the time frame to get the project completed is for August of 2022. David also gave an update on the owner-occupied rehabilitation grant projects that have been completed in Bancroft. Three projects in the total amount of \$65,000 have been completed so far and a couple more projects are in the works once the weather gets warmer. CCED has applied for this funding for next year. He says it has been a great program for the county.

Discussion held on buying a new faucet for water test sites Mike Hermelbracht and Mel Brokaw. Current faucets are not in the ideal condition for accurate water testing for the state. Motion to approve new faucet purchase up to \$125.00 in cost made by Rief, seconded by Peirce RCV: Ayes; Peirce, Rief, Soll, Bargmann and Hermelbracht.

Sewer main repair bid for Vine Street from Penro Construction in Pender was given in the amount of \$13,785.00. Utility superintendent Redding said that Penro could possibly be in town next week pending an open excavator. Once work is started that portion of Vine Street will be shut down to through traffic until the project is complete and concrete is set. Motion was made by Rief, seconded by Bargmann to approve the repair bid from Penro Construction in the amount of \$13,785.00. RCV: Ayes; Bargmann, Rief, Soll, Peirce and Hermelbracht.

Discussion held on sidewalk replacement status at 511 Main Street. Property owner hasn't gotten any bids from contractors on the dirt work and stairway work that she is approved for through Cuming

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County Economic Development owner rehabilitation grant. If they can get a bid, then the work can be done along with the sidewalk that needs replaced in front of the property. The grant can't be used alone just for the sidewalk but could be added if the stairway entrance was to be done at the same time. Unfortunately, the board feels the owner has had plenty of time to get this work done. The board received a bid from a contractor for the work a couple months back, so they want to get that done as soon as the weather allows for the contractor. Clerk Novak will give notice to the property owner that this will be completed, and she will be charged for the work once completed.

Update given on 321 Main Street property. Got one bid from local contractor for clean out of the building. They gave a price of \$30.00 per hour per person with four to five people. The board would like to get a little more information from the attorney to see if this will even be worth doing this and then we just don't get paid for the work anyway until the property is sold. Will revisit at the April meeting.

New Park bathroom bid was received from Bonsall Construction in Bancroft to stick build a bathroom for the park. Bids had been received for a prefabricated bathroom through a company but since October 2021 the costs of those had increased by \$10,000. Bonsall Construction bid came in at \$44,900.00 which was a significant savings on the project. Since the village will be applying for some grant funding, they would like to add the new picnic shelter to the project to try and get a majority of both items paid for. The new picnic shelter would be at 28' x 40' pavilion and would hold larger gatherings at the park. Motion was made by Peirce, seconded by Rief to approve bathroom construction bid from Bonsall Construction in the amount of \$44,900.00 for new park restroom. RCV: Ayes; Soll, Rief, Bargmann, Peirce and Hermelbracht.

Discussion held on baseball field and dugout repairs that need to be made and if the town would cover the costs of the necessary materials for the repairs. Bancroft-Rosalie school is cooped with West Point Public school for high school softball and if the Bancroft Softball field can have some repairs and updates made it is possibly for Bancroft to host some softball games. A couple items that need addressed are the dugouts would need to be large to support a team of 25. The back stop needs boards installed, scoreboard needs looked at since it hasn't worked in several years and the outfield lights need replaced and or fixed. The summer rec would like to be able to host more tournaments and games as well.

It was brought up with the possibility of allowing residents to run water in the summer months from the south well and not charge a usage charge if that well still needs run hard to get the nitrate levels reduced. To put that well back online it will need to pass the necessary tests from the state and get approved first. AWS well company feels the nitrate trends are going the way they would like to see so they are hoping that the week of running the well consistently should notice the nitrates levels going down since the trend has been them increasing. The last test results probably won't be available for another week.

Intersection of Park and Cedar Streets was brought up by maintenance superintendent Redding. The concrete is starting to heave and break up and he didn't know if this is something Penro Construction would fix while they are in town fixing the sewer main on Vine Street. Redding would talk with Penro to see if they would even be interested.

Discussion held on allowing a possible future property owner to park and live in an RV on their property for a time until a permanent residence could be found. The board feels since there is parking at the park for an RV and the time could be a couple months of parking behind the property, that it would be best

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to tell them to park at the park. The village would give them a monthly discounted rate if that is the route they choose to go.

Village residents received a letter from a new resident about an app to sign up for. Trustee Rief was approached and questioned if the letter was sent from the village. Clerk Novak said that anything the village sends out would be obvious. The letter was just to encourage the use of an app that would allow people to look for services like plumbers, babysitters, etc.

Reviewed council reports and delinquent utility accounts.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Bargmann, seconded by Peirce. RCV: Ayes; Bargmann, Rief, Peirce, Soll and Hermelbracht. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Michael Hermelbracht, Chairperson

Megan Novak, Village Clerk

Previous Month Wage		8,904.43
BHE	natural gas	380.00
C&J Auto	police	20.00
Capital One Card	utilities/supplies/books	5,560.24
Cengage Learning	books	112.65
Colonial Research	supplies	194.24
CVA	fuel/supplies	197.90
D Redding	phone reimbursement	40.00
D Redding	mileage	103.40
DAS State Acctg	police	22.00
Kings Disposal	trash fee	5,773.00
M Novak	supplies	5.96
Mid-America Enterprise	police	46.62
Ne Dept of Revenue	license fee	100.00

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NE Public Health Lab	test fee	29.00
Peters Lawn	mowing	1,230.75
Quality Printing	library	47.50
Renz Electric	sewer	235.00
Ru-Des	fuel	294.34
Wisner News	publishing	78.46
TOTAL		\$23,375.49