

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Bancroft was convened in open and public session on Monday, April at 7:00 p.m. Present: Trustees: Peirce, Rief, and Hermelbracht. Present via ZOOM: Trustee Hulstein. Also present is Chuck Mueller with Great Plains Communication and other interested persons.

Advance notice of the meeting was published in the Wisner News Chronicle on April 1, 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 March 2, 2020 regular meeting. RCV: Ayes; Soll, Hulstein, Peirce, Rief and Hermelbracht.

Chuck Mueller with Great Plain Communications is present to discuss cable TV changes for Bancroft. The small building by the water tower will eventually be removed and an antenna will be put in to replace the analog equipment that is currently in that building. Cable TV service in Bancroft will eventually become digital once Great Plains gets everything updated. Great Plains will remove the small building by the water tower unless the village would want to keep it for anything, otherwise they would sell the building. Village board is happy with the new iTV that came out last year and has heard good things from residents that have the technology. Chuck was thanked for his time.

Motion was made by Peirce, seconded by Soll to approve Resolution 2020-04; Federal Disaster Mitigation Plan for Bancroft. RCV: Ayes; Soll, Rief, Peirce, Hulstein and Hermelbracht.

#### RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-04

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was signed in to law on October 30, 2000, placing new emphasis on state and local mitigation planning for natural hazards and requiring communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District, with assistance from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. of Lincoln, NE.

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the mitigation plan was to lessen the effects of disasters by increasing the disaster resistance of the Natural Resources District and participating jurisdictions located within the planning boundary by identifying the hazards that affect the Village of Bancroft and prioritize mitigation strategies to reduce potential loss of life and property damage from those hazards, and

**WHEREAS**, FEMA regulations require documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the Village of Bancroft in the form of resolution and further requesting approval of the plan at the Federal Level; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the governing body of the Village of Bancroft does herewith adopt the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in its entirety.

Bancroft Spring Cleanup is still planned for April 25, 2020. Clerk Novak spoke with the Elkhorn Valley Public Health District and they didn't have any recommendations for our cleanup other than to just follow the 10 person, 6 foot rule due to COVID-19. Someone will be present to monitor the items being placed in the dumpsters and residents will be told they must unload items themselves into the dumpsters. Clerk Novak will put that information on the signs that will be put up around town later in the week.

Resident Randy Bargmann is present to discuss the burn pit at the business by his house. Bargmann said the burn pit was burning on Sunday and the smoke from the fire was coming over to his property making it smell during the day outside of his house. He said he couldn't even go outside because it was so bad. Bargmann wanted to know what the regulations were for burn pits around town and if just anyone can dig a hole to burn in town. Clerk Novak said that residents could burn leaves and sticks in town but had to be in a barrel with a covering on it. The burn pit has been at the business for several years and the owner gets a burn permit from the Bancroft Fire Department each time. The board said they would have to look into the burning regulations for town and will check with the property owner on his burn pit. Bargmann also mentioned that the minutes from the March meeting mentioned he was complaining about businesses in town. Bargmann said he was only having a problem with the business next to his property and not all businesses in town. Trustee Rief brought up that Bargmann had sent pictures of another property in town that Bargmann had brought up that needed addressed for a broken window. Rief said that would be two businesses so the meeting minutes were correct for March. Bargmann said the two properties is one owner and Rief said two separate entities would mean two different businesses. Bargmann disagreed and moved on. The board said they would review the current ordinance pertaining to burning in town and would see if the property with the burn pit is following the guidelines for a burn pit.

Discussion held on the possibility of using the LB840 funds as a COVID-19 relief grant for all businesses in Bancroft. The village has to spend half of the LB840 funds by September 2020 so they are looking for ways to help businesses during this tough time since some are going to have slower income for a while. The new Cuming County Economic Development Director, David Branch was in attendance via ZOOM and mentioned that there is Federal assistance available for small businesses and the Sweet Home Cuming County website has a link with COVID-19 information. He encouraged small businesses in Bancroft to take advantage of the federal money before the local money. Self-employed businesses also can apply for assistance as well. David will check with the Nebraska Economic Development on get back to Clerk Novak on how to use the funds for each business.

Trustee Soll wanted to know what could be done for businesses water/sewer bills during COVID-19. Clerk Novak mentioned that other towns are waiving late fees and not enforcing shut offs during this time. Clerk Novak suggested we do that same and that businesses with customer loss will see a decrease in their water usage since they wouldn't be using as much. Everyone would still get the same capacity charges but they will save on usage during this time.

Reviewed delinquent utility accounts.

Reviewed March council reports.

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

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A motion to adjourn was made by Soll, seconded by Rief. RCV: Ayes; Hulstein, Rief, Peirce, Soll and Hermelbracht. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

*Michael Hermelbracht, Chairperson*

*Megan Novak, Village Clerk*

March Wages		9,504.24
Bancroft Rural Fire	fire contract	6,250.00
Barco Munc. Products	supplies	125.19
BHE	natural gas	247.00
BOK Financial	street bond	58,515.00
Brodart Co	supplies	28.85
Capital One Card	utilities/tests/publications	4,817.58
Cengage Learning	publications	252.42
CVA	fuel	105.79
Graham Tire	police	148.99
Ideal Wheels	supplies	146.47
John Sachs	street storage	500.00
Johnson and Mock	legal fee	195.00
Kings Disposal	trash fee	7,540.00
MicroMarketing	supplies	20.99
NE Public Health Lab	water test	513.00
Peters Lawn	mowing	1,195.84
Quality Printing	supplies	62.12
R. Gatzemeyer	rental fee return	100.00

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Renz Electric	supplies	28.05
Ru-Des Mart	fuel	182.06
S. Milenkobich	water deposit return	97.27
Siebrandt Trucking	rock/gravel	912.30
Steiny's Farm Repair	street	176.39
Teledyne Inst	sewer	242.54
Wisner News	publishing	43.83
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>\$91,950.92</u></b>