

Village of Bancroft
Regular Meeting
May 2, 2022

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Bancroft was convened in open and public session on Monday, May 2, 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 April 27, 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 Bargmann, seconded by Soll to approve meeting minutes from the April 4, 2022, meeting. RCV: Ayes; Bargmann, Rief, Peirce, Soll and Hermelbracht.

Discussion held on a replacement sign for the Neihardt Center located at corner of Elm Street and Main Street. Clerk Novak will contact the Neihardt Center to see if this is something they will purchase, and the village can put it up. The current sign is becoming worn and will need replaced soon.

Discussion held on getting pricing for new signs on the edge of town that say welcome to Bancroft. The current ones are getting worn and starting to fall apart. Brad Petersen with Ideal Wheels might be able to make new ones. Clerk Novak will contact Petersen to get a quote for signs and present at June meeting.

Motion was made by Rief, seconded by Peirce to approve clean out bid from Beau Davis construction for \$30.00 per hour per person for 321 Main Street Property. RCV: Ayes; Peirce, Rief, Soll, Bargmann and Hermelbracht.

Tom Christopherson with Groundwater Solutions Group and Bryce Anderson with AWS Well Company present to discuss south well, and the nitrate testing done after the well casing was regouted. Their results are not what they were wanting but they have some hope that the nitrates are still high because the plume of water is still contaminated and just needs to be pumped out. Their latest testing showed that the well casing is keeping out contaminated ground water and doing its job. The question of blending was brought up and if that is a possibility. Water operator Redding said he would have to talk with the village state water representatives Rich Koenig to see what the state regulations are. Some work would need to be done with the south well and water tower to even make it possible. Another recommendation is that they would like to rule out the possibility that a pre-existing well close to the current well site. A pre-existing well site may be subverting the efforts to isolate the nitrates found in the perched water zone from the production zone. A review of the January 1900 Sanborn Fire insurance maps shows the water system for Bancroft included a 20-foot tall by 20-foot round water tower with brick base about 130 feet above the business part of town to store water from two 6-inch steel wells. The location of these wells could not be accounted for, but all indications are they would be on the north side of town. The question is raised that is these 2 steel wells were replaced sometime between 1900 and 1969 by an additional well possibly located near the water tower on the south end of town. Board will do some research on pre-existing wells and revisit in June.

JEO contacted clerk Novak about the south well and what the status of the nitrates are. If the village would need to find a new well site, there is funding available to apply for. To apply for this funding a

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preliminary engineering study of the entire water system will need to be done. This study would cost money but is a requirement for some of the available funding. The board will hold off on the study until the time comes to look for a new well site if that what must happen.

Trustees Soll and Rief met with a representative with Blue Valley Public Safety from Kansas about new fire/weather sirens for Bancroft. Siren by Mid-America no longer works, and the second siren is about 20 years old. The village would like these sirens to be automated so that the county can set them off in the case of storms. The cost to replace both existing sirens and to make them automated is estimated at \$59,618.30. The village is going to apply for funds from Hazard Mitigation to help cover 75% of the overall cost. Motion was made by Rief, seconded by Soll to approve quote for new fire/weather sirens from Blue Valley Public Safety in the amount of \$56,173.30. RCV: Ayes; Bargmann, Rief, Soll, Peirce and Hermelbracht.

Reviewed council reports and delinquent utility accounts.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Soll, seconded by Rief. RCV: Ayes; Bargmann, Rief, Peirce, Soll and Hermelbracht. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Michael Hermelbracht, Chairperson

Megan Novak, Village Clerk

Previous Month Wage		11,067.77
B. Darnell	deposit return	50.00
BHE	natural gas	455.00
BOK Financial	sewer bond	62,222.50
BOK Financial	bond interest	952.50
C & J Auto	police	34.36
Capital One Card	utilities/supplies/fees	4,918.18
Cengage learning	books	91.26
CNA Surety	bond	147.00
CSLP	summer reading	181.76
CVA	fuel	76.57

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D. Redding	reimbursement	40.00
Demco	supplies	718.72
LARM	audit fee	178.84
Les' Feed	supplies	29.50
M. Liewer	deposit return	200.00
M. Novak	mileage	32.76
M. Wegner	water	96.29
NE Public Health Env Lab	test fee	22.00
NNEDD	membership	660.00
Peters Lawn	mowing	1,230.75
Porter and Co	audit fee	5,375.00
Quality Printing	supplies	506.90
Quality Printing	supplies	135.97
Renz Electric	water repair	314.00
Ru-De's	fuel	324.40
Siebrandt Trucking	rock	1,011.50
Timberlyne	park	4,400.00
Wisner News	publishing	70.56
TOTAL		<u>\$95,544.09</u>

Friends of Library

CSLP	summer reading 2022	443.24
Virtual Reality Truck NE	summer reading 2022	345.00
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$788.24</u>