

Village of Bancroft  
Regular Meeting  
June 1, 2020

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Bancroft was convened in open and public session on Monday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. Present: Trustees: Hulstein, Peirce, Rief and Hermelbracht. Absent: Soll. Also present is Chief of Police Davis and other interested persons.

Advance notice of the meeting was published in the Wisner News Chronicle on May 27, 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 Hulstein to approve meeting minutes as previously prepared for the May 4, 2020 regular meeting. RCV: Ayes; Rief, Hulstein, Peirce and Hermelbracht. Absent: Soll.

Motion was made by Peirce, seconded by Hulstein to approve LB840 applications numbers 2002, 2005, 2011, 2024, 2029 and 2030 for \$2500.00 each. RCV: Ayes; Peirce, Rief, Hulstein and Hermelbracht. Absent: Soll.

Motion was made by Rief, seconded by Peirce to approve LB840 application number 2020 for \$3200.00. RCV: Ayes; Peirce, Hulstein, Rief and Hermelbracht. Absent: Soll.

Trustee Soll present at 7:05 PM.

Jake Dugger with Maguire Iron present to discuss water tower cleaning and painting. The water tower was last cleaned and painted in 2006. The water tower needs painted on the inside and outside every 10-12 years. During the water tower inspection in 2018, Maguire Iron found that the water needs a fall prevention device installed on the tower ladder and a ladder gate installed that would prevent anyone from climbing the tower that isn't supposed to. A new tower vent should be installed on the top as well. It would be welded in place which would prevent any bacteria from entering from the outside elements. Jake also explained a maintenance program the village could take advantage of. Each year the village would pay Maguire Iron \$7,000 and that money would cover any repairs, maintenance and inspections that may need done that year. If the village would go with the \$7,000 per year and in 10 years the water tower would need repainted, the painting would be part of the \$7,000 the village have been paying the last 10 years. It's a year to year agreement so there wouldn't be any penalties to cancel if that would be a decision made in a couple years. The village hasn't had to spend much on repairs and maintenance over the last 10 years on the water tower so the board would like to think about the yearly agreement and go ahead with the painting and other items that need added. The total cost of the project is \$87,200.00 and can be completed anytime if works for Maguire Iron and the village. It can take a month or two for Maguire Iron to get all the permits needed to start the painting project. The village water tower will be down between 2-4 weeks. The project cost can be broke down into yearly payments for three years with no interest if that works better for their budget. Maguire Iron was guessing early fall they would be in town to start the project. Jake was thanked for his time.

Motion was made by Hulstein, seconded by Rief to approve the contract for water tower services of \$87,200 by Maguire Iron of Sioux Falls, SD. RCV: Ayes; Soll, Rief, Hulstein, Peirce and Hermelbracht.

Verizon Wireless has approached the village of Bancroft to put up a cell tower to the northeast of the water tower. Verizon had contacted the village about two years ago, which was the same time another

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company called 1 Source Towers was in communication about a cell tower. Since 1 Source Towers hasn't made any efforts to contact the village about when the cell tower would be constructed, the village attorney drafted a letter to send to the company stating they needed to respond by June 28, 2020 otherwise the village of Bancroft considers the agreement signed in March of 2018 void. Verizon already has all necessary surveying and work done to move forward with their tower. Once the village signs their land lease agreement of \$12,000.00 per year, Verizon will start the process. They were hoping for early spring or summer of 2021 to start the construction. Motion was made by Rief, seconded by Soll to approve the land lease agreement between the village of Bancroft and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless. RCV: Ayes; Soll, Rief, Peirce, Hulstein and Hermelbracht.

Resident Randy Bargmann is present to discuss the progress with the property to the east of his house. He is wondering why the village hasn't taken more action since none of the junk cars have been cleaned up since the business received the letter in February 2020. Brad Petersen (owner of Ideal Wheels) is present and states he has been cleaning up iron and getting rid of what he can with the current scrap iron prices. Randy would like to know what sort of time frame Ideal Wheels has for their cleanup. Trustee Rief asked Randy what he is expecting to be done at Ideal Wheels. Randy didn't understand why it was his decision what got cleaned up. Rief told Randy to come up with a list of items that is bothering him and what he thinks needs to be done and bring to the July meeting. Nothing is getting accomplished with Randy coming to each meeting and complaining about the same things, when Ideal Wheels is making as much progress as they can, which is all the village expected of the businesses in town when the letters went out in February 2020. The board was starting to move onto the next agenda item but Randy has another thing to speak about. He asked what was being done with the burn hole behind Ideal Wheels. Brad stated that fire marshal had stopped a week or two ago and inspected his burn hole. The fire marshal found nothing wrong with it and Brad listed what he was all burning and fire marshal saw nothing in violation of the fire code. The board asked Brad what he was burning in the burn hole. Brad stated that he burns pallets, brush and some fiber glass once in a while. Brad burns cardboard in his incinerator. Randy thinks the burn hole is a hazard since it's just out in the open. A fence is not necessary but Brad would put a fence up if needed. The board decided to move onto the next agenda item.

Discussion held on a monthly cell phone reimbursement for maintenance superintendent Redding. Redding states he uses his personal cell phone more for work calls than personal calls. Clerk Novak looked into the cost of the fax line that Redding has in his office and that was costing the village around \$52.00 per month which was just being used as a fax line. The only faxes Redding would receive are the 811 (diggers hotline) and those can be received via email. Clerk Novak cancelled the fax line through Great Plain Communications so that will save the town that cost. Clerk Novak also stated that other smaller towns give between \$30 and \$50 a month for a cell phone reimbursement for their maintenance workers. The board agreed on a \$40.00 per month cell phone reimbursement for Redding. Motion was made by Rief, seconded by Peirce to reimbursement Redding \$40.00 per month once a cell phone bill was presented to Clerk Novak for each month. RCV: Ayes; Soll, Hulstein, Peirce, Rief and Hermelbracht.

Reviewed delinquent utility accounts.

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

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A motion to adjourn was made by Soll, seconded by Hulstein. RCV: Ayes; Soll, Peirce, Rief, Hulstein and Hermelbracht. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

*Michael Hermelbracht, Chairperson*

*Megan Novak, Village Clerk*

May Wages		8,363.40
BHE	gas fee	247.00
Abe's Mobile Powerwash	street cleaning	2,375.00
Capital One Card	utilities/test/books	1,208.25
CCPPD	electric	3,107.64
CVA	fuel	120.25
Demco	supplies	186.81
GPM	sewer maint.	412.00
Kings Disposal	trash fee	3,770.00
Les' Feed	supplies	26.00
Maguire Iron	water repair	5,125.00
NE Public Health Lab	test fee	15.00
Peters Lawn Service	mowing	1,195.84
Quality Printing	supplies	133.38
Quality Printing	supplies	29.99
Ru-De's Mart	fuel	137.90
Smidts Dumpall	spring cleanup	1,067.04
Wisner News Chronicle	subscription	21.00
Wisner News Chronicle	publishing	183.58
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>		<b><u>\$27,725.08</u></b>

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**Friends of the Library account**

Penworthy	supplies	105.78
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