

Village of Bancroft
Regular Meeting
September 7, 2021

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Bancroft was convened in open and public session on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Present: Trustees: Soll, Bargmann, Rief and Hermelbracht. Absent: Peirce. Also present, village attorney Matthew Munderloh and other interested persons.

Advance notice of the meeting was published in the Wisner News Chronicle on September 1, 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 July 6, 2021, meeting. RCV: Ayes; Bargmann, Rief, Soll and Hermelbracht. Absent: Peirce.

Hearing open for 1- and 6-year street plan for 2021-2022 open at 7:00 PM.

Hearing open for 2021-2022 fiscal year budget for Village of Bancroft open at 7:01 PM

Ruvann King with Kings Disposal present to discuss increase in trash service fees. With the price of fuel and the cost to take trash to the landfill increasing, Ruvann is asking for an increase in trash service for Bancroft residents for \$23.00 per resident and business. The current rate is \$15.00 and that has been the rate for over five years. Other trash services are charging \$22.00 to \$23.00 per trash can plus an additional \$8.00 to \$12.00 per second trash can. Ruvann doesn't want to charge for additional trash cans and just a flat rate of \$23.00 per customer for all their trash. Motion was made by Bargmann, seconded by Rief to approve trash rate increase from \$15.00 per month to \$23.00 per month for Bancroft trash customers. RCV: Ayes; Bargmann, Soll, Rief and Hermelbracht. Absent: Peirce.

Appeal hearing for Kathleen Thaemert; Determination of unsafe, dangerous building at 321 Main Street opened at 7:09 PM. Kathleen is present for hearing along with village attorney Matthew Munderloh. Kathleen Thaemert presents for her appeal hearing. Attorney Munderloh present to go over requests made for Kathleen. August 13, 2021, at 1:00 PM notice served to Kathleen for this hearing. Kathleen has no objections to the exhibits Munderloh presents to the board that discussed that the building is in good condition with the exceptions of the health hazards that are posed inside and outside the building. These were deemed hazards by building inspector Toby Gay. Chairperson Hermelbracht deemed the exhibits received. Kathleen is given 30 minutes to discuss the reasons she needs more time to make the repairs needed. She had the back of the building fenced and posted. She is accusing the town of going in and taking her items in the back of the building without her consent. She claims it was 25 years ago. She had called the sheriff and asked about the level of theft would have been, \$1500.00 worth of property is a class one felony according to the sheriff she spoke to. Munderloh asked how much time she wants/needs to make the repairs. Kathleen kept going back to the past with excuses on why she never has gotten repairs done. Trustee Soll asked when the last time she was in the building to do any repairs. She then went back to 2014 and stated her bank account was drained because of a new loan officer at the bank she used in Norfolk. Has a story about how she didn't even have heat one year because she didn't have any money to pay the bills, she had to make a makeshift heater for her house. Then she got a job as a truck driver. She can't give a year for the last time a repair was made. She fell

and got hurt awhile back and she had to walk to the grocery store through the snow on her crutches. Then one day the lord healed her, and she didn't need the crutches anymore. She wants all summer of 2022 to make the necessary repairs outlined in the letter sent to her. The letter sent to Kathleen states she is to remove half of the items inside the building because of the fire hazard posed on the amount of items inside, she is to secure any windows that are rotting and cover up any areas that would allow animals or birds to enter the building, clean up any bird feces and dead birds inside the building, and fix the large crack in the wall on the west side of building. Kathleen states she can remove half of the items in the building possibly this winter, brick, and mortar she can't do until next summer, and to secure the windows she wants a years' time. She thinks the government in town is highly illegal and she won't give an answer. She wants us to read the book Agenda 21 by Glenn Beck. She quotes out of the book and says the small-town governments are running most of America and most of the world. Kathleen asks for a year to make repairs, but the board thinks that is too much more time and will give 60 more days to make repairs. Motion was made by Rief, seconded by Bargmann to give Kathleen Thaemert 60 more days to clean up necessary hazards. RCV: Ayes; Rief, Bargmann, Soll and Hermelbracht. Absent: Peirce.

Discussion held on Clerk Novak taking the role of clerk/treasurer. Treasurer Buchholz would like to be done as treasurer for the village. Last year the state passed a bill called LB781 which makes municipal treasurers take classes to be certified each year. Since Renee has a full-time job, she does not have the time to take the courses to be certified and keep certification. Clerk Novak explained how going to the Clerks Institute each year will give her the credits for the treasurer certification. Having a treasurer is good for towns since it's a double check on the banking and finances. Renee was reconciling bank statements each month which took about 30 minutes. Clerk Novak can do this as well. Novak will continue monthly reports to the council and the village will have an in-house financial audit done by accountant Fred Weber with Porter and Co out of Sioux City, IA.

Hearing for 1- and 6-year plan closed at 7:37 PM. No public comment was made.

Motion was made by Soll, seconded by Rief to approve resolution No. 2021-9 to adopt 1- and 6-year plan for fiscal year 2021-2022. RCV: Ayes; Soll, Bargmann, Rief and Hermelbracht. Absent: Peirce.

Hearing for fiscal year budget 2021-2022 closed at 7:39 PM. No public comment was made.

Motion was made by Rief, seconded by Soll to approved 2021-2022 fiscal year budget, final tax request and 1% increase in restricted funds. RCV: Ayes; Rief, Soll, Bargmann and Hermelbracht. Absent: Peirce.

Motion to advertise for snow removal bids for 2021-2022 winter season made by Rief, seconded by Bargmann. RCV: Ayes; Soll, Rief, Bargmann and Hermelbracht. Absent: Peirce.

Discussion held on the south bleachers on the softball field at the park. The bleachers are in poor shape and in need of major repairs. Since the school purchased different ones a couple years ago, they will no longer need them to use for football. During the summer months they don't get used either since people sit on the aluminum bleachers or lawn chairs. There is enough aluminum bleachers that can be used in place of the wooden ones for summer ball. The board decided to take bids to sell and remove the bleachers. Advertisement will be in the newspaper for bids.

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Kyle's Lawn care submitted for total spray for the park and cemetery. Fall spray will be a total spray of both properties to control broadleaf weeds in the lawn. Spring spray will be a pre-emergent to prevent grass weeds from germinating along with a total spray of the properties to control broadleaf weeds in the lawn. Motion was made by Rief, seconded by Bargmann to approve weed control bid from Kyle's Lawn Care for the park of \$2,35.00 and for the cemetery of \$2,220.00. RCV: Ayes; Bargmann, Soll, Rief and Hermelbracht. Absent: Peirce.

Reviewed council reports.

Reviewed delinquent utility accounts.

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

A motion to adjourn was made Rief, seconded by Soll. RCV: Ayes; Bargmann, Rief, Soll and Hermelbracht. Absent: Peirce. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Michael Hermelbracht, Chairperson

Megan Novak, Village Clerk

Previous Month Wage		8,969.78
American Fence	park	3,530.00
BHE	natural gas	298.00
B. Burhoop	chemical	95.00
Capital One Card	utilities/supplies/tests	5,280.43
Cengage Learning	books	229.85
Coast to Coast Solutions	library	101.54
Creative Product Source	library	76.96
CVA	fuel	276.23
Johnson & Mock	law fee	566.50
Kings Disposal	trash fee	3,770.00
Law Enforcement Systems	police	96.00
Layne Christensen Co	water	7,480.90

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League of NE Munc.	membership	419.00
Lorensen Lumber	street	1,795.94
Mel's Small Engine	mower repair	150.00
MicroMarketing	books	83.78
NE Public Health Lab	test fee	15.00
Pender Ace Hardware	supplies	9.99
Peters Lawn Service	mowing	1,230.75
Platinum Timber	tree removal	3,400.00
Quality Printing	supplies	445.47
Renz Electric	repairs	868.45
Ru-Des Mart	fuel	305.18
State of NE	police	88.00
Three Rivers Library System	membership	10.00
Wisner News	publishing	75.83
TOTAL		<u>\$39,668.58</u>