
10/30/2023 Brandon Township Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called To Order

A meeting of Brandon Township was held on July 5, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Brandon Township Hall located at 25993 482nd Ave, Corson, SD 57005.

Roll Call

Thomas Brown, Jason Metzger, Dean Herll, Elizabeth Aaker

Public Present: Sandy Johnson 26014 482nd Ave Corson, SD

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

July 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes: Brown set motion to approve, Metzger 2nd motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.

New Business

- **Review meeting on 10-18-23 with DOT for 259th Railroad Crossing signage:** Township met with Travis Dressin for SD DOT to discuss the railroad crossing on 259th street. Intersection has been discussed previously on 7/13/2021 meeting with DOT. New road study was completed, and they now have 67/day traveling the road. 32 of those vehicles are presumed to be Kniferiver employees. SD DOT feels the railroad needs arms and lighting system because of past accidents in area. DOT and Burlington Northern have increased contribution to railroad signage. They estimate the new lighting and arms would cost \$400,000 and township would be responsible for 10% of that amount. Alternative option would be to vacate the road. Johnson proposed we speak to public living on the road to see if they would contribute to cost of signage. Metzner asked if we can deem the road No Maintenance to limit township liability if there was an accident. Herll will contact attorney for their opinion.
- **Review meeting on 10-24-23 City of Brandon master plan meeting:** Aaker attended the City of Brandon master plan. They presented it to the public that evening. Highlights were that they would be installing a bike trail along the east side of new elementary school area to remove children from Chestnut Road once the new elementary school has been built. The Redwood and Chestnut area is in the future plans as major arterial roads for the City of Brandon.
- **Redwood/Chestnut load limit permits:** Discussion of questions that have been asked for applicants. Brown highlighted some standards we should be following. There must be one permit per vehicle. Multiple vehicles for the same company are required to have multiple permits. Maps of proposed route should be shown, so we can better determine the road damage caused. New tracking system for permits will be included. Permits do expire by the end of the year and must be reapplied for.

Old Business

- **East Redwood/Chestnut Updates:**
 - o Aaker also spoke to the developer for Chestnut Ridge. They are only starting phase one and would not need any additional approaches currently. Developer still in process of being annexed into the City of Brandon.
 - o School has been delayed a year, due to enrollment numbers being lower than expected.
- **Road Condition/Culverts:** No major discussion needed, in good standing.

Financial Update From Treasurer: Herll will give end of year review at December 6, 2023 meeting.

Adjournment

Metzner set motion to adjourn to executive session for employee Mike Gross annual review at 7:52pm, Brown second motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.