
3/7/2023 Brandon Township Annual Meeting Minutes

Call Meeting To Order

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

Roll Call

Scott Tripp, Thomas Brown, Dean Herll, Elizabeth Aaker, Jason Metzger

Public Present

Sandy Johnson, Quinten Johnson, Victoria Wilde, Jeff Wilde, Aaron Hansen, Kyle Brown, Wyatt Sunvold, Andy Ekedahl, Steve Nowland

Guest Include: Robert Dykstra, Brandon Fire Department

Pledge of Allegiance

Select Election Judges and 1 Moderator

- Aaron Hansen was selected as moderator and Quinton Johnson and Kyle Brown were selected as judges.

Presentation By Guests

- **Brandon Fire Department Funding Request**
 - o Robert Dykstra of Brandon Fire Department presenting current call numbers and financial figures. Of the 541 calls last year, 62 were in the Brandon Township. Fire department has added water & ice rescue equipment in the last year to help with water rescues on creeks and ponds in township. Fire department is under a 5-year contract with Brandon Township, so no vote was needed to continue funding for fire department. Funding will be \$16,000 per contract.
- **Medstar Ambulance Funding Request**
 - o No representative

Approval of Minutes

- Aaker read meeting minutes from 2022 Annual Meeting. Nowland set motion to approve meeting minutes. Quinton Johnson 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

Treasurer Report

- Herll went over expenses and income of the previous year. Township is in good standing with a good reserve in the bank account of \$366,194.91 and a CD of \$34,152.38. Blade arrived beginning of summer and has been working out great. Prairie Rose Foundation gave the township funds for tools for road maintenance.
- Sunvold commented on wages for Mike and that he really felt was a good job and we want to maintain him as an operator.
- Hansen asked if there are any large expenses coming up for township. Herll said we should not have any large expenses but did put an increase into legal expenses because we predict more expenses in this next year.
- Quinten Johnson set motion to approve treasurer report. Hansen 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

Treasurer Budget/Opt Out for Additional Funds

- Dean Herll reviewed cash on hand of \$366,194.91 and a CD of \$34,152.38 and he feels we are at a good reserve.
- Nowland set motion to approve treasurer budget. Jeff Wilde 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

- All board members felt the township needed to opt out for funds of \$5,000 to make township available for FEMA funds in the future.
- Kyle Brown set motion to have Brandon Township opt out for \$5,000. Sandy Johnson 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

Supervisor Report on Road Maintenance

- **Pushing snow across road and obstructions:** It is against the law. We had lots of snow this year so the township has had to do more of this. It ruins the crown of the road and causes road issues when melting begins.
- **Culvert inspects, please contact the board:** Please report if you see any culverts you feel need to be inspected. Board yearly inspects culverts.
- **Quote on Redwood & Chestnut chloride treatment:** Tripp met with the City of Brandon and they are good with the township bringing a bid to the next city meeting.
- **Pipeline:** Aaker spoke about that the CO2 pipeline company will be running through areas of the township.
- **Load Limits on Redwood/Chestnut:**
 - o New developer will begin building large housing, apartments and business areas on the southeast corner of the Redwood/Chestnut intersection. New Brandon Valley Elementary School will begin construction soon, opening 2025. Road is hard to maintain with traffic areas as it is. Construction & school busses will cause more damage to the road.
 - o Aaker stated the last road count was about 550-600 cars per day and that study was done in June (not during the school year). She has requested new road count be done from LTAP before the school year is out.
 - o Tripp talked to the City of Brandon about putting load limit signs on Redwood off of Splitrock to notify heavy traffic. Ton limit has not been decided. Aaker will contact LTAP to see recommendations, Tripp will try to touch base with developer. Brown has spoken to Brandon Valley Bus barn and Marv's Sanitary Services to see what their weights are.
 - o Quinton Johnson set motion to have Brandon Township board put a ton limit on the roads based off their recommendations. Nowland 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried
- **Overview of road maintenance and other issues-**
 - o Jeff Wilde would like to know about treatment of 259th Street. Township does not have the funds to treat the road but recommended to get a group of neighbors together like last year to treat it.
 - o Brandon Bridge- Brandon Bridge construction might start December of 2023. Aaker has had a road count done on 259th street to see if construction drives up the traffic count.
- **Front Blade For Grader**
 - o Brown talked about adding a front blade for the grader. It helps break up ice on road and create a textured surface to drive on. Township borrowed a front blade from Mapleton and felt it was really beneficial. Brown received a bid for front blade of \$8,000 plus \$3,015.45 for carbide teeth. They have offered a return credit of \$1000-1100 for old parts. Quinton Johnson set motion to have Brandon Township purchase front blade. Nowland 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

Weed Control & Tree Removal

- Weeds and brush in the right of way were discussed. The township received a bid from Ditch Weed LLC for the spraying the ditches for \$63 per mile with Tordon22K and 2-4D LV6 applied at 20 gpa/water which would help with small trees. Sandy Johnson set motion to have Brandon Township use ditch weed and pay for removal. Nowland 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried
- Brush removal:
 - o Township rented an attachment (like a tiger mower) to cut down small trees in right of way. Very successful, will try to do again this year to keep tree removal in right of way down.

Dumping of materials, cargo, snow, other obstructions in ditches

- Tripp discussed someone dumped a couch of the side of Redwood Blvd. Asked township's help in reporting people who are illegally dumping garbage.

FEMA Compensation Policy

- FEMA requiring a set compensation policy for board members going beyond normal duties during natural disaster. Aaker stated FEMA recommending \$16, Tripp suggested \$16 per hour with no per diem—same as

last year. Quinten Johnson made motion to set FEMA Compensation for \$16 per hour, no per diem. Nowland 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

Set Salaries of Township Board

- Current annual salary \$1000 per year and any training meetings, not including normal meeting, to be compensated to board members at \$25 per hour. Nowland set motion to keep all wages for board members the same. Hansen 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

Full Maintenance, Minimum, or no Maintenance Roads

- No changes in road maintenance. Will do full maintenance on all road with the exception of no maintenance roads of West Redwood Blvd and Chestnut Trail. Aaron Hansen made motion to approve current maintenance of roads. Quinten Johnson 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

New Business From The Floor

- Few public comments on increase in property evaluation. Aaker stated that all of Brandon Township saw an increase in property taxes between 40-50% from last year.

Nomination of Township Officers

- Clerk- Elizabeth Aaker, Treasurer- Dean Herll & Supervisor- Tom Brown
 - o No petition to run for supervisor position submitted
 - o Quinten Johnson made motion for Aaker to be reelected to clerk for 1 year, Herll to be reelected to treasurer for 1 year and Tom Brown to be reelected to 3-year supervisor. Sandy Johnson 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.

Announcements/Public Comments

- March 20, 2023 Minnehaha County Equalization Meeting 7:00 p.m.—Need appeals to me by 3-16-23
- March 28, 2023 Meeting (required by State Law) 6:00 p.m --- Earlier time than normal
- Meeting minutes, agenda & announcements on website at brandontownshipsd.com

Adjournment

- Kyle Brown made motion to adjourn at 8:26pm. Aaron Hansen 2nd motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

Elizabeth Aaker, Brandon Township Clerk