
2/27/24 Brandon Township Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called To Order

A meeting of Brandon Township was held on February 27, 2024 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 and Quinten Johnson 26014 482nd Ave Corson, SD

Kayla Dover 48197 Corson Street Corson, SD

Pete Richardson representative from KnifeRiver

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

October 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes: Brown set motion to approve, Metzger 2nd motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.

New Business

- **VanOverschelde Homes rezoning paperwork:** A request was made for the township to sign off as road authority on rezoning paperwork for the new development off Chestnut and Redwood that has been annexed into City limits. The township board was waiting for this meeting to discuss the plans with our roads but Tami Jansma City Engineer for Brandon signed the paperwork. Aaker spoke with her about the signature, and she stated that half of the road is controlled by the City of Brandon since it has been annexed. Jansma stated that we need to create a road agreement with the City of Brandon to help negotiate road maintenance since they do now own half of the road and they should be responsible for half of the costs. Township board is checking with attorney on if the paperwork should have a dual signature request since the City of Brandon does not own the whole road.
- **Gravel Bids:** Aaker has placed in paper, first run date will be March 6, 2024
- **Annual Financial Documents:** Board has received from Herll and they will be presented at annual meeting.

Old Business

- **259th Railroad Crossing signage: Discussion was had on the future of this road from past meetings.** SD DOT says 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, close the road to through traffic or do nothing. All options will be presented at annual meeting for a vote. Brown doesn't want to close road because of safety and fire purposes, and it creates dead end roads in the township. Quinten Johnson said he was told by Brandon Fire Department that they could use other roads just as fast and he would rather use the funds to buy a packer for the grader. Richardson said contractors should not be using the road as they built a new road with a scale for them to drive on. According to him KnifeRiver would not gain or lose anything by the road being vacated or closed. If road is vacated the DOT would provide the township with \$75,000 and Burlington Northern would also provide another \$75,000 for lost tax revenue. Brown will contact the attorney for their opinion.

- **East Redwood/Chestnut Updates:**
 - o Not much new discussion other than development rezoning paperwork
- **Road Condition/Culverts:**
 - o Dover spoke about a tree she had just planted that when it grows bigger will be over the right of way. Snow is currently being pushed very close to it. Brown said the township will help her move it more in her yard to avoid future issues.
 - o Dover also spoke about the increase of traffic in the alley from Marmon Energy employees when they close the roads to bring out the large windmill equipment. We will bring this issue back up when the snow has melted so the board can look at the condition of the alley.
 - o New culvert is needed on 257th and 481
 - o New building on north side of Swedona Church needs to have drainage issues addressed. Currently water is running right into the road. Will discuss at end of month meeting.
 - o Mike Gross has requested \$50/hour rate for renting his tractor for township use. Brown set motion to approve it, Metzger second motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

Financial Update From Treasurer: Herll will present all budget and documents and annual meeting.

Adjournment

Brown set motion to adjourn meeting at 8:02pm, Metzger second motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.