
8/14/25 Brandon Township Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called To Order

A meeting of Brandon Township was held on August 14, 2025 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, Matt Gawarecki

Public Present:

Andy, Ekedahl, Darlene Keiner, David and Leigh Rezac, Matt and Kari Helgeson, Navi Chumber, Sandy Elofson, Kyle Brown, Aaron Hanson, Michael Brown, Hannah and Jon Moss, Jess and Jessica Elofson, Jill Meier, Jeremy and Nicole Haug, Brian Stoferack, Bo Nemelka, Scott Dubbelde

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

June 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes: Brown set motion to approve, Gawarecki 2nd motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.

New Business

- **East Redwood Blvd & North Chestnut Blvd Updates (new development & school):** Discussion was had on how the township should handle the excess traffic from the development and school opening. Scott Dubbelde, City of Brandon resident, has been working on several ideas for the township.
 - **~500 Feet from Chestnut (Brandon Limits) to Chestnut Trail:** The developer of the area, Nick Vanoverschelde, has met with the township board and has agreed to pay for blacktopping of this section (with no sidewalks) to bring the asphalt to the end of Chestnut Trail. Dubbelde feels this would be the best first step to help with safety of the children who will be attending the school next fall. Open floor discussion was had, several Brandon Township residents expressed that paving the road in this area would not keep children safe and sidewalk would be needed. Some residents felt allowing any paving of this area could lead to annexation talks to rise again with the city. Other residents felt adding the pavement might relieve some traffic on Redwood as drivers would be more likely to drive on the paved roads instead of gravel. Kyle Brown made a motion to allow the township board to start negotiations with developer on future of the 500 feet. Nemelka 2nd motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.
 - **East Redwood Blvd & North Chestnut Blvd:** Dubbelde has been speaking to some Brandon city council members and other interested parties in paving of the two roads of East Redwood Blvd and North Chestnut Blvd. From his research he thinks that the rural section paving could be done for around \$2.2 million dollars with an interested party contributing up to 40%. He suggested the township board write a letter to the City of Brandon asking them for a flagpole annexation of roads only so rural paving can be achieved on these roads. Open floor discussion was had with residents. Many felt opening up any type of annexation by the City of Brandon would lead to eventual annexation of all houses. Questions were raised at where the City of Brandon spent the developer fees collected from all of the houses around the golf course. It should have been set aside for future road infrastructure for this area. Concern was raised about how the City of Brandon has charged residents large amounts for other areas of road development (Ironwood/Aspen Park) with concern the same could be done to current residents on these two roads. No motion was made.

Old Business

- **Vacation of 259th Street:** BNSF sent more paperwork for township to review and sign
- **Fire Department Funding:** Brown has been attending meetings and would like to update more on this at next meeting
- **MCAP Lease and Repairs:** New lease has been signed, 10 years of leasing payment was made on building. Roof repairs on building seem to be holding.
- **Update on road conditions & culverts:**
 - o Grade A Excavation is almost complete with installing of new culverts.

Adjournment To Executive Session for Annual Employee Review

Brown set motion to adjourn meeting at 8:22pm, Gawarecki second motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.

Executive Session for Mike Gross Employee Review: Annual review for Mike Gross. Discussion happened among board members on Gross. Many positive statements were said about his work on maintaining roads and snow removal. Gawarecki set motion to give Gross a \$1.00/hour raise to keep up with cost of living, Metzger 2nd motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried. Executive session ended at 8:45pm