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# 3/30/2021 Brandon Township Meeting Minutes

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## Call Meeting To Order

A meeting of Brandon Township was held on March 30, 2021 at 7:00pm at the Brandon Township Hall located at 48266 260<sup>th</sup> Street, Corson, SD 57005.

## Roll Call

Thomas Brown, Dean Herll, Scott Tripp, Elizabeth Aaker, Jason Metzger (via phone)

## Public Present:

David Sorenson, Paul Thoreson, Deb Weir, Kelly Lyons, Sandy Johnson, Quentin Johnson, Sandy Johnson, Bruce Heggen Andy Haas and Clark Meyer with Knife River

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Approval of Minutes

Minutes from March 2, 2021 meeting. Brown set motion to approve, Tripp 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.

## Public Comments For Items On Agenda Only- None

## New Business

- Knife River proposal to close 259<sup>th</sup> Street for 1 day to rebuild road:
  - o Clark Meyer and Andy Haas with Knife River came to speak to township about closing 259<sup>th</sup> Street to build up so they can cross with heavy trucks. They want to put fabric down and excavate road to protect it from being destroyed. They expect to start scraping quarry area in 12 weeks and would like to have the road built up before then.
  - o Quinten Johnson wanted to know if this was related to the railroad track crossing and the DOT. Meyer said they never have asked the DOT to close that crossing and this building up of the road is not related to the crossing.
  - o Tripp stated that we need to be able to keep 259<sup>th</sup> street open for emergencies and referenced a field fire that happened earlier this week in the area. Currently 28 people drive the road daily.
  - o Deb Weir confirmed that she would be able to get into field if the intersection was built
  - o Knife River is asking to close the road down for 2 days to do the following:
    - Start morning of 4/1/21 and to put intersection for truck crossing at section line to allow trucks to cross
    - Knife River will place all stop signs & truck crossing signs according to DOT standards
    - Knife River will place road closed signs while building up road
    - No utilizes have been found in the area and locate has been done
    - Knife River will notify metro emergency vehicles about road closing
  - o Johnson set motion to approve Knife River proposal, Sorenson 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.
  
- Xcel energy for the pole replacement: Dean composed letter to Xcel energy approving replacement of poles based on details in letter

- Brandon Township Website Renewal: Approval for Aaker to renew hosting for 3 years on site and township will reimburse for \$402.73
- Auditor road miles: Completed and mailed
- SECOG map: Completed and mailed, no changes
- Gravel bids: Received two bids so far but window still open until 4-15-21

#### Unfinished Business-

- **Update on road conditions/culverts:** none
- **Trailer & Tools Needed for shop, grant application:** Will start looking for trailer new or used to purchase.
- **Railroad Crossing 259<sup>th</sup> Street:** SDDOT Area Engineer Travis Dressen will attend May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss crossing.

**Financial Update From Treasurer:** Herll reviewed current budget. Township in good standing.

**Public Comments/Announcements** – None

#### Adjournment

Tripp set motion to adjourn at 7:45pm, Metzger second motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.