
3/5/2019 Brandon Township Annual Meeting Minutes

Call Meeting To Order

A meeting of Brandon Township was held on March 5, 2019 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

Public Present

John Weir, Kelly Lyons, John Burkman, Joey Brown, Sandy Johnson, Suzie Weir, Dean and Jean Peterson, Brayden Ames, Dave and Sandy Elofson, Beth Warden, Gayle & Gloria Habeck, David Sorenson, Nancy & John Brandsma, Deborah & Jeff Leaverton, Quentin Johnson, Dan Murtha, Dale Trigg, Aaron Schroeder, David Kolsrud, Jared Johnson, Chad Schettler, Bobby Swenson Jr.

Guest includes Robert Dykstra, Gary Lembcke, Matt Cerwick, and Justin Horn from Brandon Fire Department and Justin Pfeifer from MedStar Ambulance services.

Pledge of Allegiance

Select 3 Election Judges and 1 Moderator

- Dave Sorenson was selected as moderator and John Wier, Kelly Lyons and Dean Peterson were selected as judges.
- Dave Sorenson read the agenda and asked for additions. No additions were added. Kelly Lyon made motion to approve agenda, Suzie Weir 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.

Presentation By Guests

- **Medstar Ambulance Funding Request**
 - o Justin Pfeifer from MedStar Ambulance services reviewed funding loss for his company due to many not paying bills for ambulance services. Covered coverage area map for the township. They receive no financial funding from the county because they are privately funded. Asking for \$100 per section in township, so \$3600 total for the 2019 budget and 2020 budget.
 - o John Brandsma made motion to provide \$3600 for Medstar in the 2019 budget and 2020 budget. John Burkeman 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.
- **Brandon Fire Department Funding Request**
 - o Robert Dykstra presenting financial information for Brandon Fire Department. 17-18% of total costs are for Brandon Township. Stating cost of fire coverage for Brandon is \$37,726.68 and only receiving \$30,500 (\$12,500 from Brandon Township). Asking for an increase of \$3,500. Request was made by several township residents to table funding topic until the end of meeting after township budget had been reviewed.
- **Fireworks Policy**
 - o Brayden Ames spoke about fireworks being shot off on township roads by nonresidents. Fireworks hours were not enforced and many times garbage was left in middle of road. She asked that we consider voting on banning fireworks on township roads.
 - o John Burkman made motion to ban fireworks in Brandon Township and post ban signage on all major roads. There was no 2nd motion. Motion failed.

- Kelly Lyon made motion to have Brandon Township board look into the legality of banning fireworks and proceed as necessary. John Brandsma 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried
- **Monarch caterpillars and butterflies informative talk-** Verna Boyd did not attend meeting

Approval of Minutes

- Beth Aaker read meeting minutes from 2018 Annual Meeting. John Brandsma set approve meeting minutes. John Wier 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

Treasurer Report

- Dean Herll went over expenses and income of the previous year. He also had a comparison report with income and expenses from past five years and a breakdown of grader expense.
- John Brandsma set approve treasurer report. Jared Johnson 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

Building, Land, Grader Storage/Replacement needs

- Building to Store Grader
 - Board reviewed bids for new building costs for grader storage. Looking into building a 40x60 building that is 16' tall with large enough doors to store grader.
 - Sweetman's is still looking for areas of land to sell to Brandon Township, three current pieces might be options.
 - With land and building cost, board asking township to proceed with perusing building/land purchase with a budget of \$150,000.
- Grader Replacement
 - Board reviewed estimated amount of miles/time left on our current grader. The township will be needing an upgrade. Reviewed current resale value of grader, cost of new verses used. Money has been set aside the last few years knowing grader would need to be replaced.
- Dave Sorenson made motion for the board to proceed with building plan, land purchase & grader replacement. David Kolsrud 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

Brandon Fire Department Funding

- Tabled agenda item was addressed. Jared Johnson made motion to increase fire department funding from \$12,500 in 2019 to \$14,500 in 2020. John Burkman 2nd motion. Call to Vote: 30 votes in favor, 1 opposed, Motion Carried

Opt Out for Additional Funds

- Dean Herll went over budget for 2020
- Budget included Brandon Township opting out for maximum amount of \$41,000
- 2019 Budget would need to be increased by \$3,600 for ambulance funding
- 2020 Budget would need to be increased by \$3,600 for ambulance funding and \$2000 for Brandon Fire Department
- John Brandsma set approve budget changes for 2019 & 2020 including full opt out amount of \$41,000. Gloria Habeck 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

Supervisor Report on Road Maintenance

- **Finishing work on 259th Street:** Feathering ditches will happen once snow melts
- **Pushing snow across road and obstructions:** It is against the law
- **Culvert inspects, please contact the board:** Aaron Schroeder at 26003 483rd Ave asked for his culvert to be inspected
- **Quote on Redwood & Chestnut chloride treatment:** Bid \$4,200 will be presented to City of Brandon at 3-18-19 meeting

- Overview of road maintenance and other issues- No issues reported

Weed Control & Tree Removal

- Weeds and brush in the right of way were discussed. The township hires Ditch Weed LLC for the spraying the ditches at \$2800.
- John Burkman made motion to have township pay for spraying. Kelly Lyons 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

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

- Discussed illegal dumping in ditches, write down license plates and report it.

Vote on Official Legal Paper Change to Brandon Valley Journal (Need motion and second)

- Sandy Johnson made motion to have new legal paper be changed to Brandon Valley Journal. Brayden Ames 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

Set Salaries of Township Board

- Annual salary \$1000 per year. John Wier made motion to annual salary same. John Burkman 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried
- John Burkman made motion to have all training meetings, not including normal meeting, to be compensated to board members at \$25 per hour. Bradyn Ames 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

Full Maintenance, Minimum, or no Maintenance Roads

- No changes in road maintenance

Nomination of Township Officers

- Clerk
 - o John Burkman made motion to reelect Beth Aaker. Kelly Lyons 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried
- Treasurer
 - o John Brandsma made motion to reelect Dean Herrl. Dave Sorenson 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried
- 1-year term Supervisor
 - o John Burkman made motion to reelect Tom Brown for remaining 1-year term. Sandy Elfoson 2nd motion. Call to Vote: Unanimous vote, Motion Carried
- 2-year term Supervisor
 - o Nancy Bransma made motion to elect John Brandsma for remaining 2-year term of vacated board seat. John Burkman 2nd motion.
 - o Gloria Habeck made motion to elect Beth Warden for remaining 2-year term of vacated board seat. Gayle Habeck 2nd motion.
 - o Call to Vote: 15 votes for John Brandsma; 5 votes for Beth Warden. John Brandsma wins vote.
- 3-year term Supervisor
 - o John Brandsma made motion to elect Scott Tripp for 3-year term. Sandy Elofson 2nd motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried

Announcements/Public Comments

- John Burkman stated he has been very impressed with quality of road grading and snow removal this year from township employee Mike Gross.
- The Equalization meeting will be on the 18th of March. Appointments must be made by the March 14.

Adjournment

- Jared Johnson made motion to adjourn at 9:28pm. John Burkman 2nd motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried