

VILLAGE OF BERTRAND
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 11, 2025

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Bertrand, Nebraska held a Regular Meeting on February 11, 2025, at the Village Hall by posting at the First State Bank, Post Office, and Village Office. The agenda for said meeting was kept continuously at the office of the Village Clerk. Present were Chairman TJ Wilcox, and Trustees Jason McNierney, Brian Schroeder, and Fred Spiegel. Lucas Evans absent.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and publicly stated to all in attendance that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

On a motion by Schroeder, seconded by McNierney, the consent agenda was accepted. Voting Aye, Schroeder, McNierney, Spiegel, Wilcox. Evans absent. The items on the consent agenda were as follows: minutes for Regular Meeting on January 14, 2025; the Village financials for the month of January; the Village payables for the month of January in an amount not to exceed \$70,000; the Village employees' salaries for the month of February not to exceed \$26,000. The January payables were as follows:

AC-Armor Coating	AR-Auto Repair	CG-Curb & Gutter	DF-Dues, Fees Subscriptions
EL-Extra Labor	EQ-Equipment	ER-Equipment Repair	FP-Food Pantry
FR-Freight	FU-Fumigation	FUND- Pool Fundraiser	GA-Garbage Collection
GC-Gravel/Cold Mix	GG-g2g Donations	GO-Gas, Oil, Tires	GRA-Grant
GRO-Grave Opening	GS-Garage Sales	IMP-Improvement	INS-Insurance
INT-Internet	LAB-Labor	LAW-Law Enforcement	LEG-Legal
LF-Landfill	LP-Lease Payment	MH-Machine Hire	MI-Miscellaneous
MIL-Mileage/Meals	NH-Nursing Home Loan	OS-Office Supplies	PC-Pool Concessions
PF-Professional Fees	PP-Pool Project	PR-Printing/Publishing	RM-Repair/Maintenance
REN-Rental	SCH-Schooling	SR-Snow Removal	ST-Sales Tax
SS-Shop Supplies	SU-Supplies	TE-Telephone	TL-Tobacco/Liquor License
UT-Utilities	WT-Water Testing		

<u>CEMETERY</u>		<u>SEWER</u>	
Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Jan.)	2,234.02	Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Jan.)	2,903.69
Primary Electric G2G	4,761.76	BOK Financial BOND PF	8,370.56
Southern Power UT	32.00	C Plus GO	44.19
	7,027.78	Mid-State Engineering SL	2,259.00
<u>COMMUNITY BUILDING</u>		Southern Power UT	280.97
Black Hills Energy UT	655.79	Verizon TE	10.95
Reliable Pest Control FU	40.00		13,869.36
Southern Power UT	115.00	<u>STREET</u>	
Fred Spiegel LAB	20.00	Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Jan.)	5,008.44
Village Uniform PF	38.85	Black Hills Energy UT	357.49
	869.64	C Plus GO	427.36
<u>GARBAGE COLLECTION</u>		Cross Country Market SU ST	16.99
Waste Connection of NE. GA	5,669.44	Evans Repair LAB ER	523.18
	5,669.44	Southern Power UT	1,451.84
<u>GENERAL</u>		Those Blasted Signs OS	250.00
Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Jan.)	4,891.76	Verizon TE	53.88

GENERAL (cont.)		STREET (cont.)	
ATC Communications INT	40.665		8,089.18
Bertrand Schools TL	520.00	WATER	
Black Hills Energy UT	150.49	Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Jan.)	8,943.46
Chase Credit Card SCH OS ST	2,045.30	Black Hills Energy UT	361.57
Clearly TE ST	87.05	C Plus GO	108.34
DeWald, Deaver, L'Heureux BHA	780.00	Central District Health WT	358.00
FNIC INS	64.00	Chase Credit Card OS ST PF WT	182.01
Holdrege Daily Citizen PR	22.91	Cross Country Market SU ST	11.01
NE Department of Revenue ST	6.08	FNIC INS	64.00
PCDC DF	750.00	Holmes Plbg & Htg Supply SU	158.25
One Call Concepts PF	4.06	NE Department of Revenue ST	660.53
Red Wing Software DF	710.00	PCDC DF	750.00
Southern Power UT	152.00	Red Wing Software DF	710.00
Woodward's Disposal MI DF	16.25	Southern Power UT	1,455.00
	10,240.55	Spectrum INT TE DF	158.92
LAW ENFORCEMENT		Verizon TE	21.89
Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Jan.)	1,501.73	Woodward's Disposal MI	16.25
Verizon TE	42.94		13,959.23
	1,544.67	YARD WASTE/RECYCLING	
PARK		Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Jan.)	574.03
Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Jan.)	3,095.06	ATC Communications INT	100.00
Southern Power UT	530.20	Reliable Pest Control FU	57.00
	3,625.26		731.03
TOTAL	65,723.67	POOL	
		Clearly TE ST	43.53
		Southern Power UT	54.00
			97.53

The Board reviewed the Bertrand Nursing Home and Assisted Living report. The current census for the Nursing Home is 18 residents and 5 residents in Assisted Living. On a motion by Schroeder, seconded by Spiegel, the Nursing Home's financials for the month of December were accepted. Voting Aye, Schroeder, Spiegel, McNierney, Wilcox. Evans absent. On a motion by Spiegel, seconded by Schroeder, the Nursing Home's payables for the month of February were accepted in an amount not to exceed \$110,000. Voting Aye, Spiegel, Schroeder, McNierney, Wilcox. Evans absent. On a motion by Schroeder, seconded by McNierney, the Nursing Home's employees' salaries for the month of March were accepted in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Voting Aye, Schroeder, McNierney, Spiegel, Wilcox. The Nursing Home's payables and salaries were as follows:

NURSING HOME			
Paid			
Salaries/Taxes/Benefits (Jan)	81,075.85	Direct TV	369.55
Aesto Health	30.500	Petty Cash	296.90
Bertrand Chamber	50.00	Pont Click Care	409.29
Black Hills Energy	1,997.15	SFM	1,548.00
Charter	129.98	Southern Power	2,682.60
Clearly	607.01		89,471.33
Not Paid			
AMGL	227.60	Nurse Life Medical Staffing	13,970.96

NURSING HOME (cont.)			
Barbara Metzger	285.60	Nurses Incorporated	4,125.45
C Plus	391.6	Penner	4.27
Cash-Wa Distributing	1,202.18	Providence Engraving	16.29
Compufact	44.00	Quill	460.53
Cross Country Market	449.41	Reliable Pest Control	56.00
D & N Lammel's	199.50	RHD	13,608.00
Eakes	222.13	Shane Smith	30.00
Eclipse Staffing	6,669.40	Spartan Nash	39.28
Fusion Medical Staffing	14,264.55	Stericycle	152.67
HCIS	80.00	Sysco	2,318.86
Holdrege Pharmacy	1,140.26	Village of Bertrand	522.73
Hometown Leasing	186.50	West Bend Mutual Insurance	100.00
McKesson	3,047.72	Woodward's Disposal	40.00
Midwest Automatic Sprinkler	47.00		<u>64,600.53</u>

Nikki Schwanz, SCEDD representative, presented the 2024 Nuisance Program to the Board. Letters for postponement options will be sent to the following properties: 2016-BERT-1011; 2024-BERT-5003, and 2024-BERT-5004. Schwanz suggested that the Board should look into condemning the property 2016-BERT-1107. On a motion by Schroeder, seconded by Spiegel, Resolution No. 552 regarding the rescinding of nuisance for property 2024-BERT-5008 was approved. Voting Aye, Schroeder, Spiegel, McNierney, Wilcox. Evans absent. The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 552

of the

VILLAGE OF BERTRAND, NEBRASKA

Rescinding Prior Resolution No. 2024-538: 5008 - DECLARED NUISANCE

WHEREAS, the Village of Bertrand is engaged in a Nuisance Abatement process; and
WHEREAS, the Village appointed the South Central Economic Development District as Nuisance Officer; and,
WHEREAS, South Central Economic Development District identified and confirmed that in its opinion a nuisance existed as defined by Federal, State, or Village law; and the Village Board, at a regular meeting, identified a nuisance property, supported by evidence; and
WHEREAS, South Central Economic Development District now has evidence that the nuisance violation declared in Resolution No. 2024-538: **2024-BERT-5008**, is abated and the property cleared of nuisances.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Bertrand rescinds Resolution No. 2024-538: 5008 on the following property:

2024-BERT-5008	BERTRAND 2 ND ADDITION; LOT 6; BLOCK 5
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PASSED THIS 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

On a motion by Spiegel, seconded by Schroeder, a split in the Village's February payables to Evans Repair in the amount of \$523.18 was accepted. Voting Aye, Spiegel, Schroeder, McNierney, Wilcox. Evans absent. On a motion by Schroeder, seconded by McNierney, a split in the Village's February payables to Fred Spiegel in the amount of \$20.00 was accepted. Voting Aye, Schroeder, McNierney, Wilcox. Spiegel abstained. Evans absent.

On a motion by Spiegel, seconded by McNierney, the Insurance Summary Review from FNIC Insurance for 2025 was approved. Voting Aye, Spiegel, McNierney, Schroeder, Wilcox. Evans absent.

Wilcox introduced Ordinance No. 808 regarding the speed limit on Nebraska Highway 23. On a motion by Spiegel, seconded by Schroeder, the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be fully and distinctly read on three different days was waived. Voting Aye, Spiegel, Schroeder, McNierney, Wilcox. Evans absent. The motion to suspend the rule was adopted by three-fourths of the members elected to the Board and the statutory rule was suspended for consideration of said Ordinance. Thereupon said Ordinance No. 808 was then read by title and Trustee Schroeder moved for its final passage, which motion was seconded by Spiegel. Voting Aye, Schroeder, Spiegel, McNierney, Wilcox. Said Ordinance reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 808

of the

VILLAGE OF BERTRAND, NEBRASKA

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SPEED LIMIT ON NEBRASKA HIGHWAY N-23 WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF BERTRAND; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE OF BERTRAND, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. No person shall operate a motor vehicle on Nebraska Highway N-23 within the corporate limits of the Village of Bertrand, Nebraska from the northwest corporate limits, 370 feet northwest of Marshfield Avenue, to the southeast corporate limits, at "A" Road (Bertrand North Road) (see Exhibit A), in excess of 45 miles per hour.

Section 2. Any person who shall use Nebraska Highway N-23 in violation of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of an offense and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Section 3. Any ordinance or section passed and approved prior to passage, approval, and publication or posting of this ordinance and in conflict with its provisions is repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

On a motion by McNierney, seconded by Schroeder, Resolution No. 551 regarding the loan for the Bertrand Nursing Home and Assisted Living was approved. Voting Aye, McNierney, Schroeder, Wilcox. Spiegel abstained. Evans absent. The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 551

of the

VILLAGE OF BERTRAND, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, the Village of Bertrand, Nebraska is the owner of the Bertrand Nursing Home & Assisted Living facility; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bertrand, Nebraska deems it advisable to authorize the borrowing of certain funds for the purposes of the operations of the Bertrand Nursing Home & Assisted Living.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BERTRAND, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Village of Bertrand, Nebraska should be and hereby is authorized to borrow and obtain loans and extensions of credit from the First State Bank of Bertrand, Nebraska for purposes of the operations of the Bertrand Nursing Home & Assisted Living, with the principal amount of

said borrowings, loans, and extensions of credit not to exceed the total sum of eight-one thousand, nine hundred fifty-one dollars and eleven cents (&81,951.11). To be paid in 59 payments of nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) beginning March 15, 2025 and one balloon payment of forty-three thousand four hundred sixty-eight dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$43,468.77) on February 15, 2030. The actual amount of the final payment will depend on payment record.

2. That the Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be and hereby is authorized to enter into said borrowings, loans, and extensions of credit on behalf of the Village of Bertrand, Nebraska, and he is hereby authorized to execute any Promissory Notes, Loan Agreements, and other instruments as the First State Bank, Bertrand, may require in relation to said borrowings, loans, and extensions of credit.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

On a motion by Schroeder, seconded by McNierney, the Building Permit request from Bertrand Community Schools to construct a 24'x97'x7' addition to the existing bus barn located behind the Community Building was approved. Voting Aye, Schroeder, McNierney, Spiegel, Wilcox. Evans absent.

James Nelson, Ordinance Officer, gave his report to the Board. He reported that there were two dogs abandoned at C Plus. He transported them to the Bertrand Vet Clinic. The vehicle on Union Street that was towed in January was never claimed. He is dealing with a cat at large issue.

Matt Gregg, Utilities Superintendent, gave his report to the Board. He reported that the NDEE inspector completed his review for the sanitary inspection. There were no deficiencies. The NDEE will be adding a cyber security requirement for the next inspection.

Lori Vinzant, Village Clerk/Treasurer, gave her report to the Board. She informed the Board that a resident has requested a change be made to the hobby permit restrictions. The resident would like boats to be included. There will be no further discussion on this. She also reminded the Board of the Mid-Winter Conference.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Lori Vinzant, Village Clerk/Treasurer

TJ Wilcox, Chairman of the Board