
10/29/25 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, Jon Fischer with Stockwell Engineering, Josh Sneller and Justin Horn with Brandon Fire Department

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

August 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes: Brown set motion to approve, Gawarecki 2nd motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.

New Business

- **Brandon Fire Department:** Brandon Fire Department (Sneller and Horn representing) wants to start paying per call because of the call volume increasing each year. It has been hard for them to get enough volunteers to be on all the calls. Currently they are projected to surpass their projected calls of 517 for the year. Their budget is expected to increase from \$303,000 to \$700,000. With this increase they are asking Brandon Township to increase their contract amount from \$17,000 to \$50,000. This amount was determined by an algorithm decided on by a stakeholders group consisting of tax evaluation, population and total calls. It was determined that Brandon Township should be charged 9% of the total proposed budget. Discussion was had with the board that it is very hard to come up with that amount of increase with our restricted budget. This increase will have to go to a vote with the entire township at the annual meeting. Herll has been in contact with the Minnehaha County office auditor to see what options are available to us. We will have to revisit this topic at December meeting. No motions were made.
- **East Redwood Blvd & North Chestnut Blvd Updates (new development & school):**
 - **500 Feet from Chestnut (Brandon Limits) to Chestnut Trail:** The developer of the area, Nick Vanoverschelde, has met with the township board (at last meeting) and has agreed to pay for blacktopping of this section (with sidewalks and crosswalk signage) to bring the asphalt to the end of Chestnut Trail. Fischer with Stockwell attended the meeting and presented preliminary plans with goal construction of spring of 2026. Brown set motion to approve paving project contingent on building plans & maintenance agreement with developer, Metzger 2nd motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.
- **DOT and BNSF Paperwork:** DOT requested new culvert on 257th Street driveway to be installed. Brown reviewed required specs with DOT and they agreed to it. Paperwork was signed. DOT also requested signatures on the Highway 11 improvements, regrading, and bridge repairs to be started shortly north of Corson. Paperwork was signed. BNSF sent over paperwork for closing of the railroad crossing at 259th street. Paperwork was signed.

Old Business

- **MCAP Lease and Repairs:** Brown received bid from Raise Rite for \$816 to raise sunken concrete sidewalk in front of township building. Siding does need to be cut back for them to do this. Gawarecki set motion to approve the bid for sidewalk repairs, Metzger 2nd motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.
- **Update on road conditions & culverts:**
 - o New blind driveway sign will be installed at Swedona Church. Church does need to trim tree back, it is causing some issues seeing vehicles leaving church.
- Board felt next meeting date to be sooner. Next meeting will be on December 10, 2025 instead of January.

Financial Update from Treasurer

Herll will provide update at next meeting date in December. Herll did comment that the excess surplus of old mower was sold for \$5000.

Adjournment

Metzger set motion to adjourn meeting at 8:37pm, Brown second motion. Unanimous vote, Motion Carried.