

Village of Bennet, Nebraska
Board of Trustees & Planning Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2019

A special community meeting was held on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at Bennet Elementary School, 50 Dogwood Street. A quorum of the Bennet Village Board of Trustees and the Bennet Planning Commission were present. The meeting was open to the public and preceded by advance publicized notice duly given in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 84, Article 14, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, and having set forth (a) the time, date and place of the meeting; (b) that the meeting would be open to the attendance of the public; and (c) that an agenda for the meeting, kept continuously current, was available for public inspection at the offices of the Village Clerk.

Village Clerk Patricia Rule conducted roll call and called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. by introducing the Village officials present and directing attention to the Open Meetings Act available for public access.

Trustees present: Justin Dorn, Jerris Nider, Brad Ruzicka. Absent: Ryan Cheney, Don Murray.

Commissioners present: Joshua Buck, Dina Rathje, Nancy Taylor. Absent: Marilyn Maney, Audrey Roesler.

The Clerk introduced Tim Keelan and Jake Palm, planners from Hannah:Keelan Associates, P.C. Tim Keelan opened the session by describing the purpose for the community open house forum, and gave a brief summary of the planning process.

Jake Palm provided maps depicting current and future land use. Palm also provided results of two recent community surveys. One regarding residents and housing statistics, the second on businesses. Bennet has 360 homes with an estimated population of 930 persons, encompassing 331 acres.

A question and answer session concerned needs and projections for housing and economic community growth.

In closing, the Clerk announced the winner of a \$50.00 gift card for completing the housing survey, and expressed appreciation to Hannah:Keelan for donation of the card.

The workshop adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Recorded by; Patricia Rule, Bennet Clerk