

**TOWN OF BROWNVILLE**  
**EMERGENCY BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, August 23, 2023 ~ 6:00p.m.**  
Town Office Conference Room, 586 Main Road, Brownville

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1. Meeting Called to order at 6:00p.m.
  - a. **Selectpersons Present:** Byron, Shelly, Kevin E., Jim, Alaina
  - b. **Employees Present:** Felice & Kevin B.
  - c. **Residents/Others Present:** None
2. Reviewed the Treasurer's Warrants (Accounts Payable)
3. Loader Breakdown Discussion – Our 1998 CAT Loader had multiple breakdowns in the last three years. Recently we got it back from the repair shop after new injectors, fueled it up, on its way back to the garage it lost all oil pressure and quit in front of the Town Office the other day. It was hauled back to the repair shop and found that the oil filter was completely blocked, with no oil passing through. We checked our maintenance logs and the filter was purchased at Carquest on 12/29 and installed the same day. We typically run 200-300 hours before changing the oil which gets us around nine months of use on average, so the filter and oil should have been just fine.

Here's a summary of the loader's history with us: It's a model 914G and was purchased used in 2000 for \$38,872. Motor was replaced in February 2021 for \$24,911.75. Bucket was refurbished April 2023 \$6,114.14. Fuel injector pump was replaced August 2023 \$5,289.20. Total spent since Feb 2021 when motor was replaced \$36,315.09. Mike @ Mike's Big Rig Repair does not have an estimate for cost or a timeline as he won't know what needs to be replaced in the motor until he takes it apart. Could be tied up for a couple of months depending on parts availability. May need a new motor.

Looking at what's out there for sale, here are just some examples of what I found: 2005 Case 321D 7446 hours for \$50,400, 2008 CAT 924H-4956 hours for \$58,000, 2014 CAT 924K-6000 hours for \$90,500, 2018 Volvo L90H 7041 hours for \$129,500, 2021 Hitachi ZW150-6 700 hours for \$135,000, 2022 Hitachi ZW180-6 120 with a Lease for 48 mos available totaling \$147,984.

The Board would like to have staff explore newer options (lease or buy), preferably from a dealer with a warranty. Come back with information to review. We will need to prepare for a Special Town Meeting if we need to borrow funds.

4. Motion to adjourn at 6:38p.m.  
Motion: Kevin                      Second: Jim                      Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Felice Lyford, Town Manager

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Byron Weymouth, Selectboard Chair

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*Kevin Emery*  
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James Hartin

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