A contract with the Lincoln County sheriff's office that previously had a deputy in Brady at least 50 hours a month was cut in half last week by the village board of trustees.

A new contract for 25 hours was approved by the village board during its regular monthly meeting on Sept. 12 and will go before Lincoln County commissioners for final approval.

Board chairman Jeff Miller said villages across the county are reducing their contract hours, mostly based on cost.

He said Hershey's contract is for 68 hours a month while Wallace has 30 hours and Welfleet has 15 hours.

Sutherland is considering cutting back on its 105 hours, Miller said, and Maxwell ended its contract with the county last year.

The cost per hour of patrol for each community is $24.47. Miller said he doesn't want to drop Brady's contract all together but feels reducing costs is necessary.

In other action, trustees voted to spend roughly $24,000 to pave the intersection of Commercial and Mathewson streets as well as install a culvert to alleviate ongoing drainage issues.

Brent Burkland of T.C. Engineering presented three paving options to the board. The other two involved paving Commercial from the Community Center to Mathewson and paving Mathewson from Commercial to the highway.

"This intersection is the birthing place of this whole concept," said trustee Todd Roe. "I think we've got to do something with the intersection. It's a small piece of the pie, but it's a piece."

Miller said the 2012-13 budget includes money for the project.

Trustees agreed other paving should wait until more is known about the lagoon project.

Charles Bausch of H&D Supply Works gave trustees their first look at water meters, a requirement in the financial process for money to pay for mandated lagoon repairs.

Bausch suggested magnetic meters with no moving parts that will last 20 years at a cost of approximately $120 each for each household in the village.

He said another cheaper option, positive displacement meters, would cost less but will require more maintenance and quicker replacement.

Trustees will consider other bids for the water meters in coming months.

In other business, board members:

granted Mike and Laurie Viter use of village property in the alley behind their home at 310 W. Popleton so they can improve access to their garage.

accepted a bid of $2,651 for the old village office building and land. Jason Axthelm said he intends to refurbish the building to its original historical state as much as possible and offer office space for rent.

adopted a resolution allowing Consolidated Telephone a non-exclusive franchise agreement so the company can offer local television channels over broadband internet.

approved on second reading an ordinance rezoning property owned by Duane Davis at the southeast corner of Commercial and Mathewson streets, from residential to commercial. Trustees also approved on second reading an ordinance vacating a portion of Short Street west of South Vine and an adjacent north-south alley.

assigned the contract for land purchase from Patricia Egenberger to the Brady Community Development Agency and agreed to provide funding to buy her property adjacent to the fire hall for construction of a new facility.

hired Bacon & Vinton law firm of Gothenburg for legal service throughout the USDA loan process for lagoon repairs.

renewed an interlocal agreement with the school for use of Palmer Park as a practice field for football and track.

discussed the need to revisit an ordinance addressing livestock within the village limits. Because the ordinance is vague, trustee Lynn Herrick said it is not being enforced properly.

voted against stripping and refinishing the Community Center floors for a cost of roughly $1,000.