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Brady village board to ask company for liner cost

Sewer rates will rise \$2 for Brady residents.

At their regular monthly meeting on April 10, trustees voted to raise rates, effective with the May billing, because of seepage issues in the sewer lagoon.

Rates will go up to \$12 a month for residents and business owners.

Village clerk Pam Diehl said trustees felt the increase was necessary because of anticipated costly repairs to the village sewer lagoon.

More than three years ago, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality mandated that repairs be done to the lagoon to control abnormal seepage

On a related matter, the trustees will ask Sargent Irrigation of Broken Bow to submit an estimate for a well liner and its installation.

Miller & Associates Engineering of Kearney is working to help the village find a solution to the village's wastewater woes and estimated a liner at \$60,000, Diehl said.

However the trustees want another estimate, Diehl said.

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At the last meeting, Reed Miller, president of the engineering firm, said lagoon cells could be cleaned and sealed to take care of the village's sewer needs.

Because of what a liner and installation may cost, Diehl said the trustees will hold off on the televising of sewer lines.

In other action, the trustees voted to replace the scoreboard in Palmer Park at a cost of \$3,150. The current one is not working correctly.

The trustees also approved a nuisance abatement study, which will be done by the West Central Nebraska Development District, to look at problems in the village.

Diehl said issues could include such things as rubbish around homes, junk cars, unkept yards and more.

WCNDD will make recommendations to the trustees.

In other village business, trustees:

approved payment of \$985 to GSH Services of Brady to clean and wax the Community Center floor.

decided not to adopt a different emergency water ordinance, because of the drought, and will keep the current ordinance. The new ordinance was recommended by the Nebraska Rural Water Association.

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took no action on an abandoned alleyway. Diehl said someone thought the alley had reverted back to the landowner but officials checked and it hadn't.

discussed the need for more grass trailers around town but took no action. Diehl said four trailers are placed through the village upon which residents can dispose of grass clippings.

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