Owners to get chance to speak next month.

Owners of unsightly property in Brady be aware: Village officials are working to get the town cleaned up and your property might be next on the list.

During their regular monthly meeting on April 14, village trustees agreed to send letters to a pair of property owners asking for their cooperation to get land cleaned up and dilapidated buildings torn down.

Junk vehicles cluttering a piece of land at 108 S. Tyler St. and a crumbling building at 207 E. Hwy. 30 are the current focus of the board.

Both are eyesores in the village and both need attention, trustees agreed.

“The sad thing is, we’re all so used to looking at it that we don’t even see it anymore,” village clerk Pam Diehl said of the run-down building on East Highway 30.

But it’s not all about how the village looks. It’s also about safety.

The possibility of children finding their way onto either property is dangerous, Diehl said.

Village attorney Steve Vinton told trustees that village code includes a provision that gives owners of property deemed unsafe 10 days to rectify the situation.

After that time, he said, the village may have the property cleaned up and assess the cost to the owner.

Board members were not willing to take such a drastic measure just yet.

Trustee Jeff Miller suggested inviting the property owners to the next monthly meeting to discuss the situations face-to-face with the board.

“I think if we could just get them here to talk about it, that might ease the situation a little,” Miller said.

Trustee Troy Viter agreed, saying an invitation to discuss the nuisance infractions with the board lets the village share the complaints against the properties and gives the owners more control in the cleanup.

“It puts the ball in their court,” Viter said.

The issue will be on the board’s agenda for the May 12 meeting.

In other business, trustees:

- agreed to purchase two picnic tables and two basketball goals with a cement pad for the south-side park. All costs for the park will be covered by a $5,000 grant from the Union Pacific Foundation.
- learned the estimated cost for extending sewer and water from the intersection of Tyler and River streets west to property owned by Tommy Palmer is $74,000. Board members agreed that with no way to recoup any of the cost, the project is price-prohibitive.
- agreed to spend up to $285 from keno funds for flowers to be planted throughout the village.
- decided to seek information and bids now for a trash removal contract. The village’s current agreement with Schaben Sanitation expires in December. Board chairman Bill Gengenbach suggested maybe a sanitation company could bill residents directly but other trustees disagreed. Miller said the current process of the village billing customers provides a revenue source for the village. Viter added that a cheaper bid for sanitation might allow the

village to save some money needed later for sewage lagoon repairs.

- heard from Lincoln County Community Development Corp. director Nancy Striebel that her organization is seeking additional funding for a rehab-resale housing program as well as for owner-occupied rehab projects. The board also voted to release liens on three Brady properties that have completed rehabilitation work with owner-occupied rehab grants.

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