

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 6-15-2020

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on June 15, 2020, at 6:00 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Nancy Schoenfelder, Gregg Thibodeau, Jason Koch, Megan Perry and Bob Riggs. City personnel present: Betty Raymond and Dave Duba. Also present, Terry Eckstaine

Chairman Hjellum called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Additions to the agenda under Citizen Input, added Terry Eckstaine. The amended agenda was approved on motion by Thibodeau, second by Koch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Minutes from the June 3rd special meeting were approved on motion by Koch, second by Thibodeau. There were no Community Center minutes.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:
Motion by Schoenfelder, second by Thibodeau, to approve claims.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages – board wages \$369.39, Finance wages \$1774.21; Public Works wages, \$4057.60; SD Retirement Systems \$885.02; Betty Raymond, mileage \$64.68; Card Services, supplies \$69.34; Daily Republic, publishing \$183.83; Kaci Connor, deposit refund \$50.00; KO Pest Control, spray ECC & City Hall \$211.50; Marlys Paulsen, election \$125.00; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply, supplies \$32.40; Melissa Koch, election \$125.00; Mike's Corner, fuel \$100.05; Morgan Theeler, legal consult \$49.00; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1188.55; Santel, telephone \$160.75; Sheila Terrill, election \$125.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service & clean up day \$2224.08; John Deere Financial, tractor payment \$640.51; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$5831.81; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1871.60; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00.

OATH OF OFFICE: Gregg Thibodeau and Bob Riggs were sworn in as Trustees. The Board thanked Nancy Schoenfelder for her years of service.

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT: Motion for was made by Thibodeau, second by Perry, nominating Lisa Hjellum for president. Motion made by Koch, second by Riggs, nominating Gregg Thibodeau. Vote was 3 to 2 electing Thibodeau as the council president. Motion was made for vice-president by Hjellum, second by Perry, nominating Jason Koch. There being no other nominations, Koch will remain as vice-president.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:
Finance Officer discussed current financials and monthly A/R report (suggested by internal control review). Council asked to receive the report quarterly and not monthly.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss report. Reported lagoons are near full and projected having to discharge beginning in August. Dave discussed the cost of getting a backup motor for the lagoon pump since having issues. Board approved the purchase on motion by Hjellum, second by Riggs. Dave also reported that the trash pump has been ordered, that ditch and culvert cleaning has been started and the Clark Paving will begin patching and crack sealing.

CITIZEN INPUT: Terry Eckstaine, Superintendent of Ethan School, asked the board's approval to add a driveway to the school parking lot on the east side. This would allow for the buses to enter through that driveway and park while parents would enter through the next driveway and exit from the driveway by the cafeteria on the south end. Approved on motion by Koch, second by Perry.

Finance Officer stated that a citizen asked if they could have multiple sheds. The council agreed stating there is no ordinance prohibiting it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: none

Animal Control: Council is once again asking people to not let the pets roam free. Citizens have been advised to contact the sheriff when they see dogs loose. Also, if city personnel catches an animal, there is a fine payable before the owner can retrieve their pet. There has been a recent attack by a stray mid-sized, black dog. That person is undergoing rabies shots since the dog could not be found or the owner identified.

Clean Up Days: A review of property will be done and reviewed at the next board meeting. Letters will be sent after that time advising the property owners of the needed clean up.

Internal Control Review: Report was reviewed and motion made by Hjellum, second by Perry, to approve the processing of the report.

NEW BUSINESS

Elm and Depot Streets: The grant for redoing the streets and adding better drainage control has been applied for. Discussed speaking to the County Commission regarding the intersection of 2nd and Elm Streets.

Concern Regarding Renter: Discussed concerns regarding a renter who has been encroaching upon private property. The Sheriff's Department has spoken with the individual. It is suggested that anyone having issues with people loitering by their houses, and not leaving when asked, to call the County Sheriff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (per SDCL 1-25-2, 1): None

The next board meeting will be July 13th at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Koch, second by Perry, to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

Betty Raymond
Finance Officer

Gregg Thibodeau
Chairman

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