

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 6-10-2019

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on June 10, 2019, at 6:30 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Jason Koch and Nancy Schoenfelder; absent was Megan Perry and Gregg Thibodeau. City personnel present: Betty Raymond and Dave Duba. Also present were Jeff Bathke and Steve Clauson.

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: Approved on motion by Schoenfelder, second by Koch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved on motion by Koch, second by Schoenfelder. No minutes from the Community Center.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Koch, second by Schoenfelder, to approve claims.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds \* employee and board wages – board wages \$300.14, Finance wages \$1688.77; Public Works wages, \$4017.68; SD Retirement, \$866.06; SD DENR, loan payoff \$41,301.66; SD Dept of Revenue, malt beverage license \$150.00; Jason Riggs, refund of overpayment \$148.47; AAA Lawncare, tree removal \$3000.00; Badger Meter, monthly fee \$70.95; Betty Raymond, mileage \$46.20; Dave Duba, reimburse for equipment \$70.00; ELO Prof LLC, payroll \$50.00; Ethan Fire Department, fireworks donation \$500.00; Menards, supplies \$100.89; Mike's Corner, fuel \$259.85; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1482.66; Pioneer Research, sewer chemicals \$306.10; Santel, telephone \$162.11; SD DENR, dues \$190.00; SD Department of Health, testing \$428.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1861.88; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$5706.45; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$102.80; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1874.72; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00; WorldPay, credit card fee \$44.42; Hanson Rural Water, tower/water \$4469.50.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer discussed the current financials. Also reported that Santel will be doing an upgrade next year and asked if Ethan required a permit. Council suggested looking into having one. Discussed a request for a tiny home to be moved onto an empty lot. More information will be needed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Dave reported that a water leak was repaired and that crack and chip sealing should start in a week or two. Wetland discharge has been stopped for now. Dave also discussed the fact the landfill is running out of room and it will be necessary to stop accepting building debris. It will be a yard and garden waste only site beginning July 15<sup>th</sup>.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Jeff Bathke presented the annual update for Emergency Management and programs that may be available.

CITIZEN INPUT: none

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: Discussed landscaping proposals and board gave approval for the ECC committee to pursue. Schoenfelder expressed concern over having the Summer Fun Club in the building due to kids painting. She was told the kids are painting in the kitchen and not on the carpet and that everyone was very careful. Cleanup was done and no paint was spilled.

Ordinances/Zoning: Jeff Bathke discussed Ethan possibly being part of Davison County zoning. More information will follow.

Trees for Tower Park: Discussed current quote for trees and type of trees. Lisa will do some further checking on height and individual price. Schoenfelder suggested a grant for the trees. Finance Officer has already looked into this.

Code Enforcement: Will wait until after Finance Officer School where hopefully information will be presented about code enforcement.

Housing Program: No new information has been received.

Railroad Street Extension: District III will be submitting the grant request.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Drainage/Culverts: Requests have been made to add culverts, deepen ditches, etc. to alleviate some of the standing water issues and to help prevent flooding during extreme weather conditions. Dave has already been looking into the situation and will continue to do so.

GovPayNet: Finance Officer received additional information about this program which will allow residents of Ethan to pay their water/sewer bills from home by phone or internet. Council approved starting this program on motion by Koch, second by Schoenfelder.

District III Renewal: The renewal application for District III participation was presented to the council. Approved on motion by Schoenfelder, second by Koch.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: none

The next board meeting is July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Koch, second by Schoenfelder to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

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Betty Raymond  
Finance Officer

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Lisa Hjellum  
Chairman

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