

Special Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 9-21-2020

The Town of Ethan board met in a special session on September 21, 2020, at 6:00 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Gregg Thibodeau, Jason Koch, Megan Perry and Bob Riggs. City personnel present: Betty Raymond.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved on motion by Perry, second by Riggs, after moving the Nuisance Report to Executive Session for discussion of legal matters per SD Codified Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the September 9th meeting were approved on motion by Koch, second by Hjellum. There were no Community Center minutes.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

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

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * SD Retirement System, \$585.50; Aaron Electric, museum lights \$673.40; Card Services, \$354.20; Ethan School District, portion of ditch work \$3000.00; Farmers Alliance, spray \$101.72; Menards, supplies \$16.31; Mitchell Concrete, park equipment \$276.00; SD Department of Revenue, sales tax \$105.53; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1262.56.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer discussed current budget status. Also discussed the copier and that it is more cost effective to do a longer lease. Copier would be installed for 2021 budget period.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: In Dave's absence, Gregg discussed the culvert flushing that was done and also a sewer issue that is on private property.

CITIZEN INPUT: none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget – 2nd reading: Discussed the budget noting the increase for the purchase of office equipment made at the first reading. Motion made by Riggs, second by Hjellum, to approve the 2021 budget. This will be published separately from the minutes.

Amend 2020 budget for FEMA funds: After discussion the 2020 budget was supplemented as follows on motion by Perry, second by Riggs.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-3
AUTOMATIC SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Ethan incurred expenses from the 2019 flooding disasters, grants from FEMA were applied for to reimburse for those expenses. In order to account for these funds and expenses that were not previously appropriated for in 2020, it is proposed that the following automatic Supplemental appropriations be made and is hereby adopted in accordance with SDCL 9-21-9.1 & 2.

	General	Sewer
431.425 Street Repairs	\$7695.53	
432-425 Repairs & Maintenance	<u> </u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
Source of Funding		
331.12 FEMA Funds	<u>\$7695.53</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>

Gregg Thibodeau, Chairman

Attest: Betty Raymond, Finance Officer

Changes to Office for Social Distancing: Finance Officer discussed cost of changing office window to a pass-through thus preventing entry into the office. Discussed instead to change the door to a split door. Will check into the cost of this.

Ethan Lake: Discussed proposed gift of the park/boat dock area to the City. Also discussed seeing if the State would be able to manage the area since the lake is under control of Game, Fish & Parks. Will discuss with the attorney handling the property transfer.

NEW BUSINESS: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION (per SDCL 1-25-2, 3): At 6:55 pm motion made by Thibodeau, second by Perry, to enter into executive session for legal discussions. At 7:20 pm Thibodeau declared executive session concluded. No motions were necessary.

The next board meeting will be October 12th at 6:00 pm. Motion by Hjellum, second by Koch, to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

Betty Raymond
Finance Officer

Gregg Thibodeau
Chairman

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