

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 1-18-2023

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on January 18th, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Gregg Thibodeau, Bob Riggs, Megan Perry, and Jason Koch. City personnel present: Dave Duba and Michele Pollreisz. Not present: Raquel Nesheim

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: Motion made by Riggs, second by Koch to approve adding gas pumps under New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the December 12th, 2022 meeting were approved on motion by Riggs, second by Perry. No Community Center minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer reviewed the financial reports from December and the final from 2022.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss report and snow removal.

CITIZEN INPUT: Discussed Historical Society and storage options.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion by Koch, second by Riggs, to approve claims.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages – board wages \$369.39, Finance wages \$2329.46; Public Works wages \$3103.25, Card Services \$256.11; CMC Excavation \$1649.61; Daily Republic \$33.65; Hanson Rural Water; water services \$3504.50; Morgan Theeler \$20.00; Runnings Supply \$14.05; SD Retirement System \$775.66; Century Business Products \$76.53; Century Business Products \$74.53; John Deere Financial \$640.51; David Duba, Bonus \$350.00; Michele Pollreisz, Bonus \$250.00; Donald McBrayer, snow removal \$161.61; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$5432.71; SD Dept of Revenue \$132.05; USDA-RD \$1023.00; US Treasury \$1462.64.

OLD BUSINESS:

Unlicensed Vehicles- Tabled until May.

Railroad Extension Project- Will continue looking for grant funding. Will also be reapplying this year.

CLFRF grant- Discussed options for using these funds provided.

Shawn Jerke-New home- Shawn was present at the meeting. Discussed his plans for building a new home west of his existing home. Motion was made by Riggs, and 2nd by Koch to vacate the alley west of his home.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Riggs, 2nd by Perry, to approve the following designations for the year 2023: newspaper, Mitchell Republic: engineer, SPN & Associates: attorney, Morgan Theeler Law Firm: banks, Farmers State Bank and First National Bank: financial assistance for quarterly reports etc., ELO CPA's & Advisors.

Motion by Koch, second by Perry, that wages remain the same: board pay, \$75.00 per meeting attended: chairman pay, \$100.00 per meeting attended: Finance Officer wages, \$16.80 per hour: Public Works wages, \$20.58 per hour: and that mileage stays at the same rate according to State rate per mile. Established holiday closings as listed in the ordinances.

State law allows the council to pre-approve expenditures to prevent late fees, and approve recurring payment items such as payroll and its corresponding liabilities. Motion by Perry, second by Riggs, to approve the Finance Officer to pay the recurring bills in a timely manner.

Discussed joint election with the school which will be held April 11th. The City will have two 3-year terms open. Joint election approved on motion by Koch, second by Riggs.

Contracted snow removal- Larice Hamilton and Donnie McBrayer have been assisting with the removal of excessive snow in town. Tractor was also rented from Brian Nesheim for a day.

Vacant home utilities- Discussed existing rates for water assessed on vacant properties.

Tractor- Looking into purchasing a larger tractor, mainly for snow removal.

Gas pumps- Discussed and agreed that pumps in town are being used properly.

Executive Session: SDL 1-25-2 (1 & 4): None

Next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb 15th, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Koch, second by Riggs, to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Michele Pollreisz
Finance Officer

Gregg Thibodeau
Chairman

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