

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 10-13-26

The Town of Ethan Board met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13th, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Pollreis at 6:03 P.M. at Ethan City Hall and was led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present: Mataya James, Jaysten Riggs, Michele Pollreis, and Courtney Sorenson. Trustees absent: Raquel Nesheim. City personnel present: Lewis Fleshner.

All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by James, seconded by Riggs, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: Motion by Sorenson, seconded by James, to approve the minutes of the previous special meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion by Riggs, seconded by James, to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds- Board wages \$662.05; QuickBooks Payroll Services, for public works wages \$1,751.77; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1,515.05; Ethan Co-op Lumber, supplies \$57.18 USDA, Storm Sewer & Sewer Loan \$1,023.00; RAMP credit card services, supplies and publishing costs \$357.49; United States Treasury, payroll liabilities \$976.68; Badger Meter, \$86.84; Runnings, supplies \$278.89; SD Retirement System \$29.19; Weber Sanitation, \$2,582.00; Hanson Rural Water \$5,613.11; Mike's Corner, fuel \$385.00; Clark Paving, street repairs \$23,545.84; SD 811, messaging \$5.25; M. Perry Business Solutions, LLC, September financial administration services \$3,250.00.

CITIZEN INPUT: None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Financial reports were presented to the Board for review. Water and sewer surcharge/base fee comparisons with surrounding communities were provided. Discussion was tabled until the November meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: The public works report was reviewed. The bathrooms will remain open at the park hopefully until end of month, weather permitting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NUISANCE PROPERTIES: The Board reviewed the nuisance property list and discussed enforcement procedures and related correspondence from attorney. Motion by James, seconded by Riggs, to place a notice with the water payments regarding nuisance properties. After letters, further action will be taken on needed properties. Motion carried.

ABANDONED PROPERTY: The Board discussed the abandoned property and unlicensed vehicle matter. Further action was tabled.

CONSTRUCTION LOTS: Discussion was tabled.

HWY 42 JAKE BRAKING: Discussion was tabled.

INSURANCE CLAIM: The Board discussed the insurance claim and potential bidding requirements for repairs. Further discussion and action were tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

LATE PAYMENT FEE: The Board discussed current late payment fees being low compared to area towns and the possibility of increasing for payment timeliness. Further discussion was tabled until November.

CITY HALL ENTRYWAY REPAIRS: Motion by James, seconded by Sorenson, to proceed with City Hall entryway repairs. Motion carried.

CLEAN UP OF OLD FILES: The Board discussed reviewing and disposing of outdated records, subject to applicable records retention requirements. Motion by Riggs, seconded by James, to authorize Lewis and Town financial administration to begin reviewing and cleaning up old files, using appropriate judgment and retaining records as required. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CENTER CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE: Discussion was tabled.

MAIN STREET NEW ASPHALT UPDATES/POSSIBLE REPAIRS: Discussion was tabled.

MATCHING GRANT: The Board reviewed the matching grant request associated with the Ethan Community Fund for their fundraiser. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Riggs, to approve a \$500 matching grant contribution. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

Next regular board meeting is scheduled for November 9th, 6:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn by Sorenson, second by James at 6:47 P.M. Motion carried.

Michele Pollreis
Vice President

Raquel Nesheim
Chairman

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