

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 6-10-2026

The Town of Ethan board met on June 10th, 2026 at 8:00 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present: Megan Perry, Raquel Nesheim, Michele Pollreisz, Jaysten Riggs, Mataya James and Courtney Sorenson via phone. City personnel present: Bob Riggs.

Chairman Perry called the meeting to order at 8:05 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda was approved by motion from Nesheim, 2nd by Pollreisz with additions to New Business including District III contract, ECC, and Nuisance Properties.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: Motion made by Riggs, 2nd by Pollreisz to approve minutes from 5-18-26 meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion made by Riggs, 2nd by Nesheim to approve claims.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds- Board wages \$277.04; SD Retirement System \$508.80; ELO, professional fees \$7000.00; Badger Meter, \$88.69; Santel, telephone \$147.50; Century Business Products, copier lease \$82.65; QuickBooks Payroll Services, for finance and public works wages \$3406.62; Hanson Rural Water \$5,193.99; Mikes Corner, fuel \$347.61; Weber Sanitation, \$4,173.48; SD Department of Revenue, sales tax liabilities \$171.86; Northwestern Energy, \$1,692.62; USDA, Storm Sewer & Sewer Loan \$ 1023.00; John Deere Financial, tractor lease \$ 703.42; United State Treasury, payroll liabilities \$1,034.60; Clark Paving \$5,742.89; Jamie VanDenOever, stamps \$312.00; Cherrybees \$69.03; Daily Republic \$40.00; Dakota Pump \$523.65; DANR, fees \$190.00; EFD fireworks \$500.00; SD Dept of Health \$20.00.

CITIZEN INPUT: Discussion was had on animal mistreatment reported and flowers being planted at the park and ECC

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Discussion was had on financials

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed a couple of water meters that are being replaced in homes, water loss report and upcoming lead/copper samples that will be collected. Discussion was also had on Riggs resignation

OLD BUSINESS:

Hazard Mitigation Project: Bob Riggs will be attending final meeting on June 23rd, 2026

Construction lots: Tabled

Small Community Transportation Grant: Public Meeting will be held for all Ethan community members at Ethan Town Hall on June 29th, 2026 from 6:00-7:30. Meeting date and location approved on motion by Nesheim, 2nd by Riggs

Softball Community Grant: \$500 Grant approved to Ethan Softball towards new scoreboard on motion by Pollreisz, 2nd by Nesheim

City Maintenance Position: Personnel

NEW BUSINESS:

EFD Fireworks- Change of date to June 27th, 2026 at dusk approved on motion by Pollreisz, 2nd by Nesheim

Oath of Office- Michele Pollreisz, Raquel Nesheim, and Mataya James were all sworn in to serve 3 year terms as Board Trustees. Mataya James will replace Megan Perry as trustee.

EFD Fireworks \$500 donation approved on motion by Pollreisz, 2nd by Riggs

Positions for 2025-2026 Office- Motion was made by Pollreisz, 2nd by Riggs nominating Raquel Nesheim as council president. Motion was made by Nesheim, 2nd by Riggs nominating Michele Pollreisz for vice-president. No other nominations were made.

Personnel: Discussed in Executive Session

District III Contract for 2027 approved on motion by James, 2nd by Riggs

ECC Water heater replacement approved on motion by Pollreisz, 2nd by James

Nuisance Properties: Discussed and letters will be sent out

EXECUTIVE SESSION: SDL 1-25-2 (1 & 4) Motion made by Riggs, 2nd by James to enter session at 9:04. Session ended at 9:41 on motion by James, 2nd by Perry. Bob Riggs resignation on July 31st, 2026 approved on motion by Pollreisz, 2nd by Riggs. Board discussed accounting and financial management services for the City. Motion was made and seconded to discontinue services with ELO Prof LLC and engage M. Perry Accounting LLC to provide accounting and bookkeeping services for the City. Motion by James, 2nd by Riggs. During many previous discussions, several community members expressed concerns regarding the use of an outside accounting firm for city financial operations. Council members noted that contracting with M. Perry Accounting LLC would provide a local point of contact, experience of previous board member, and local representation while continuing to support the City's accounting and financial management needs.

Next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13th @ 6:30.

Motion to adjourn by Pollreisz, 2nd by James at 9:43 pm.

Michele Pollreisz
Vice President

Raquel Nesheim
Chairman

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