Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 8-10-26

The Town of Ethan Board met in regular session on Monday, August 10th, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nesheim at 6:34 P.M. at Ethan City Hall and was led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present: Raquel Nesheim, Michele Pollreisz, Mataya James and Courtney Sorenson. Trustees absent: Jaysten Riggs. City personnel present: Lewis Fleshner. Others present: Megan Perry and Fred Hassel.

All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda was approved by motion from Sorenson, second by James. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: Motion made by Pollreisz, second by James to approve minutes from 7-13-26 regular board meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion made by Pollreisz, 2nd by James to approve claims as presented. Motion carried.
General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds- Board wages $361.89; QuickBooks Payroll Services, for public works wages $6,719.73; Century Business Products, copier lease $82.73; USDA, Storm Sewer & Sewer Loan $1023.00; SD Department of Revenue, sales tax liabilities $173.17; John Deere Financial, tractor lease $707.68; United States Treasury, payroll liabilities $1004.64; Badger Meter, $86.24; Menards, supplies $735.28; Parkston Advance, help wanted ad $28.00; SD Dept of Health $20.00; SD Retirement System $1265.83; Weber Sanitation, $2680.00; Hanson Rural Water $6262.46; CHS Farmers Alliance, spraying supplies $726.90; Mikes Corner, fuel $197.85; Maison Kunkel, water deposit refund $77.94; Santel Communications, $147.32; Davison County Auditor, patrol services $3150.00; ELO Prof LLC, May & June financial administration services $7750.00; Running Supply, supplies $33.95; SD Assoc. Rural Water Systems, Class B Member dues $410.00; M. Perry Business Solutions, LLC, July financial administration services $3250.00; South Dakota 811, $4.20.

CITIZEN INPUT: A citizen from 402 S 5th Street addressed the Board regarding a concern with tree branches from neighboring property coming onto his property. He was also concerned because some of the branches are near a power transformer. The Board received the citizen's comments and plans to look at the issue as well as contact NWPS regarding the ones near the power transformer and/or power lines. The board also discussed issuing a message to all citizens via text regarding maintaining their tree branches regularly to avoid issues with equipment and power lines.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Cash flow and budget items were reviewed. Loan for John Deere tractor was discussed as final payment being made. Budget planning for 2027, was briefly discussed with possible need for equipment/vehicle purchase. Subcontractor insurance certificates were discussed and plan to be maintained and updated regularly as needed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Water loss report reviewed with no issues noted. Discussion was had on when roads will be completed per signed contract with paving company. Public works will contact paving company to verify date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nuisance Properties: The Board discussed nuisance property matters including chickens and tree concerns. The Board also signed letter from lawyer that was prepared to mail to nuisance property owner.

Construction lots: The Board discussed the process for selling the construction lots as outlined in information provided from Morgan Theeler. The matter was tabled.

Highway 42 Jake Braking: The matter was tabled.

Small Community Transportation Grant: Discussion on the study, ideas, and notes taken from Board members at the August 3rd, 2026, transportation meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Davison County Mitigation Plan: Resolution was motioned by Pollreisz, second by James to be approved for the Davison County Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

Vacant Property Utility Adjustments: Motion by Sorenson, second by Pollreisz, to make necessary adjustments to sewer usage rates that were not properly turned off on vacant properties. Credits will be issued to 210 E Elm for $138.00, 213 E Main for $286.00, and 220 S 2nd for $184.00, if and only if accounts are completely paid and up-to-date otherwise. Discussion was also had on garbage services that need to be updated with Weber Sanitation as not being used. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: SDL 1-25-2 (1 & 4) Motion made by Sorenson, second by Pollreisz to enter session at 7:24 P.M. Session ended at 7:39 P.M. on motion by Pollreisz, second by James. Motion was made by Sorenson, second by Pollreisz to finalize contract for M. Perry Business Solutions, LLC at a monthly contracted rate of $3250.00. Motion carried

Next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14th, 2026, 6:30 P.M

Motion to adjourn by James, second by Pollreisz at 7:45 P.M.

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