

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 2-7-11

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on February 7, 2011 at the Ethan Fire Hall at 7:00 pm. Members present were Nancy Schoenfelder, Robert Fitzgerald, Dale Meinke and Lisa Hjellum. City personnel present was Sonya Hespe. Others present were Tom Petrik, Denny Puepke and Patricia Puepke.

Chairman Schoenfelder called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Hjellum to approve the agenda with an addition in new business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Fitzgerald, second Hjellum to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2011 regular meeting and the January 31, 2011 special meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Meinke, second Hjellum to approve the claims as presented after discussion about two of them. Schoenfelder said there is hearsay going around that the survey SPN did on the lots for the new building cost \$40,000.00 but in reality the bill is \$388.85. The other claim in question is to Morgan Theeler Law. This bill is for a phone call to the city attorney from Denny Puepke which resulted in an email and phone call from the attorney to Hespe. State & local policy is that the charge should not have been billed to the city but rather to the citizen. The board will pay the claim this time but any future charges for citizen calls to the city attorney will be billed to the citizen.

General, sewer and water funds - employee and board wages \$4,062.62; Aflac insurance \$128.42; Agland Coop, fuel and oil \$463.47; Agland Coop, Ethan Bucks reimbursement \$75.00; BPI, supplies & water books \$434.32; Campbell Supply, supplies \$119.03; Ciavarella Design, architect fees \$3,712.50; Daily Republic, publishing \$67.68; Ethan Coop Lumber, supplies \$78.90; Farmers State Bank, payroll tax \$634.79; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$2,574.20; Lower James RC&D, annual dues \$65.00; MARC, chemical \$629.00; Maxwell & Bowar, insurance \$547.00; Menards, supplies \$80.93; Morgan Theeler, legal \$108.00; Northern Truck Equipment, repairs \$22.54; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$688.70; RBS WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$10.64; Santel, telephone \$113.52; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$84.27; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$24.00; SD Municipal League, dues \$8.79; SD Retirement, retirement \$458.30; Sonya Hespe, mileage \$34.80; SPN, survey \$388.85; Sturdevant's, repairs \$121.98; UMB Card Services, postage and supplies \$290.01; USDA - RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1023.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,250.00.

OLD BUSINESS

At the January 10, 2011 meeting approval was given for Scott to purchase a snow plow for the Bobcat and spend up to \$1,000. Quotes were received from Jac Implement in Mitchell with the lowest being \$1,545. Meinke will take a copy of the bid quote which was \$980 to Jac Imp and see if they will negotiate on the price. While talking about equipment, Pat Puepke asked the board if they would consider looking into purchasing a sander. More information will be obtained on this.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval was given to allow Chubby's to hold a street dance on June 3rd. An agreement will need to be signed again as has been done in the past.

Schoenfelder said the social science class at school would like to do a fundraiser and help out the city. If anyone has ideas let the school or city office know.

Motion Hjellum, second Meinke to approve with regret a resignation from board member Josh Franks. Franks submitted his resignation shortly before the January 10, 2011 meeting. Anyone interested in filling this vacancy should come to the board meeting on March 7th. There is one year left on this term.

REPORTS

Hespe informed the board a new representative was need for Lower James RC&D. Lisa Hjellum will be the representative for the Town of Ethan. Ethan has been selected as a pass-through community for the 7th annual Tour de Kota. At the time of the meeting no more information was available. Once the information is obtained groups will be asked to help.

Next regular board meeting is Monday, March 7 at 7:00 pm.

Motion Hjellum, second Meinke to adjourn at 8:03 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Nancy Schoenfelder
Chairman

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