

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

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on July 11, 2011 at the Ethan School at 7:00 pm. Members present were Nancy Schoenfelder, Lisa Hjellum, Dale Meinke and George Puetz. Member absent was Robert Fitzgerald. City personnel present was Sonya Hespe. Others present were Harold Nearhood, Bev Nearhood, Dennis Puepke, Gallus Thill, Diane Reinfeld, Bob Henglefeld, Dan Pollreis, Izak Goldammer, Shane Comp, John Sonne, Tim Bottum and Duane Duba.

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

Motion Hjellum, second Meinke to approve the agenda.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Hjellum, second Meinke to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2011 regular meeting, the June 14, 2011 and June 20, 2011 special meetings.

#### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Hjellum, second Meinke to approve the claims as presented.

General, sewer and water funds - employee and board wages \$4,347.20; Aflac, insurance \$128.42; Agland Coop, Ethan Bucks \$35.00; Agland Coop, fuel and supplies \$407.55; Benders's Sewer & Drain, service work \$15,989.00; BPI, supplies \$225.00; Card Services; postage & supplies \$432.09; Daily Republic, publishing \$304.56; Ethan Coop Lumber, supplies \$6.50; Farmers State Bank, payroll tax \$746.79; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$3,018.50; Maxwell & Bowar Agency, insurance \$56.00; Menards, supplies \$364.17; Mitchell Animal Rescue, animal control \$50.00; Morgan Theeler LLP, legal \$333.00; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$463.20; Santel, telephone \$142.78; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$79.98; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$493.00; SD Retirement, retirement \$536.06; Sonya Hespe, mileage \$22.80; Tech Solutions, laptop \$1,146.95; USDA – RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,250.00; Willilam Kinder, mileage \$26.40; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$11.20; Bob Brenner, rent \$250.00. – Park fund – Stacey Endres, supplies \$78.41.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Schoenfelder & Fitzgerald had visited with Ciavarella Design about revisions and a new estimate for a city shop. This new estimate came in a little over \$211,000. Some members of the Ethan Fire Department visited with the board about the Town buying the fire hall and the Fire District building a new building. After some discussion it was agreed that the Fire District could check into an appraisal to determine the cost of the building and look at land to purchase for a new building. If things were favorable the city would look further into the possibility of purchasing the fire hall. Attorney Tim Bottum informed the board another option would be a request for proposal. This means someone would construct a building on the city's lots and lease or sell the building back to the Town. The board told Bottum to obtain more information on the criteria for this as another possible avenue.

Bottum reviewed the route chosen for the lagoon discharge project and verified which landowners would need an easement request. Bender's has finished jetting and televising the sewer lines in town. A complex report was submitted for the board to review. More information will be obtained before a decision is made on how to proceed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Rates for water, sewer and garbage for 2012 were discussed. Motion Schoenfelder, second Hjellum to raise the water \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons as per the motion that was made September 9, 2009 and to increase the garbage to \$12 per month. This will start with the January usage payable in February.

A request was submitted by Morgan Theeler LLP to increase the hourly rate for attorney fees. Motion Puetz, second Schoenfelder to pay the attorney \$150 per hour.

A Snapper mower model LE12.5/38H was declared as surplus. Advertisement for bids will be published to sell the mower.

Duane Duba talked to the board about a Community Access Grant for extending Railroad Street south to Highway 42. Jake Erpenbach from McLaury Engineering volunteered his services to prepare a design for the grant. This was submitted to District III to have them fill out the grant paperwork. Due to the timeline of the deadline and notice for the resolution the Town will not apply for the grant this year.

Hespe gave the sheriffs report to the board. Hespe also read a congratulatory letter from DENR about a drinking water certificate of achievement award given to the Town and to Brett Scott as the operator. Board gave approval to have KO Pest Control spray the new office.

The next regular board meeting is Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the school.

Motion Hjellum, second Meinke to adjourn at 9:07 pm.

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Sonya Hespe  
Finance Officer

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Nancy Schoenfelder  
Chairman

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