

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 7-14-15

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on July 14, 2015 at the Ethan City Hall at 6:00 pm. Members present were Lisa Hjellum, Robert Fitzgerald, Howard Caylor, Jason Koch and Megan Perry. No members were absent. City personnel present were Sonya Hespe & Brett Scott. Others present were Don Warren, Leah Mellegaard, Marty Royston (arrived 6:32 pm), Nancy Schoenfelder (arrived 6:59 pm) and Cindy Kaiser (arrived 6:59 pm). All guests left at 7:17 pm.

Chairman Hjellum called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Caylor to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Koch, second Perry to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2015 regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Koch, second Fitzgerald to approve the claims as presented.

General, capital outlay, sewer, water and preservation funds * employee and board wages - board \$277.04, finance \$1,375.36, hwy & streets \$1,107.65, sanitation \$316.48, parks \$632.95, sewer \$1,091.39, water \$933.15; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$3,738.30, loan payment \$423.00; SD Municipal League, registration \$50.00; Agland Coop, fuel \$409.33; Brown & Saenger, supplies \$23.17; Campbell Supply, supplies \$212.66; Card Services, postage & supplies \$396.06; Daily Republic, publishing \$303.57; Davison Conservation District, supplies \$79.04; Davison County, sheriff contract \$1,800.00; Ethan American Legion, grant \$500.00; Farmers Alliance, supplies \$184.30; Menards, supplies \$167.95; Morgan Theeler, legal \$60.00; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$746.80; Paul's Towing, services \$986.00; Santel, telephone \$137.85; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$17.00; SD One Call, locates \$15.75; SD Retirement, retirement \$598.98; Sonya Hespe, travel \$300.40; SPN, engineering \$11,280.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,270.00; Intuit, fees \$5.09; Aflac, insurance \$100.68; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$97.62; USDA – RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; US Treasury, payroll taxes \$1,117.10; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$39.34; Cindy Kaiser, supplies \$33.29.

BUSINESS

Hespe gave an update on the Safe Routes grant. SPN has contacted the state to check the status. They are waiting for paperwork from the contractor and then a work order will be processed for the work to be completed.

SPN received two bids for the 6th Street project, one from Schoenfelder Construction and one from VanderPol Dragline. Motion Perry, second Fitzgerald to accept the bid from Schoenfelder Construction.

Nuisance violation status update – Kretschmer has made some progress on tree removal. They will continue working on it until BaanHofman comes in with the equipment to do the work. A letter will be sent regarding the mowing ordinance. Second letters will be sent to other ordinance violations once the properties are checked to see what work has been completed.

Motion Caylor, second Perry to approve the purchase of the Holy Trinity Church & lots from the Catholic Diocese. Roll call vote – aye, Hjellum, Caylor, Perry, Koch; nay, Fitzgerald. A committee will be created to do the planning for the community center.

CITIZEN INPUT

Don Warren expressed concern about bats in the Catholic Church. He asked that they are not released into town when work is done at the church. Nancy Schoenfelder thanked the board for allowing the opportunity for the community center and reminded them that there were critics against other projects in town that are now great assets and appreciated by the community.

REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed.

The next regular board meeting is Monday, August 10th at 6:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Fitzgerald, second Perry to enter into executive session at 7:30 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.1.

Hjellum declared executive session over at 7:58 pm.

Motion Koch, second Perry to adjourn at 7:58 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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