

Special Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 6-14-11

The Town of Ethan board met in special session on June 14, 2011 at the Ethan School at 7:00 pm. Members present were Nancy Schoenfelder, Lisa Hjellum, Robert Fitzgerald, Dale Meinke and George Puetz. City personnel present was Sonya Hespe. There were no others present.

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 Fitzgerald to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Fitzgerald, second Hjellum to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2011 special meeting, the May 9, 2011 regular meeting and the May 23, 2011 special meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

General, sewer and water funds - employee and board wages \$4,699.72; Aflac, insurance \$128.42; Agland Coop, Ethan Bucks \$55.00; Agland Coop, fuel and supplies \$495.21; BPI, supplies \$74.88; Campbell Supply, supplies \$512.92; Card Services; postage & supplies \$394.53; Daily Republic, publishing \$212.91; Davison County, quarterly sheriff protection \$1,800.00; Farmers Alliance, supplies \$112.03; Farmers State Bank, payroll tax \$688.90; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$2,735.00; John Kraus, water deposit refund \$85.00; Josh Hicks, water deposit refund \$85.00; Maxwell & Bowar Agency, insurance \$529.00; Menards, supplies \$474.87; Morgan Theeler LLP, legal \$91.00; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$637.13; Santel, telephone \$121.10; SD DENR, annual fees \$190.00; SD Dept of Revenue, malt beverage license \$200.00; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$81.82; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$610.00; SD One Call, locates \$3.15; SD Retirement, retirement \$434.30; Sonya Hespe, mileage \$8.80; Sonya Hespe, cafeteria plan \$150.00; USDA – RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; Verifications, background check \$39.80; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,445.12; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$11.70. – Park fund – Amy Hanselman, supplies \$127.77.

OLD BUSINESS

John Claggett will be doing the inspection at the dairy on Wednesday, June 15. A meeting will be held on Monday, June 20 at 3:00 pm in the school to discuss the findings of the inspection. Motion Fitzgerald, second Hjellum to give Ethan Bucks to Bob Dunwoody and Randy Schoenfelder for their work in moving the city office and some maintenance work at the new office.

Lagoon project was discussed. Three routes were presented to the board that SPN drew up after the May 23 special meeting. A route was chosen and Hespe will notify SPN and the attorney to proceed with easement requests.

Motion Puetz, second Fitzgerald to leave the portion of Ash St by 6th Street unpaved for one more year and to have Hamilton repair 6th Street between Ash & Elm the same as was done on Ash Street in 2010.

The internal control review that was previously discussed will be cancelled due to Hespe coming back in as the Finance Officer.

Three names were chosen to do an appraisal on the water tower that has been declared surplus. The replacement trees and grass by the new tower was also discussed.

Approval was given to purchase a HP laptop and backup program from Tech Solutions.

NEW BUSINESS

At the May 9, 2011 meeting there was discussion about the dump being open one Saturday a month. After discussion it was decided to be open from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm the first Saturday of the month in addition to Monday & Thursday from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

At the June 6 meeting Dan Pollreis from the Ethan Fire Department asked the board about having a fireworks display at the city park over the 4th of July weekend. Permission was given at that meeting however the fire department will need to provide proof of insurance and sign an agreement that the Town is not responsible for any damages or injuries. There was also a request for the Town to contribute towards the purchase of the fireworks. The board decided against this request.

A sign will be purchased to put at the new finance office.

Hespe gave the sheriffs report to the board. Board gave approval for the 2012 membership with Planning & Development District III.

The next regular board meeting is Monday, July 11 at 7:00 pm at the school.

Motion Meinke, second Schoenfelder to adjourn at 9:30 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Nancy Schoenfelder
Chairman

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