

Special Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 6-20-11

The Town of Ethan board met in special session on June 20, 2011 at the Ethan School at 3:00 pm. Members present were Nancy Schoenfelder, Lisa Hjellum, Robert Fitzgerald, Dale Meinke and George Puetz. City personnel present was Sonya Hespe. Others present were Tom Petrik, Janice Feiner, Keith Feiner, Anna Jauhola and Gallus Thill (arrived 3:13pm).

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.

OLD BUSINESS

John Clagget performed an unofficial inspection at the dairy on June 15, 2011. He expressed some concern about drainage issues, mold and mildew, the possibility of lead paint and asbestos. Some of the rooms would need new floors, the office area would need gutted and remodeled and other rooms would need sandblasted and repainted. New electrical wiring and plumbing would also need to be done. Puetz said he would like to see an escrow of \$10,000 planned in the 2012 budget to tear down part of the building if it is not going to be used. He would like to see an 18 month period of input for the space before any final decisions are made on what to do with the non-shop portion of the building. As the building stands currently, it is not insurable. If the building was bought to use just for the shop it would not be insured unless the other portion of the building was remodeled or torn down.

Motion was made by Schoenfelder, second by Hjellum to rescind the motion that was made at the May 9, 2011 meeting to put the new building or purchase of the dairy to a public vote. Roll call vote - Aye: Hjellum, Schoenfelder, Fitzgerald - Nay: Meinke, Puetz. Motion carried.

Hjellum suggested building a new shop right away.

Motion Puetz, second Meinke to purchase the dairy to be used for the shop. Roll call vote - Aye: Puetz, Meinke - Nay: Fitzgerald, Hjellum, Schoenfelder. Motion denied.

Motion Hjellum second Fitzgerald to build a new shop. Roll call vote - Aye: Fitzgerald, Hjellum, Schoenfelder - Nay: Meinke, Puetz. Motion carried to proceed with building a new shop.

Motion Puetz, second Meinke to hire Larry Jirsa as the architect instead of continuing with Ciavarella Design. Roll call vote - Aye: Meinke, Puetz - Nay: Fitzgerald, Hjellum, Schoenfelder. Motion denied.

Fitzgerald will get in touch with Ciavarella about revising the floor plans for the shop.

Motion Hjellum, second Meinke to adjourn at 4:17 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Nancy Schoenfelder
Chairman

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