

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 6-4-09

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on June 4, 2009 at the Town Hall at 7:30 pm. Members present were Terry Mathis, Robert Fitzgerald, Josh Franks and Chad McGuire. Others present were Sonya Hespe, Brett Scott, John Hart, Terry Aaker, Camden Hofer, Chris Haines, Joe Weiland, Tim Storm, Luvern Neugebauer, and Gallus Thill.

Vice-chairman Mathis called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.  
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

Gallus Thill was added to the agenda. Motion McGuire, second Franks to approve the amended agenda.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Tim Storm representing the Ethan Rural Fire District touched base on where the land transfer stands. Hespe will check into this. Motion Franks, second McGuire for the city to continue using the current lease agreement with the fire district.

The lots for the new city building were not discussed. The landowner did not show up for the city to present the offer.

A motion was made by Franks, seconded by McGuire to adopt the new personnel manual.

There was discussion about the water, sewer and garbage rates at apartment complexes and duplexes in town. Motion Fitzgerald, second Franks to create a new ordinance that will be added to have the water surcharge, sewer and garbage (where applicable) be per unit instead of per building.

Scott brought up the \$100 reconnect fee. This will be tabled to the July meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Oath of Office was rendered to Robert Fitzgerald.

Terry Aaker, Camden Hofer and Chris Haines from SPN gave a power point presentation on the wastewater facility plan. There will be further discussion on this at the July meeting so a decision can be made on what plan to use.

The agreement with SPN for the drainage projects is tabled until we get more information from McLaury on what they had completed.

There was discussion on changing ordinance Section 2.3.6 Regular Meeting. Motion Franks, second Fitzgerald to change the regular meetings to the first Monday after the first Wednesday of each month. The first reading on this will be at the July meeting.

There was also discussion about ordinance Section 2.3.2 Trustees. It was decided that this will not change.

The sewer fund budget was addressed. Motion McGuire, second Fitzgerald to move \$10,000 from contingency to the sewer fund.

District III had asked about any upcoming energy projects to apply for grants. The board mentioned the new city office/shop. Hespe will check to see if new construction will qualify.

DOT community grant was also mentioned. Hespe will look at the application to see if a couple possible locations will qualify.

The agreement with the Davison County Sheriffs dept was brought up. Hespe will contact the department to get reports.

The maintenance agreement from BPI for the new copy machine was presented. It was decided not to have a maintenance contract.

An agreement was received from Planning & Development District III to see if we planned on working with them in 2010. At this time the city does plan on continuing working with Dist III.

A letter was received from Maxwell & Bowar about increasing insurance coverages. It was decided to stay with the current policy and not purchase the additional umbrella.

A registration for an Elected Officials Workshop was presented to the board. Board members will check to see if they can attend and will let Hespe know so registration can be sent in.

#### REPORTS

Scott notified the board that Commercial Asphalt did not want to submit a quote for chip sealing the streets. Topkote submitted a quote of \$1.65 a square yard and the city would have to buy the rock separately. There was discussion about the price per block. It was decided at the current price we would not do 17 blocks.

Scott also presented prices to the board for barriers around dirt piles out by the cemetery. About 10 barriers would be needed. Concrete barriers would be \$417 each while railroad ties and lumber from the lumberyard would be about \$3800 total. Mathis and Schoenfelder will talk to the church boards before a decision is made.

A drinking fountain at the park was requested. Something durable that could be mounted on the building would be preferred. The hydrant being metered was also talked about.

Hespe informed the board that Kretschmer's will be haying the lots south of the park. There was a request from Schoenfelder to have the park board give an update at the July meeting. The campers at the park were talked about. The audit is completed. Hespe and Schoenfelder will meet with the auditor and present back to the board in July.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion Franks, second McGuire to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2009 board meeting.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Motion McGuire, second Franks to approve the claims.

**CLAIMS**  
**June 4, 2009**

<u>General Fund</u>			
1	Brett Scott	salary	
2	Chad McGuire	salary	\$41.56
3	Josh Franks	salary	\$41.56
4	Nancy Schoenfelder	salary	\$41.56
5	Sonya Hespe	wages	\$1,018.43
6	Terry Mathis	salary	\$41.56
7	Agland Coop	fuel	\$145.54
8	BPI	supplies	\$42.19
9	Campbell Supply	supplies	\$20.40
10	Daily Republic	publishing	\$351.09
11	Davison Co	1st quarter sheriff protection	\$1,500.00
12	Ethan Baseball	annual donation	\$1,000.00
13	Ethan Coop Lumber	supplies	\$43.21
14	Farmers State Bank	payroll taxes	\$743.68
15	Menards	supplies	\$45.48
16	NW Energy	street light 399.75; fire hall 8.11	\$407.86
17	Palace Motors	pickup mud flaps	\$105.00
18	Ramkota	lodging for Finance Officer school	\$255.96
19	Santel	telephone	\$93.98
20	SD Retirement	retirement	\$276.60
21	Topkote	crack seal	\$5,000.00
22	US Postal Service	envelopes	\$270.60
23	USDA - RD	monthly loan payment	\$1,023.00
24	USDA - RD	monthly loan payment	\$368.27
25	Weber Sanitation	garbage service	\$1,250.00
	*** previously approved claim Brett Scott \$1,487.30		

<u>Water Fund</u>			
1	Brett Scott	salary	
2	Dakota Supply Group	supplies	\$200.20
3	DENR	drinking water fees	\$140.00

4	Hanson Rural Water	6/09 usage	
5	Maguire Iron	tower maintenance	\$1,150.00
6	Michele Uhing	deposit refund	\$50.00
7	NW Energy	utilities	\$29.12
8	SD Dept of Revenue	water testing	\$12.00
9	USA Blue Book	chlorine tester & gauge	\$463.82

\*\*\* previously approved claim Hanson Rural Water March usage \$2,179.00; Brett Scott \$495.76

**Sewer Fund**

1	Brett Scott	salary	
2	Farmers Alliance	spray for lagoon	\$144.25
3	Menards	supplies	\$163.00
4	NW Energy	utilities	\$57.28
5	Santel	telephone	\$30.06
6	SPN	collection treatment	\$7,000.00
7	USA Blue Book	pH meter	\$109.00

\*\*\* previously approved claim Brett Scott \$495.76

The July board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 6 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

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Sonya Hespe  
Finance Officer

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Nancy Schoenfelder  
Chairman

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Terry Mathis  
Chairman, Pro Tem