

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 3-10-14

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on March 10, 2014 at the Ethan City Hall at 3:00 pm. Members present were Lisa Hjellum, Nancy Schoenfelder, Robert Fitzgerald and Howard Caylor. No members were absent. City personnel present were Sonya Hespe & Brett Scott. Others present were Tim Bottum (left 3:37 pm), Colette VanHecke, Gallus Thill, Dale Meinke & Willy Anderson (arrived 5:01 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 Schoenfelder, second Caylor to approve the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Tim Bottum gave suggestions on the possible ways to set up the preservation committee. A resolution will be drawn up to set the guidelines and read at the next meeting.

Road & ditch work was discussed. Motion Schoenfelder, second Hjellum to pave First Street between Ash & Elm. Roll call vote, aye – Hjellum, Fitzgerald, Schoenfelder. Caylor abstained from voting. Motion Hjellum, second Schoenfelder to allow the maintenance supervisor to spend up to \$50,000 in road work & ditch work. This amount will include the already approved crack seal & paving, with the remaining amount left for gravel, chip seal and ditch work as needed.

NEW BUSINESS

The pump house at the lagoon was declared surplus at the Feb 10, 2014 meeting. An appraisal was done with a value set at \$200. Since the value is under \$500 the item will not be advertised for bids. If anyone is interested in purchasing the shed, it will be sold on a "first come, first serve" basis with payment being made to the Finance Office. The shed must be moved within 10 days after purchase.

Clean-up day will be on Monday, May 5th. Dumpsters will be brought in to town for the day. More details will be posted later.

The board authorized Brett Scott to attend the Davison County Emergency Management meetings.

CITIZEN INPUT

Willy Anderson expressed concerns about building permits, building codes, parking issues and animal control.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Schoenfelder, second Fitzgerald to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2014 regular meeting and February 24, 2014 special meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Schoenfelder, second Caylor to approve the claims as presented.

General, sewer and water funds - employee and board wages \$5,776.65; Aflac, insurance \$100.68; Agland Coop, fuel \$51.50; Bender's, repairs \$323.00; Card Services, postage & supplies \$454.60; Daily Republic, publishing \$165.78; Davison County Auditor, sheriff protection \$1,800.00; Ethan Coop Lumber, supplies \$36.78; Farmers State Bank, payroll tax \$1,552.86; Hanson County Treasurer, permit \$25.00; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$4205.50 and loan payment \$423.00; Lemke Digging, repairs \$1,411.74; Menards, supplies \$39.77; Menning Backhoe, construction \$19,685.18; Morgan Theeler LLP, legal \$615.00; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$438.68; Santel, telephone \$123.90; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$13.00; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$79.07; SD Retirement, retirement \$728.44; Sonya Hespe, mileage \$10.40; SPN, services \$1,858.50; USDA – RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,270.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$23.45.

REPORTS

Hespe informed the board about a Code Enforcement workshop in April in Pierre.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Schoenfelder dismissed herself from the meeting at 5:39 pm. All citizens also left at this time.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Caylor to enter into executive session at 5:40 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.1.

Hjellum declared executive session over at 6:09 pm.

The next regular board meeting is Monday, April 7th at 5:00 pm.

Motion Hjellum, second Caylor to adjourn at 6:10 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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