

Special Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 3-21-11

The Town of Ethan board met in special session on March 21, 2011 at the Ethan Fire Hall at 7:05 pm after the Board of Equalization meeting. Members present were Nancy Schoenfelder, Robert Fitzgerald, Lisa Hjellum, Dale Meinke and George Puetz. Personnel present was Sonya Hespe. Others present were Chris Lingemann (left at 8:27pm).

Chairman Schoenfelder called the meeting to order.  
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Meinke to approve the agenda.

#### OLD BUSINESS

A first reading was read for a new ordinance to renew the franchise contract with NorthWestern Energy for the natural gas lines.

A first reading was read to revise the snow plowing routes through town.

There was a discussion about having the sewer lines televised and jetted. Prices will be checked to see if it falls under bid limit. Quotes will be presented at the April 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Fitzgerald and Hjellum have met with the lumberyard and Ciavarella Design to figure out new options for the city building. Puetz asked about the old dairy. Puetz and Meinke will talk to John Wittstruck about looking at the dairy and get information on remodeling it.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The fire department is planning a pump operations drill in April. They asked if they could use a couple hydrants in town for this drill. Permission was granted.

Ray Wermers filed a complaint about his water meter not working correctly. The board will have Scott put a used meter head on and if Ray doesn't want the used he will have to keep the current one.

Ken Boehmer made a complaint about the pink rock on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street being pushed into his yard when the snow is plowed. The board will have Scott check to see if a sweeper is available to rent.

The annual clean-up day has been set for Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Tires will only be accepted if they are brought to the trailer that will be left at the park that morning. There will be a disposal fee charged for the tires this year. Fliers will be posted with more information about the clean-up day.

An insurance audit was recently conducted and there were four areas that need addressed. The first was a certificate of insurance being submitted when contract work is hired out. The second was a routine inspection needing scheduled for the fire extinguishers on all city property. The third item was in regards to the current city shop. The electrical wiring needs to be replaced. The other item in the building was the unsafe floor. The auditor was informed that we are in the process of a putting up a new building. The forth item was having the sewer lines jetted.

Motion Hjellum, second Meinke to adjourn at 9:24 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

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Sonya Hespe  
Finance Officer

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Nancy Schoenfelder  
Chairman

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