

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 11-8-10

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on November 8, 2010 at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Members present were Nancy Schoenfelder, Robert Fitzgerald, Josh Franks, Dale Meinke and Lisa Hjellum. City personnel present were Sonya Hespe and Brett Scott. Others present were Tom Petrik, Karen Petrik, Dennis Puepke, Harold Nearhood, Beverly Nearhood, Bob Oberembt, Kim Sinkie (left at 10:24 pm), Darla McGuire, Lyle Dekruif (left at 8:03 pm), Terry Berndt (left at 8:03 pm), Tim Bottum (arrived at 8:05 pm, left at 8:47 pm), Brad Ciavarella (arrived at 8:48 pm, left at 9:27 pm).

Chairman Schoenfelder called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

Motion Franks, second Fitzgerald to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Franks, second Fitzgerald to approve the minutes from the October 13 regular meeting and October 18 special meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Franks, second Fitzgerald to approve the claims as presented.

GENERAL FUND

Brett Scott	salary	\$1,454.97
Chad McGuire	wages	\$41.56
Josh Franks	wages	\$83.11
Kim Sinkie	wages	\$41.56
Nancy Schoenfelder	wages	\$83.11
Robert Fitzgerald	wages	\$83.11
Sonya Hespe	wages	\$646.02
Aflac	employee insurance	\$77.06
Agland Coop	fuel	\$201.10
Berndt Farm Equipment	tractor repairs	\$901.58
BPI	supplies	\$120.53
Campbell Supply	supplies, tools	\$164.54
Daily Republic	publishing	\$934.83
Farmers State Bank	payroll taxes	\$395.24
Menards	supplies	\$280.28
Mitchell Parks & Rec	mosquito briquettes	\$461.28
Morgan Theeler LLP	legal	\$946.00
Nancy Schoenfelder	mileage	\$17.60
NorthWestern Energy	utilities	\$419.20
One Call	locates	\$4.20
Randy Schoenfelder	repairs	\$125.00
RBS WorldPay	credit card machine usage charges	\$2.37
Santel	telephone	\$91.73
SD Dept of Revenue	bi-monthly sales tax	\$165.84
SD Finance Officers Assoc	annual dues	\$40.00
SD Municipal League	election school	\$20.00
SD Municipal League	annual dues	\$393.97
SD Municipal Street Maint Assoc	annual dues	\$35.00
SD Retirement	retirement	\$239.70
UMB Card Services	postage & supplies	\$32.60
USDA-RD	loan payment	\$368.28
Weber Sanitation	garbage service	\$1,250.00

SEWER FUND

Brett Scott	salary	\$484.98
Sonya Hespe	wages	\$215.34
Aaron Electric	labor	\$145.86
Aflac	employee insurance	\$25.68
Farmers State Bank	payroll tax	\$115.64
NorthWestern Energy	utilities	\$51.75
RBS WorldPay	credit card machine usage charges	\$3.89
Santel	telephone	\$30.22
SD Retirement	retirement	\$79.92
UMB Card Services	supplies	\$13.98
USDA-RD	loan payment	\$654.72

WATER FUND

Brett Scott	salary	\$484.98
Sonya Hespe	wages	\$215.34
Aflac	employee insurance	\$25.68
DENR	water system discharge fee	\$50.00
Ethan Coop Lumber	supplies	\$2.40
Farmers State Bank	payroll tax	\$115.64
Hanson Rural Water	bulk water	\$2,634.20
Menards	supplies	\$53.93
NorthWestern Energy	utilities	\$27.63
RBS WorldPay	credit card machine usage charges	\$9.23

SD Dept of Revenue	water testing	\$12.00
SD Retirement	retirement	\$79.92
UMB Card Services	supplies & postage	\$18.89
USDA-RD	loan payment	\$368.27

BID OPENING

Bids were opened and reviewed for a skid-steer loader and a tractor with loader. JAC Implement from Mitchell submitted a bid of \$25,890.28 for a Bobcat S205 with a 72' bucket. JAC Implement also submitted a bid of \$25,790.28 for a Bobcat S205 with a 68' bucket. Scott Supply Co from Mitchell submitted a bid for a Gehl 5640E at \$26,950.00. Scott Supply also submitted a bid for a Gehl 5240E at \$24,950.00. The S205 with the 72' bucket is the only bid that met specs for the skid-steer. Berndt Farm Equipment from Avon submitted a bid of \$29,900 after trade for a TYM tractor and loader. Scott Supply submitted a bid for a Case-IH Farmall 95 with a Koyker 385 loader at \$34,950.00. Scott Supply also submitted a bid for a Case-IH Farmall 95U with a Koyker 385 loader at \$39,900.00. Pfeifer Implement from Sioux Falls submitted a bid of \$40,670.00 for a Kubota tractor and loader. The TYM tractor and loader met all specs for the tractor bid. After discussion from the board it was decided to purchase the Bobcat S205 and bucket from JAC Implement.

OLD BUSINESS

Schoenfelder asked all in attendance if anyone was interested in filling either vacancy on the Town Board. Lisa Hjellum and Dale Meinke spoke up & explained why they were interested. Schoenfelder asked if anyone else was interested and Darla McGuire said she was if there wasn't other interest. The Oath of Office was administered to Meinke & Hjellum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Fitzgerald, second Franks to enter into executive session at 8:13 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.1, 1-25-2.3 and 1-25-2.5. Schoenfelder declared executive session over at 8:48 pm.

OLD BUSINESS continued

Brad Ciavarella presented the site survey results and a revision to the option 2 floor plan. Questions, concerns and revisions were asked or shared by the audience and were answered or will be researched. A special public meeting will be scheduled to review the floor plan, projected estimate and funding options to the public.

Scott informed the board that DENR would like Nitrate samples completed at the lagoon to determine the nitrate levels. This will help answer some of the questions that were shared at a previous meeting. Once the results are obtained, DENR can give a more accurate answer to the Town which will then be presented to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

The boundaries for what are considered to be residential and commercial property was discussed. There is no definition in the ordinances and the Town does not have any zoning. The question was approached because of a building permit received and the size of the building would be determined according to which type of property it was classified as. A decision was made that if a lot is contiguous to an already developed commercial lot on Main Street that it would be considered as a commercial lot.

A building permit for Aaron Gerlach and Matt Hohn was approved to build a storage unit using a setback behind the right of way on the property.

The stolen street signs from the county road in town were discussed. Four stop signs were stolen at two different intersections. The decision was made to replace the signs at the Elm Street intersection by the school but not the ones at the Main Street intersection.

Board/employee communication was briefly addressed and will be tabled to another meeting.

REPORTS

Scott's reports from the lagoon and water tower were given to the board.

Hespe showed the sheriff report and read a letter received from DENR about the inspection at the landfill. The report had 2 very minor things that need addressed.

Motion Franks, second Fitzgerald to approve a claim for JAC Implement to purchase the new Bobcat if the machine comes in before the December meeting.

Next regular board meeting is Monday, December 6 at 7:00 pm.

Motion Meinke, second Franks to adjourn at 10:33 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Nancy Schoenfelder
Chairman

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