

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 11-9-09

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on November 9, 2009 at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Members present were Nancy Schoenfelder, Robert Fitzgerald, Josh Franks and Chad McGuire. Others present were Sonya Hespe, Brett Scott, Sheriff Dave Miles, Deputy Steve Brink, Tara Filter, Darlene Hoffman, Colette VanHecke, Margaret Mueller, Herb Mueller, Harold Nearhood, Beverly Nearhood, Bob Oberembt, Virginia Henglefeld, Sally Pollreisz, Diane Reinfield, Gallus Thill, Dale Meinke, Eric Ambrosion, Sam Hohn.

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

Motion McGuire, second Franks to approve the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Sheriff Miles and Deputy Brink talked with the board about the contract agreement between Davison County Sheriff Department and the Town of Ethan. Several items were discussed to clarify what services are received. The main item that Ethan requested was a monthly report. Sheriff Miles informed the board they have a new computer system in the cars now so it will be easier to give a report but they may be sent quarterly instead of monthly. Motion McGuire, second Fitzgerald to approve the contract with a verbal agreement that the Town of Ethan will receive reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Eric Ambrosion from Planning & Development District III gave a presentation on a proposed community center. The option that was presented did not include an area for a city office or shop. A Community Development Block Grant would give up to a 50% grant with a cap at \$500,000 but would not allow for an office or shop. A grant from USDA is another funding option that would allow an office and shop right away but wouldn't be as much money in grants. Several people expressed concern about needing a space for a city office and shop but also having a room available for different groups like senior citizens and Girl Scouts. Eric will draw up another design but suggested the board look into getting an architect to draw up some plans that would suit the towns needs.

Sam Hohn from SPN gave a presentation for the drainage projects on 3rd & Ash Street and at the east side of the school along 3rd Street. On the Ash Street project there were two options presented. Option one was to go south on 3rd St to Elm and was estimated at \$47,430. Option two was to go east on Elm Street from 3rd to 5th and was estimated at \$81,900. Other issues were brought up with these options that will be checked into. One option was presented for the school location at an estimate of \$91,745. More possibilities were discussed with this option as well. Hohn will check into some of the items discussed and get the information to the board when completed.

Finance Officer Hespe presented various budget topics to the board. Motion Franks, second Fitzgerald to close the construction account by transferring the balance into the sewer fund of the money market account at Farmers State Bank. Due to the loans with USDA being transferred to Water and Sewer Funds for 2010 and beyond, the reserve accounts for these loans need transferred from General Fund to be in their respective funds. Motion McGuire, second Franks to transfer CD 42234 from General Fund to Sewer Fund and split CD 42236 into two new CD's. Fifty percent will stay in General Fund and the other 50% will transfer to Water Fund. The 2009 budget was also presented to the board. Motion Franks, second Fitzgerald to approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved that in order to meet the financial obligations of the 2009 budget the following transfers of funds shall occur:

Need of Funds:

411	Board	\$3,800.00
414	Financial Admin	\$5,833.00
452	Parks	\$ 38.00

Source of Funds:

412	Contingency	\$9,671.00
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Roll call vote: Schoenfelder, aye; Fitzgerald, aye; McGuire, aye; Franks, aye.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Franks to approve the first reading of the supplemental appropriations ordinance to transfer \$4,500 from cash on hand to 414 Financial Admin in the General Fund.

REPORTS

Scott informed the board that the source for the high water usage was found. There was a water leak at the football field. The lagoon infiltration is still very high. Sump pump drainage into the city lines are still a contributing factor to this problem.

Hespe presented a land lease agreement to the board that was drawn up by the city attorney. This lease is regarding the land where the new water tower will be located. Hespe also presented two quotes on credit card terminals and service agreements. Motion McGuire, second Franks to purchase a terminal from RBS. Davison County Equalization requested a report about new or remodeled structures for property tax assessments. Dale Meinke will be given a \$20 credit on his water bill for helping Brett find water mains.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Franks, second McGuire to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2009 regular meeting and the October 15, 2009 special meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Franks, second McGuire to approve the claims as presented and to add claim 25 to the General Fund.

CLAIMS
November 9, 2009

General Fund

1	Brett Scott	salary	
2	Chad McGuire	wages	\$83.11
3	Josh Franks	wages	\$83.11
4	Nancy Schoenfelder	wages	\$83.11
5	Robert Fitzgerald	wages	\$83.11
6	Sonya Hespe	wages 1102.94; mileage 184.40	\$1,287.34
7	A & G Diesel Inc	truck repairs	\$235.92
8	Aflac	employee insurance	\$128.42
9	Agland Coop	fuel & oil	\$97.05
10	Campbell Supply	supplies	\$48.22
11	Daily Republic	publishing	\$266.49
12	Farmers Alliance	chemical	\$40.75
13	Farmers State Bank	payroll taxes	\$608.96
14	Maxwell & Bowar	insurance	\$575.00
15	Menards	supplies	\$120.74
16	Northern Truck Equip	snow plow blades	\$480.00
17	NorthWestern Energy	street light 415.85; fire hall 11.35	\$427.20
18	Santel	telephone	\$88.09
19	SD Retirement	retirement	\$276.60
20	SPN	drainage project fees	\$3,900.00
21	Tractor Supply	supplies	\$68.42
22	USDA - RD	monthly loan payment	\$1,023.00
23	USDA - RD	monthly loan payment	\$368.27
24	Weber Sanitation	garbage service	\$1,250.00
25	Card Services	meal for conference	\$12.28

*** previously approved claim Brett Scott \$1,407.18

Water Fund

1	Brett Scott	salary	
2	Amy Moe	deposit refund	\$85.00
3	Hanson Rural Water	11/09 usage	
4	Jesse VonEye	remainder deposit refund	\$6.75
5	Menards	supplies	\$26.00
6	NorthWestern Energy	utilities	\$15.72
7	SD Dept of Revenue	water testing	\$12.00

*** previously approved claim Hanson Rural Water March usage \$3,311.00; Brett Scott \$469.06

Sewer Fund

1	Brett Scott	salary	
2	Menards	supplies	\$26.00
3	NorthWestern Energy	utilities	\$60.02
4	Santel	telephone	\$30.15

*** previously approved claim Brett Scott \$469.06

The next regular board meeting is Monday, December 7 at 7:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Franks, second McGuire to go into executive session at 11:04 pm to discuss personnel.
Schoenfelder declared executive session over at 11:39 pm.

Motion McGuire, second Fitzgerald to appoint Josh Franks as vice-chairman.

Motion McGuire, second Franks to adjourn at 11:42 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Nancy Schoenfelder
Chairman

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