

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board 10-11-16

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Ethan Town Hall at 6:00 pm. Trustees present were Chair Lisa Hjellum, Vice Chair Jason Koch, Logan Sorenson and Howard Caylor. Staff present; Brett Scott and Mac Tilberg, members of the public were also in attendance

Chair Hjellum called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
All motions were unanimously voted as Aye unless otherwise stated.

Motion by Caylor, second by Koch to approve the agenda.

Board member Perry present at 6:10 P.M.

#### CITIZEN INPUT

None

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Koch, second by Sorenson, to approve Board minutes of September 12<sup>th</sup>, along with minutes of the Community Center Committee September 27.

#### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion by Perry, second by Koch to approve the claims as presented with the addition of claims 33-40. General, Sewer, Water, Preservation, Park and Community Center Funds. SD Retirement, 628.68; Card Services; supplies 640.02; Daily Republic, publishing 664.17; Santel Communications; September phone 162.13; Davison County Auditor, September Sheriff Contract 1,800.00; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water 4,510. Menards, supplies 24.08; Board wages 346.32; employees 5,067.79; Quickbooks payroll services, fees to process wages 3.50; SD Dept. of Revenue, Water testing 196.; Badger Meter, October service contract 69.66; Brown and Sanger, supplies 42.13; Lemke Digging, excise tax 9.18; World Pay, credit card services utility payments 32.83; AFLAC, insurance 73.12; USDA, storm water and sewer loan 1023.; USDA, water loan 368.27; Agland Coop, fuel 113.25; Colonial Research Chemical Corp, supplies 213.06; Northwestern Energy, electric 934.05; Industrial Chem Labs, sewer 139.90; Weber Sanitation, contract 1,270.; Morgan Theeler, legal review, assessments 205.01; The Road Guy, seal coat streets 33,951.39; Bob Fitzgerald, meter deposit refund 50.; Tristan Scott, snowplow delivery 150.; SD One Call, locates 6.30; Ethan Coop Lumber, reside shop building 7,974.; Marty Royston, demo/Community Center 450.; SD DENR, wastewater loan payment 3720.27;

#### BUSINESS

Mr. Mike Tuttle was present and requested participation by the Town to share cost the removal of a tree in the Right of Way adjacent to his property. Mr. Tuttle presented a paid bill for \$650. The Board reviewed Chapter 9, Section 4.8.3 regarding 50% cost share removal of dead, diseased, or dangerous trees located within the R.O.W. Motion by Koch second by Perry to participate 50% and reimburse Mr. Tuttle \$325.

Board Chair Hjellum moved to item "C" on the agenda and introduced Mr. Jeff Bathke, Director of Davison County Emergency Management. Mr. Bathke introduced Assistant Director, Mr. Mark Jenniges. An overview of Davison County Emergency Management was presented to the Board. Equipment resources, The Local Emergency Operations Plan and Planning Committee functions were discussed. There is an opening on the committee that needs to be filled. The board thanked The Office of Emergency Management representatives for the briefing.

The Community Center Committee Treasurer, Betty Raymond presented a proposal from Premier Pest Control for \$3,500 with a 10 year warranty to "Bat proof" the building. Motion by Hjellum, second by Perry to not accept the proposal. Riggs Construction will donate time to work on the problem at the building. Bat houses will be installed on the property to deter bats from attempting to enter the building. The committee requested the Board review rates for the Community Center. Small meeting room 25., Meeting room and kitchen, 50., Hall and kitchen 100, additional day, 100. Motion by Hjellum, second by Perry, to accept the Community Center Rental Rates as proposed. Betty Raymond reported the fundraising efforts have been on-going, with the Harvest Community Pork Loin Box Lunch raising \$1,120. Painting in the Kitchen is almost complete, fixtures and appliances will be installed soon. The Community Center is on face-book and the Town Website. The Board thanked the Committee for their hard work.

Motion by Hjellum, second by Koch to adjust Account # 1198 to \$58.51 due to a late disconnect by the Town.

Motion by Perry, second by Sorenson to approve 2017 liquor license renewals for Chubbys and American Legion Post # 261.

The Historical Preservation Committee requested the Town Board participate in some landscaping at the Water Tower Park. This would also be coordinated with the Legion Post to work on landscaping around the new Veterans Memorial. Fund raising would also be included. Motion by Koch, second by Sorenson to table the item until Spring of 2017 and work with the Committee to prepare a landscaping plan and budget.

Motion by Perry, second by Sorenson to set the meeting date for November on the 14<sup>th</sup>, due to the early regular meeting date for payment of claims.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Perry, second by Caylor to enter executive session at 8:15 P.M., pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2-(3) - consult with legal counsel about contractual matters dealing with proposed litigation. Board Chair Hjellum declared the executive session over at 8:45 P.M. Motion by Perry, Second by Koch to reconvene the regular meeting. Motion by Hjellum, second by Perry to direct the Finance Officer and Town Attorney to prepare a draft Stipulation Agreement with Mr. Bill Kretschmer, applying all charges of abatement towards purchase of property owned by Mr. Kretschmer with standard transactional fees, conduct a lien search of the property, and file the assessment of abatement charges with the County.

Motion by Perry, second by Koch to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

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Mac Tilberg  
Finance Officer

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Lisa Hjellum  
President