

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 10-12-09

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on October 12, 2009 at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Members present were Nancy Schoenfelder, Robert Fitzgerald, Josh Franks and Chad McGuire. Member absent was Terry Mathis. Others present were Sonya Hespe, Brett Scott, John Hart, Myrna Adams & Dale Meinke.

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

John Hart informed those in attendance that he was tape recording the meeting.

Motion McGuire, second Franks to approve the agenda.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Motion was made by Franks and seconded by McGuire to rescind the motion that was made at the September 8, 2009 meeting regarding the increase of water and sewer rates. The original motion did not clarify that the school was charged a different sewer rate. It was also noted that the motion did not clarify the January effective date. There was a lengthy discussion about commercial rates and multi-family dwellings. Motion Franks, second McGuire to increase the surcharge to add \$5.00 per unit to the base fee and increase sewer \$5.00 per unit plus base fee for all multi-family dwellings which includes duplexes and apartments. There was more discussion on this motion before voted on. Roll call vote – Aye: Schoenfelder, Franks, McGuire. Nay: Fitzgerald. Motion carried. Another motion by Franks, second McGuire to increase the sewer rate at the school for 2010 to \$113.50 per month. Motion carried. Motion Franks, second McGuire to increase water \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons per year for the next three years and sewer rates increase \$1.00 per year for the next three years with the exception of the previously mentioned rates for multi-family dwellings and the school. These rates will be effective for January usage paid in February for 2010, 2011 and 2012. This will put the water rates at \$4.50 per 1000 gallons in 2010, \$5.00 per 1000 gallons in 2011 and \$5.50 per 1000 gallons in 2012. The sewer rates, except for the school and multi-family dwellings, will be \$18.00 in 2010, \$19.00 in 2011 and \$20.00 in 2012. Roll call vote – Aye: Schoenfelder, Franks, McGuire. Fitzgerald abstained from this vote due to his earlier noted nay. Motion carried.

Brett Scott informed the board that the costs to move the city shop are more than originally estimated. The cost for moving is \$6,000. There were two estimates for concrete including a slab or a full foundation. These costs range from \$4,200 to \$11,200. When looking under the building it was discovered there is a cistern below it. The floor joists are also rotting. This presents some concern about moving the building. Scott contacted the state historical society about grants for historical preservation. We would need to find documentation showing proof of when the building was established in order to be eligible for grants.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Myrna Adams representing the Ethan Women's Fire Auxiliary asked the board for permission to have a night parade in conjunction with their Halloween Spooktacular on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The parade would start by the old dairy going East on Main Street to 3<sup>rd</sup>, turn South onto Ash Street and go back to the Legion to end. The board asked Myrna to contact the sheriff department to help block the streets during the parade. Permission was given to have the parade.

The abandoned property ordinance was discussed. Hespe will contact the city attorney to get legal advice on the proper procedure for dealing with this. There are several abandoned buildings in town that need addressed.

#### REPORTS

Scott asked to purchase two new cutting edges for the snow plow. The cost would go over the \$500 limit. He also gave an update on the truck. No work has been done on it since August when it was taken to a repair shop. Scott will get the truck and take it to another shop.

Hespe gave quotes on prices for the new water books. It was decided to have them printed at BPI. The color for the new water tower was chosen and will be a tan color with maroon lettering. Hespe presented a building permit that was dropped off by Justin Hofer requesting a 9x9 addition to his house on Main Street. Permission was granted for the addition.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion McGuire, second Franks to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2009 regular meeting and the September 10, 2009 special meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Fitzgerald, second Franks to approve the claims.

#### **CLAIMS**

*October 12, 2009*

1	Brett Scott	salary	
2	Chad McGuire	wages	\$83.12
3	Josh Franks	wages	\$41.56
4	Nancy Schoenfelder	wages	\$83.12
5	Sonya Hespe	wages	\$754.31
6	Terry Mathis	wages	\$83.12
7	Aflac	employee insurance	\$128.42
8	Agland Coop	fuel	\$103.33
9	BPI	office supplies	\$15.68
10	Campbell Supply	power edger	\$159.99
11	Daily Republic	publishing	\$689.49
12	Ethan Coop Lumber	supplies	\$5.19
13	Farmers Alliance	chemical	\$80.00
14	Farmers State Bank	payroll taxes	\$632.04
15	Menards	supplies	\$101.97
16	Mitchell Parks & Rec	mosquito control	\$384.22
17	Morgan Theeler	legal	\$90.00
18	NorthWestern Energy	street light 408.80; fire hall 11.92	\$420.72
19	Santel	telephone	\$89.03
20	SD Retirement	retirement	\$276.60
21	Spencer Quarries	pink rock	\$3,210.28
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

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

#### Water Fund

1	Brett Scott	salary	
2	Hanson Rural Water	10/09 usage	
3	DSG	supplies	\$72.36
4	Hanson Rural Water	publishing	\$53.66
5	NorthWestern Energy	utilities	\$17.45
6	SD Dept of Revenue	water testing	\$12.00

\*\*\* previously approved claim Hanson Rural Water March usage \$3,157.40; Brett Scott \$469.06

#### Sewer Fund

1	Brett Scott	salary	
2	NorthWestern Energy	utilities	\$174.14
3	Santel	telephone	\$30.15
4	Menards	supplies	\$84.46
5	SD Dept of Revenue	testing	\$105.00

\*\*\* previously approved claim Brett Scott \$469.06

The next regular board meeting is Monday, November 9 at 7:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Franks, second Fitzgerald to go into executive session at 8:57 pm to discuss personnel and infrastructure items.  
Schoenfelder declared executive session over at 9:55 pm.

Motion McGuire, second Franks to adjourn at 9:55 pm.

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Sonya Hespe  
Finance Officer

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Nancy Schoenfelder  
Chairman

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