

Special Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 10/15/09

The Town of Ethan board met in special session on October 15, 2009 at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Nancy Schoenfelder, Robert Fitzgerald, Chad McGuire and Josh Franks. Member absent was Terry Mathis. Others present were Sonya Hespe and Brett Scott.

Chairman Schoenfelder called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Franks to approve the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

The board met to discuss the option of submitting a bid to purchase the Agland Coop fertilizer building. If purchased, this building would be used as a city shop and for city storage. The purchase would be as is which brought up some liability concerns. Hespe informed the board a site assessment was recommended to see if there was any soil contamination around the building which could possibly be a problem in the future. The city would have to pay for this assessment. If an issue was to arise in the future the cost of any repairs would not be covered by insurance and would therefore have to be paid by the city. The inside layout of the building was another concern. There are stall walls that function as weight bearing walls and should not be removed. This would not efficiently allow the building to be used as a shop. The current city shop was discussed more with the repairs needed there. McGuire expressed concern about having money tied into three locations, the current shop, the Agland building and a new city shop/office that has been talked about. He would rather see the money put into one new building. After more discussion about the Agland building and the current shop it was decided not to place a bid on the Agland building and to put the moving of the current shop on hold.

Motion Franks, second McGuire to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Nancy Schoenfelder
Chairman

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