

Special Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 10-18-10

The Town of Ethan board met in special session on October 18, 2010 at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Members present were Nancy Schoenfelder, Robert Fitzgerald and Josh Franks. Personnel present were Sonya Hespe and Brett Scott. Others present were Tim Bottum (left at 8:43 pm), Camden Hofer (left at 8:24pm), Terry Aaker (left at 8:24pm), Gallus Thill, Marilyn Thill, Dennis Puepke, Marilyn Hart, Patricia Puepke, Melanie Brandert, Mary Petrik (left at 8:25pm), Tom Freidel (left at 8:25 pm) and Dale Meinke.

Chairman Schoenfelder called the meeting to order.
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Franks to approve the agenda.

Motion Franks, second Fitzgerald to enter executive session at 7:05 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-3.
Schoenfelder declared executive session over at 7:44 pm.

Schoenfelder opened the floor for discussion on the proposed wastewater treatment facility discharge project. Camden Hofer with SPN showed the map with the proposed route. Concerns were expressed about the quality of water flowing downstream & the safety for livestock drinking from those creeks, especially if part of the route is an open drainage. Camden & Terry informed the group that the state has standards that have to be met before a discharge could happen. Scott also informed the group that he has to do testing before and several times during a discharge to verify the quality of water being let go. This discharge could also be done during dry times so we're not letting water out at the same time there is a lot of rainfall or snow melting. SPN will check on DENR's criteria for the flow through pastures with livestock. SPN is also working on a couple alternate routes.

City attorney Tim Bottum received a response letter from Attorney Alan Glover representing Hanson Rural Water. Ethan still has some concerns and doesn't feel that HRW gave any allowance on the requests presented by Ethan. Ethan will invite HRW board members to attend the November board meeting to talk to them face to face about the requests.

The floor plans that Ciavarella Design presented on October 13th were looked at and critiqued. No decision was made at this time.

The courtesy letter that will be sent out for the building inspections was approved by the board. Hespe will mail these out to the property owners that were found to be in violation.

During the October 13th board meeting a resignation was submitted by Chad McGuire. After that meeting was adjourned a resignation was submitted by Kim Sinkie. Both resignations stated they would be effective October 13th. Motion Fitzgerald, second Franks to accept both resignations. The remaining board members ask that if anyone is interested in filling a vacant position until the next election they attend the November 8th board meeting.

Scott informed the board of a quote he received for two used Bobcat Skid-steers. The versatility of a skid-steer would allow the maintenance supervisor to do more projects that we're currently hiring to do. This would also eliminate using the tractor for projects it is not designed for. The tractor could be kept and still used for projects that the skid-steer can't do. When this topic was discussed in December 2009 the cost of a brand new skid-steer with the factory & dealer discounts was within \$1,500 of the price of the newer of the used ones quoted. The board approved advertising for bids for a new skid-steer. Bids will be opened at the November 8th board meeting.

Motion Franks, second Fitzgerald to adjourn at 9:53 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Nancy Schoenfelder
Chairman