

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 9-12-11

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on September 12, 2011 at the Ethan School at 7:00 pm. Members present were Nancy Schoenfelder (arrived 7:24pm), Lisa Hjellum, Robert Fitzgerald, Dale Meinke and George Puetz. No members were absent. City personnel present was Sonya Hespe and Brett Scott (arrived 7:21pm, left 8:35pm). Others present were Doris Meinke, Harold Nearhood (left 8:18pm), Beverly Nearhood (left 8:18pm), Wilma Heckl (left 8:18pm), Carol Pesicka (left 8:18pm), Dennis Puepke (left 9:11pm), Rose Oberembt (left 8:18pm), Bob Oberembt (left 8:18pm), Tom Petrik (left 8:32pm), Karen Petrik (left 8:32pm), Chad McGuire (left 8:18pm), Joe Long (left 8:18pm), Howard Caylor (left 8:18pm), Keith Feiner (left 8:18pm), Janice Feiner (left 8:18pm), Nicole Reinfeld (left 8:49pm), Brenda Reinfeld (left 8:49pm), Marilyn Thill (left 8:49pm), Ray Wermers (arrived 7:12pm, left 8:18pm), Marjorie Engel (arrived 7:20pm, left 8:18pm), Marilyn Hart (arrived 7:21pm, left 9:11pm).

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

Motion Fitzgerald, second Meinke to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Meinke, second Fitzgerald to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2011 regular meeting and the August 29, 2011 special meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Fitzgerald, second Puetz to approve the claims as presented.

General, sewer and water funds - employee and board wages \$3,753.78; Aflac, insurance \$128.42; Agland Coop, fuel \$252.36; Bill's Trucking, street repairs \$510.00; Bob Brenner, rent \$250.00; Brenner Plumbing, repairs \$102.00; Brett Scott, cafeteria plan \$390.00; Campbell Supply, supplies \$127.22; Card Services; postage \$5.74; City of Mitchell, services \$8.39; Colonial Research Corp, supplies \$36.10; Commercial Asphalt, street repairs \$252.00; Daily Republic, publishing \$102.93; Davison County Auditor, sheriff protection \$1,800.00; Ethan Coop Lumber, supplies \$197.95; Farmers State Bank, payroll tax \$602.42; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$5,386.40; Lemke Digging, repairs \$387.76; Menards, supplies \$32.63; Miiller Gravel, street repairs \$3,660.00; Morgan Theeler LLP, legal \$865.00; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$659.22; Santel, telephone \$112.34; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$74.31; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$12.00; SD One Call, locates \$4.20; SD Retirement, retirement \$312.62; USDA - RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,250.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$13.74.

OLD BUSINESS

Puetz reviewed proposed floor plans for the dairy that were presented at a town hall meeting he hosted on September 8th. Larry Jirsa was hired by Puetz and another citizen to come up with possible floor plans & costs for remodeling the dairy. The remodel was broke down into phases that could be done all at once or at different times as funding allowed. Several questions were asked by the citizens before they asked the board to check into the title and taxes on the building to see if it could be purchased without problems. Motion Meinke, second Schoenfelder to have the city attorney check into the title and taxes on the dairy.

A letter was submitted to the board on behalf of the Ethan Baseball/Softball Association asking for a donation to help with expenses. Instead of giving a cash donation a motion was made by Schoenfelder, second Meinke to take over the electric bill for the park. This would amount to approximately \$600 a year. During the second reading of the 2012 budget a change was made to include this amount in the general fund expenses. Motion Meinke, second Schoenfelder to approve the 2012 budget with that change.

NEW BUSINESS

Ethan student council submitted a request to have a parade on Main Street for homecoming at 10:30 am on Friday, September 23rd. Permission was given to block the streets during the parade which will start on W Maple to Main and head East turning South on 3rd ending at the school.

Scott asked the board for permission to get quotes on cleaning up the cattails at the lagoon. Quotes will be presented at a future meeting.

Scott also asked the board about giving a reminder to residents about tree branches on their property that hang over the street. Letters will be sent to those that will need immediate attention.

City Attorney Tim Bottum drafted a letter to be sent to Attorney Glover representing Hanson Rural Water regarding the current contract. The board approved having Bottum send this letter.

Hespe gave the sheriffs report to the board.

The next regular board meeting is Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 pm at the school. The day is being changed due to the Native American Day holiday on Monday, October 10th.

Motion Puetz, second Meinke to adjourn at 9:36 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Vice-Chairman

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