

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 11/3/2008

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on November 3, 2008 at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Gary Stadlman, Nancy Schoenfelder, Amy Moe and Robert Fitzgerald. Member absent was Terry Mathis. Others present were Amy Storm Dave Miles, Mark Vaughn, John Hart, Dale Meinke, Tim Pieschke, Dan Pollreisz, and Brett Scott.

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

Additions to the agenda were Amy regarding gravel & tornadoe siren update, Nancy with land. Motion Fitzgerald, second Schoenfelder to approve the amended agenda.

The town met with the county sheriff's department and discussed the amount of time that is put in at the town and the response that the city has received. A new contract will be drawn up due to being very outdated. It was agreed that the sheriff would put in 20 hours a month and report those hours to the city. It was also requested by the town that they patrol harder in town around the school hours and noon hours. The sheriff's office will draw up a contract and get it to the city to review.

The drainage along Ash street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> was discussed. After much discussion, it was decided that Fitzgerald would talk to Joe Long about having some curbing or edging put on his property to help with water blockage and flow.

Schoenfelder informed the board that Denny Puepke would help with snow removal if needed for \$50.00 per hour. Motion Schoenfelder, second Moe to accept this.

Schoenfelder informed the board that the land being sold by Kretschmers has come down in price. After much discussion, motion Moe, second Fitzgerald to talk to Jason Riggs to negotiate a price for their lots at the end of Main Street.

Stadlman informed the board that he talked to Bill Wittstruck about flushing hydrants and they will sit down with maps and get it done in November. Schoenfelder requested that her end get flushed if the whole town doesn't get done.

John Hart requested that the board look into ordinance 10.1.4 and have it changed. His complaint is that it is not fair because either all animals should be licensed, not just cats and dogs, or have the whole ordinance taken out. After much discussion, motion Schoenfelder to table this until the next meeting so we can contact the attorney general and our attorney regarding this. Second Stadlman.

Storm discussed the 2009 water rates. Motion Moe, second Schoenfelder to keep the water rates the same for 2009.

Motion Moe, second Fitzgerald to declare the 1990 chevy pickup and plow as surplus. It was agreed that we would set a bid opening for 8:20 at the December regular meeting. Brett Scott, Gary Stadlman and Bob Fitzgerald will give an appraisal on the pickup.

The dump will be managed by city maintenance Tim Pieschke and the dump will be closing after a couple more weeks.

Storm inquired about some gravel behind Helen Bame's in the alley. Board approved a load from Bill Munterfering.

Storm informed the board that they did not receive grant money for the tornado siren. Next year a representative from the city will go to a meeting to discuss the needs for the town and community.

Motion Moe, second Schoenfelder to approve the 10-2-08 and 10-16-08 minutes.

Motion Schoenfelder, second Fitzgerlad to approve the following claims:

Name	Memo	general fund	water fund	sewer fund
Gary Stadlman	salary	\$83.12		
Robert Fitzgerald	salary	\$41.56		
Nancy Schoenfelder	salary	\$83.12		
Amy Moe	salary	\$83.12		
Terry Mathis	salary	\$83.12		
Amy Storm	salary 693.89 ; mileage 8.00	\$701.89		
Tim Pieschke	1-Nov	\$447.49	\$170.50	\$170.50
Tim Pieschke	Nov 15 & Dec 1 salary			
Farmers State Bank	payroll taxes	\$532.18		
NW Energy	street light 437.63 ; fire hall 8.00	\$445.63	\$18.65	\$94.64
Weber Sanitation	garbage service	\$1,250.00		
Agland	fuel	\$315.75		
Santel	telephone	\$91.49		\$30.07
Mitchell Daily Republic	publishing	\$198.81		
USDA - RD	monthly loan payment	\$1,023.00		
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Randy Schoenfelder	dump hours	\$60.03		
Palace Motors	BOSS plow blade	\$6,100.00		
Palace Motors	2008 chevy pickup	\$19,800.00		
Mitchell Park & Rec	mosquito spraying	\$156.40		
Southeast Tech	RedFlag training	\$79.00		
George Puetz	dump hours	\$23.09		
Petty Cash	postage & postcards	\$16.17		
SD DOT	road bore testing	\$330.75		
BPI	supplies	\$21.57		
SD Muncipal League	annual dues	\$394.75		
SD Finance Officers	annual dues	\$40.00		
SD Maintenance	annual dues	\$35.00		
Hanson Rural Water	11/08 usage			

SD Dept. of Revenue	water testing & lead copper testing	\$147.00	
Randy Wittstruck	Nov 1. salary	\$411.75	
MARC	chemicals lagoon		\$372.46
Benders Sewer & Drain	plug sewer line & vac out wet well		\$581.00

Storm informed the board that there are possibly some Christmas decorations that could be used from the city of Mitchell. Tim and her will go take a look at them.

A clarification on time work with Tim Pieschke was also discussed.

Dale Meinke submitted a bill for a water meter repair. Motion Moe, second Fitzgerald to pay Dale \$10.00 for his repairs, gas and time.

Meeting adjourned.

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Amy L. Storm  
Finance Officer

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Gary Stadlman  
Chairman