

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 12-11-2008

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on December 11, 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 Mark Vaughn, John Hart, Dale Meinke, Tim Pieschke, Brett Scott, Bill Kretschmer, Gallus Thill, and Pat McCann.

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 land for city shop, truck repair, Gary S. for drainage and also executive session for personnel. Motion Moe, second Schoenfelder to approve the amended agenda.

Pat McCann from Maxwell & Bowar Insurance presented the 2009 insurance package. Some changes were that we are now able to get out of the state pool for work comp which lowered our premium. There was also the addition of the new city pickup and plow. The total savings is \$358.00 annually. Motion Fitzgerald, second Moe to accept the 2009 insurance proposal from Maxwell & Bowar. There was also a question regarding the requirement by insurance for a CDL to use the yellow dump truck. The insurance company does not have any verbiage in their policy about a CDL license and would recommend what the state law is.

Storm informed the board that she talked to the city attorney regarding the animal ordinance that John Hart questioned at the Nov. regular meeting. The attorney advised the city council to stay with the ordinance as it is written.

Stadlman informed the board that the 2 dead ends of the hydrants were flushed out and that the rest of it would be done in the spring time when the weather cooperates.

The bid opening for the old city pickup was held on Dec. 1st and presented to the board at the regular meeting. One bid from Dave & Diane Reinfeld was received for a bid of \$1,000. Motion Schoenfelder, second Fitzgerald to accept the bid received.

Storm informed the board that the rural fire district was requesting that we would pay half of the cost of the land sale for the property that the fire hall is on. The board would like more information on the costs and what they are expecting.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Moe to open a public hearing for an on sale liquor license to Chubby's bar and the American Legion. After much discussion, motion Moe, second Fitzgerald to close the public hearing. Motion Fitzgerald, second Moe to approve the on sale liquor license to Chubby's bar and to American Legion.

Storm presented to the board a request from Bank West to be our designated depository. The board agreed that we would not do anything at this time.

Storm presented the 2008 budget to the board. Motion Fitzgerald, second Schoenfelder to approve the following resolution: Be it resolved that in order to meet the financial obligations of the 2008 budget the following transfers of funds shall occur:

Need of Funds:

411	Board	\$ 700.00
420	Public Safety	\$1,250.00
431	Highway & Streets	\$3,000.00

Source of Funds:

412	Contingency	\$4,950.00
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Roll call vote: Moe, aye; Schoenfelder, aye; Fitzgerald, aye; Stadlman, aye.

Jacob Aragon asked about the drainage pipe in front of his home on 119 E. Poplar. The pipe has some rebar sticking up and also the curb stop is way up. He is willing to help out in whatever way he can but wants to make sure it is fixed correctly. The board will have SPN come and look at it along with the block of road on Ash St between 5th & 6th, and the drainage along Ash St.

Moe told the board that she had talked to Jason Riggs regarding the land for sale and that there is a little room for negotiation but wants an answer soon. Bill Kretschmer was also there and talked about the lots that are for sale south of the ball park. He is willing to sell them for \$2500 per lot. After much discussion, it was determined that we need to decide what type of building should be put on it and then figure out the land.

Pieschke told the board that the yellow dump truck has the starter going out on it. He will go to Murtha Repair to see if he can fix it. If the starter can't be rebuilt then go to Great Plains in Sioux Falls to fix it.

The board would like to thank Dale Meinke for his help with getting the water shut off at the school. Motion Schoenfelder, second Moe to take \$20 off his water bill.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Schoenfelder to approve the November 3, 2008 minutes.

The claims were presented to the board and discussion over the claim for Topkote for the crack sealing. They were told repeatedly to spend \$5,000 and the bill came in at \$5447.42. Motion Schoenfelder, second Moe to approve the claims as presented except to only pay Topkote \$5,000.

Tim Pieschke	Dec 1 salary	\$406.92	\$151.98	\$151.98
Agland	fuel	\$196.00		
Amy Storm	Salary, mileage, reimb.	\$693.19		
Amy Moe	salary	\$41.56		
Avera Queen of Peace	physical	\$120.00		

Bills Trucking	gravel	\$85.00		
BPI	supplies	\$25.13		
Daily Republic Davison Co.	publishing	\$221.37		
Auditor	police protection	\$1,500.00		
DENR	water test fee		\$10.00	
Gary Stadlman	salary	\$41.56		
Menards	supplies	\$155.17		
Mitchell VoTech	red flag training	\$79.00		
Nancy Schoenfelder	salary	\$41.56		
NW Energy	utilities	\$461.03	\$21.12	\$50.04
Petty Cash	supplies & services	\$138.28		
Randy Wittstruck	water testing		\$411.75	
Robert Fitzgerald	salary	\$41.56		
Santel.	telephone	\$86.06		\$30.07
SD Dept. of Revenue	water testing		\$12.00	
SD Retirement	retirement	\$329.68		
Topkote	crack sealing	\$5,000.00		
Verifications	background ck	\$56.99		
Weber Sanitation	garbage	\$1,249.00		
Williams Office	copier repairs	\$52.50		
Maxwell & Bowar	insurance	\$8,565.00		
Tim Pieschke	Dec 15 salary			
Hanson Rural Water	bulk water		\$1,855.00	
usda	loan payment	\$368.27		
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US Treasury	941 pmt	\$493.93	\$126.50	

John Hart requested that some gravel be put on Maple St. to fill in some pot holes. He also is going to take a dead tree out and it may fall on Maple St. which would be block for a bit until it is all cleaned up.

Motion Moe, second Schoenfelder to go into executive session at 10:33 pm.

Motion Moe, second Schoenfelder to come out of executive session at 11:02 p.m.

Motion Moe, second Fitzgerald to give a Christmas bonus of \$200 to Amy Storm and \$50 to Tim Pieschke.

Advertisement will be put in the paper for a finance officer position with a deadline of Dec 31st but position being open until filled.

Meeting adjourned.

Amy Storm
Finance Officer

Gary Stadlman
Chairman

