

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 9/4/2008

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on September 4, 2008 at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Gary Stadlman, Robert Fitzgerald, Nancy Schoenfelder, and Amy Moe. Member absent was Terry Mathis. Others present were Amy Storm, Gallus Thill, Dan Pollreisz, John Hart, Brandon Moe, Terry Aker, Randy Wittstruck, Bob Wittstruck, Chris Lingemann, and Dale Meinke.

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

Motion Fitzgerald, second Moe to approve the agenda.

Terry Aker from SPN discussed the contract to be signed to have a study done by them for the lagoon and infiltration. Motion Moe, second Schoenfelder to sign the contract with them.

The board talked with Randy Wittstruck to hire him to do the water testing. It was agreed to pay him \$500 a month to do the testing and any necessary reports to the state. They would also be willing to help with flushing hydrants until a maintenance person is hired. Motion Schoenfelder, second Fitzgerald to have an agreement drawn up for these services.

Schoenfelder showed the board a proposal of land to be sold to the city. The board will consider this offer and figure out what type of building will be put on the land.

Schoenfelder informed the board that the nw corner of the current shop building is buckling. Gary said he would crawl under and check it out.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Moe to have Storm contact Topkote and see if they would honor their bid they did for us for crack sealing. If so, then 5 blocks would be done.

The house that is owned by Bill Kretschmer on Block 5 of AC Drake's 2nd addition has a large amount of water running into our sewer system and needs to be plugged. Storm will notify Bill regarding this and give him until September 30th to get this plugged. If it is not done, we will plug it on our end by the manhole.

Storm presented the 2009 budget to the board. Discussion regarding having the ditch in Tobin Tract I vested would like to be done in 2009. It was also decided to take \$20,000 from street repair and put it into tools & equipment, all which is under the highway & street dept. Motion Schoenfelder, second Fitzgerald to have the 2nd reading of the 2009 budget. It is as follows:

TOWN OF ETHAN

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2009 YEAR

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF ETHAN, SOUTH DAKOTA, that the following sums are appropriated to meet the obligation of the municipality.

SECTION I

GENERAL GOVERNMENT (general fund)

411	Legislative		
	411.1 Board	\$	7,500.00
	411.5 Contingency	\$	9,671.00
413	Elections	\$	1,000.00
414	Financial Administration	\$	17,500.00
419	Other		
	419.2 General Govt Building	\$	12,500.00
	Total		\$ 48,171.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

421	Police Protection	\$	6,000.00
	Total		\$ 6,000.00

PUBLIC WORKS

431	Highways & Streets	\$	151,804.00
432	Sanitation	\$	18,000.00
	Total		\$169,804.00

PARKS

452	Summer Ball Program	\$	1,000.00
	Total		\$ 1,000.00
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DEBT SERVICE

470	Debt Service	\$	16,800.00
	Total		\$ 16,800.00

TOTAL TAX SUPPORTING FUNDS:

\$241,775.00

SELF SUPPORTING FUNDS:

Water Fund	\$	35,000.00
Sewer Fund	\$	105,000.00
Total:		\$140,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS & ESTIMATION FROM TAX SUPPORTED FUNDS:

\$381,775.00

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APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2009 YEAR

Gary Stadlman	salary	\$83.12		
Agland	fuel	\$209.43		
Amy L. Storm	salary & mileage	\$605.39		
Amy Moe	salary	\$83.12		
Berndt Farm				
Equipment	tractor alternator	\$185.00		
BPI	supplies	\$62.96		
Clark Paving	asphlating	\$2,175.66		
Dennis Puepke	rock removal	\$30.00		
District III	ordinance work	\$1,023.20		
Ethan Lumberyard	repairs & supplies	\$119.68		
Ethan Park Board	reimburse grant money	\$9,638.74		
Menards	supplies	\$168.25		
Mike's Corner	batteries	\$766.00		\$84.00
Mitchell Iron	well hydrant repairs		\$174.40	
Nancy Schoenfelder	salary	\$83.12		
NW Energy	utilities	\$429.00	\$19.46	\$61.06
Randy Schoenfelder	landfill salary	\$62.34		
Robert Fitzgerald	salary	\$83.12		
	telephone & Fire dept.			
Santel	modem	\$181.14		\$30.09
SD Dept. of Revenue	water testing		\$12.00	
SD Federal Properties	display cases historical	\$115.00		
SD Retirement	retirement	\$260.00		
Terry Mathis	salary	\$83.12		
TSC	supplies	\$58.40		
Weber Sanitation	garbage	\$1,250.00		
Daily Republic	publishing	\$477.86		
Hanson Rural Water	bulk water			

Storm inquired about the location of the new tornado siren that a grant is being applied for. It was agreed that it would be placed in the alley on the south side of the school.

The pride and betterment would like to start fundraising for Christmas decorations and would then turn them over to the town. Motion Schoenfelder, second Stadlman to give them permission to do this.

The board discussed having the meter pits placed on the properties that have mobile homes. It was agreed that now that the new ordinances are in place we will start placing the meter pits in. The arrangement is that the homeowner would pay half and the town would pay the other half. If payments need to be setup by the homeowner, the city would be willing to do so.

A different city pickup is needed. All board members will start looking for one at dealers and surplus auctions coming up. Stadlman will also look into a new snow blade to go with it.

Meinke requested some dirt from the town. He is given approval to get some from the big pile north of the park.

Davison Co. sheriff and Greg Pope were on the agenda but did not show for the meeting.

Brandon Moe inquired about the police service in town. The county sheriff will be put on the agenda for the Oct regular meeting. Storm will contact Frank Lutjens to see if he is willing to do some part time police work for the city.

Motion Moe, second Schoenfelder to go into executive session.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Schoenfelder to come out of executive session.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Moe to advertise for the maintenance position in the Rocket and at the career center.

Meeting adjourned.

Amy L. Storm
Finance Officer

Gary Stadlman
Chairman