

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 5-13-2024

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on May 13th, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Gregg Thibodeau, Mataya James, Raquel Nesheim, and Jason Koch. City personnel present: Bob Riggs and Michele Pollreisz. Not present: Megan Perry. Others present: Steve Harr and Josh Franks

Chairman Thibodeau called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by James, second by Nesheim to add Park discussion under New Business and to approve agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the April 8th, 2024 meeting were approved on motion by Nesheim, second by James with correction- Perry seconded motion to adjourn, not Nesheim. Community Center minutes were read and discussed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer reviewed the financial reports from April 2024.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss report and that he has obtained his license for Commercial mosquito spraying and chemical application.

CITIZEN INPUT: None.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion by Nesheim, second by James, to approve claims. Koch abstained.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages – board wages \$361.90, Finance wages \$2470.64; Public Works wages \$3211.38; American Legal \$500.00; Card Services \$758.22; Davison County Auditor \$1800.00; ELO Prof \$225.00; EE Marlins Teeners Baseball, Community Grant \$500.00; Hanson Rural Water; water services \$3913.76; Menards \$60.41; Menards \$93.53; Mikes Corner, fuel \$122.51; Morgan Theeler \$90.00; Northwestern Energy \$1865.45; Office Advantage \$50.00; Robert Riggs, Expo travel expenses \$479.26; Santel Communications \$144.18; SD Dept of Health \$15.00; SD Retirement System \$1402.14; SD 811 \$105.00; Century Business Products \$79.41; John Deere Financial \$703.42; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$5682.02; SD Dept of Revenue \$139.70; USDA-RD \$1023.00; US Treasury \$2652.20; Weber Sanitation \$2429.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

Davison County Sheriff- Motion made by James, second by Koch to approve increase for patrol from \$30 to \$50 per hour and 5% increase per year beginning on 1-1-2025. Contract will remain at 20 hours a month.

Nuisance Properties- Discussed and will re-evaluate after City wide cleanup. Dumpsters will be parked by City Hall May 17th-19th for city wide cleanup.

QuickBooks Update- Update will be completed by deadline of May 31st, 2024.

Positions for 2024-2025: Motion made by Nesheim, second by James to approve positions to remain as they were. Gregg Thibodeau as Chairman and Jason Koch as Vice-Chairman.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chickens- Motion made by Koch, second by Nesheim to oppose chickens in city limits.

Ammo Box Cornhole- Approved event scheduled for September 14th, 2024.

Dump truck usage- Citizens in city limits may call to set up a time to have dump truck available to remove branches from yards. It will be the citizens responsibility to load into the truck.

ECC Repairs- Discussed doors that need to be replaced. Will be getting quotes.

Daycare-Discussed and tabled.

2023 Annual Report- Reviewed and approved on motion made by Nesheim, second by James.

Park- Discussion was held on types of trees to plant at the park to replace those lost in storm. Motion made by James, second by Koch to approve purchasing trees suggested by Forestry service that provided our grant. Will also be getting quotes for portable Pickleball nets to be used at the park.

Executive Session: SDL 1-25-2 (1 & 4): None

Next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 11th, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Koch, second by Nesheim, to adjourn at 7:15 pm.

Michele Pollreisz
Finance Officer

Gregg Thibodeau
Chairman

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