

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 9-15-26

The Town of Ethan Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15th, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nesheim at 6:32 P.M. at Ethan City Hall and was led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present: Raquel Nesheim, Mataya James, Jaysten Riggs, and Courtney Sorenson. Trustees absent: Michele Pollreis. City personnel present: Lewis Fleschner. Others present: Megan Perry.

All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by James, seconded by Riggs, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: Motion by Riggs, seconded by James, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Riggs, to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds- Board wages \$361.90; QuickBooks Payroll Services, for public works wages \$5,762.31; Century Business Products, copier lease \$84.87; Santel Communications, utility services \$147.81; US Bank, Sewer Loan \$6,399.24; USDA, Storm Sewer & Sewer Loan \$1,023.00; SD Department of Revenue, sales tax liabilities \$169.38; RAMP credit card services, supplies and publishing costs \$691.16; Northwestern Energy, \$1,544.59; United States Treasury, payroll liabilities \$3,268.92; Badger Meter, \$6.41; 3E Electrical Engineering & Equipment, repairs \$745.07; ClerkBooks, \$1,050; Daktronics, Inc, new scoreboard at park, \$7,410.00; SD Retirement System \$597.01; Weber Sanitation, \$2,560.00; Hanson Rural Water \$5,735.96; Mikes Corner, fuel \$226.50; Morgan Theeler, legal services \$875.00; SD Department of Health, water testing \$20.00; M. Perry Business Solutions, LLC, August financial administration services \$3250.00.

CITIZEN INPUT: The Board heard citizen comments and discussed concerns regarding property maintenance, including fences and landscaping. No formal action was taken.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The Board reviewed the financial reports.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: The Board received the Public Works report. Water loss report reviewed with no issues noted. No formal action was noted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nuisance Properties: The Board discussed nuisance properties and discussed updating the applicable ordinance to including a fine for non-compliance. No formal action was taken.

Construction lots: Discussion regarding construction lots was tabled.

Highway 42 Jake Braking: Discussion regarding Jake braking on Highway 42 was tabled.

Small Community Transportation Grant: The Board reviewed the Small Community Transportation Grant and decided to take no action at this time.

Scoreboard Funds: Motion by James, seconded by Riggs, to increase the amount of Park Funds designated for the scoreboard to \$2,000.00, previously \$1,000.00. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Forestry Grant: Motion by Riggs, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the submission of the Community Forestry Grant application.

Community Matching Grant – FFA: Discussion regarding the Community Matching Grant for FFA was tabled. FFA must first provide proof of fundraiser or funds raised to be matched.

2027 Annual Budget: The Board conducted the first reading of the 2027 Annual Budget. Motion by James, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the first reading. Motion carried. A special meeting was scheduled for September 28, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. for the second reading.

Permit for Moving Container: Motion by Sorenson, seconded by James, to approve for a storage/moving container to be placed at 213 N 1st. Motion carried.

Homecoming Parade & Community Center Usage: Motion by James, seconded by Sorenson, to approve blocking off main street for the Homecoming Parade and usage of the Community Center by the Ethan students for their fundraising meal. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

Next regular board meeting is scheduled for October, 13th, 2026 at 6:30 P.M

Motion to adjourn by James, second by Riggs at 7:45 P.M.

Michele Pollreis
Vice President

Raquel Nesheim
Chairman

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