

Board Minutes

Monday, June 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Town Board convened in the Peetz Town Hall at 6:31 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Traci Davenport, Clerk Evelyn Gardiner, Trustees Danielle Rennewanz, Ken Roelle, Brenda Segelke, Rayce Wood, and Zach Wood were present. WW Project Manager Amy Sorensen and Maintenance Manager Patrick White were present. Trustee Paul Mansfield, Water/Sewer Operator Lydia Kiser, and Attorney Lori Hulbert were present via Zoom. Caleb Barrett was a guest.

CONSENT AGENDA: Danielle Rennewanz moved and Ken Roelle seconded a motion to allow Attorney Lori Hulbert to address the Board at the beginning of the meeting. Davenport-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Roelle-aye, Segelke-aye, R. Wood-aye, and Z. Wood-aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Hulbert reported on the status of the Knifer Cemetery Trust. The house and storage rental units in Fleming have been sold. The final piece of the estate, yet to be resolved, is the sale of property in Sterling. Discussion was held about developing a budget for the cemetery. Annual income from the Trust is roughly \$15,000. The Cemetery Committee-Rayce Wood and Zach Wood, Traci Davenport-, and Evelyn Gardiner will formalize a budget in the coming weeks.

Minutes of the regular May 2021 meeting were reviewed. Danielle Rennewanz moved and Rayce Wood seconded a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. **Davenport-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Roelle-aye, Segelke-aye, R. Wood-aye, and Z. Wood-aye. Motion carried.**

Evelyn presented the Treasurer's Report. Rayce Wood moved and Brenda Segelke seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. **Davenport-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Roelle-aye, Segelke-aye, R. Wood-aye, and Z. Wood-aye. Motion carried.**

Evelyn presented the Claims Report. Paul Mansfield moved and Ken Roelle seconded a motion to accept the Claims Report. **Davenport-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Roelle-aye, Segelke-aye, R. Wood-aye, and Z. Wood-aye. Motion carried.**

MAINTENANCE REPORT: The Town has received only one applicant for the maintenance position. The position will be re-posted. Caleb Barrett was present at Pat White's request. Discussion was held regarding the immediate need to get the mowing done in Town. Caleb will submit a bid for Barre Ground to do this work through the summer season. A request was received from a resident to mow the vacant portion of Dunken Street that extends beyond North Street. No maintenance can be done at this time because of a semi-truck and trailer parked in the vicinity. Pat White indicated that he is willing to stay on for water/sewer maintenance until the position can be filled.

Pat has asked Better Electric of Sterling to submit a quote for LED lighting in the Town Shop on Main Street.

Lydia Kiser reported that the water leak at 101 Dunken has been repaired. The break was right at the Town's tap so the Town will assume the cost. The main well had to be reset this past week for unknown reasons. Pat is keeping an eye on it. Lydia reported that a bacteria sample taken last week came back positive, prompting a re-test at five locations, resulting in all negative readings. Better Electric sent a technician to check out the Town's generator. The generator was taken to Sterling for wiring repairs and a new cord. The generator has been returned to the Town Shop but the new cord is not here due to shipping delays. Lydia has submitted the 2022 Eligibility Surveys to JVA for their review. JVA will then submit them to the State. These surveys are due June 30, insuring that the Town is eligible for State Revolving Funds when they become available. Lydia reported that the 2020 Consumer Confidence Reports have been duly posted and that the first half of the year Lead and Copper samples have been sent in for testing.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **WW PROJECT MANAGER REPORT:** Amy Sorensen and Lydia Kiser were present at the first on-site meeting for the WWTF on June 1. There is an on-going discussion about the slope of the berms, which will make mowing difficult. Amy also pointed out that the swale at the east end of the lagoons will need to be mowed and kept free of weeds and debris. An agreement was reached with Matt and Alisha Adams to spread the grubblings on their farm ground. Reichert Construction is still waiting for Xcel to install a pole and transformer at the site. The goal is to get the liner installed in all three lagoons and then put some water in all three to help maintain the liners' positioning, preferably before school starts in August.
- 2) **RAILROAD WELL ARSENIC REPORT:** Nothing to report.