Board Minutes

Monday, July 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Town Board convened in the Peetz Town Hall at 6:32 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Traci Davenport, Clerk Evelyn Gardiner, Trustees Paul Mansfield, Danielle Rennewanz, and Brenda Segelke were present. WW Project Manager Amy Sorensen and Maintenance Manager Patrick White were present. Water/Sewer Operator Lydia Kiser and JVA Engineer Shane White were present via Zoom. Trustees Ken Roelle and Rayce Wood were absent.

CONSENT AGENDA: No action.

Minutes of the regular June 2021 meeting were reviewed. Danielle Rennewanz moved and Brenda Segelke seconded a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. **Davenport-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, and Segelke-aye. Motion carried.**

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

Trustee Zach Wood entered the meeting at 6:46 pm.

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

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Pat White reported that Superior Asphalt has completed the chip seal project on the 600 and 700 blocks of Main Street. There is concern that the surface will be damaged by harvest trucks using the railroad crossing to access the North Street truck route. Total gallons of water consumption are down slightly from last report. There are still concerns about residents excessively watering lawns. Mayor Davenport advised the Board that without a resolution in place to assess usage and charge accordingly, the Town cannot charge for additional water at this time. A letter from a resident was shared with the Board, inquiring about water usage data.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) **WW PROJECT MANAGER REPORT:** Amy Sorensen reminded the Board that the monthly on-site WWTF meeting will be Tuesday, July 13, at 11:00 am. Shane White shared information with the Board about the use of sandbags in the third lagoon to keep it from lifting until it can be filled with water. At some point these sandbags will have to be removed at an additional cost prior to putting water in the lagoon. The sandbag removal will likely not happen for a couple of years, so it can be addressed at that time. A lengthy discussion was held about Reichert Construction's change order proposal for running the 2-inch water line alongside the sewer line from the north end of Dunken Avenue 2100 linear feet to the lift station and installing a frostless hydrant at a cost of $68,094.40. Going outside the current contractor to procure bids proved to be too time costly. **Zach Wood moved and Paul Mansfield seconded a motion to approve the change order as presented to be taken from the Contingency Fund. Davenport-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, and Z. Wood-aye. Motion carried. Paul Mansfield moved and Zach Wood seconded a motion to approve Reichert Construction Pay Application #3 in the amount of $619,824.28. Davenport-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, and Z. Wood-aye.**

2) **RAILROAD WELL ARSENIC REPORT:** The application for DOLA's Small Communities grant to offset additional costs of the Arsenic Project was denied. Shane White of JVA reported that the project is ready to go out to bid. Shane will be working with BidNet.com to get the bidding on-line. She anticipates Construction to begin sometime in September and project to be complete by December 2021. Lydia Kiser asked Shane to address the need for periodic backwashing of the arsenic media and the disposal of the waste. Shane advised that backwashing won't be necessary for about 2 years after the installation of the media, so the Town has time to address these issues.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was brought before the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREETS: Evelyn will investigate getting a sign made to place near the Coop exit, reminding heavy trucks to use North Street as the truck route.

WATER/SEWER: Dan Wood has permission to hook directly to a hydrant when purchasing water so long as a check valve is in place.

PERSONNEL: The Board reviewed two applications for the advertised maintenance position. **Danielle Rennewanz moved and Brenda Segelke seconded a motion to offer the position to Ron Nelson at $13.00 per hour with Ron to set his own schedule. Davenport-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, and Z. Wood-aye. Motion carried.** The Board gave Evelyn Gardiner permission to use the Town laptop and printer to work from home during her surgical recovery.

CEMETERY: The Board reviewed bids from Ag Teck and Wickham Equipment for a 12" posthole digger and a 72" rotary cutter. **Zach Wood moved and Danielle Rennewanz seconded a motion to purchase the Kioti rotary cutter from Ag Teck. Davenport-aye, Mansfield-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, and Z. Wood-aye. Motion carried.**

FINANCE: Evelyn presented an invoice for a lease with Railroad Management Company that is not due until October. The Board agreed to wait to pay the invoice.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Nothing to report.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Pat will address a broken sprinkler head reported in the Park.

COMMUNICATIONS: Information about grants for shooting ranges, angling, and trails.

PERMITS: Judy Fehringer for a garden shed.

SANITATION: A town household has used a dumpster that is not its own to dispose of a large amount of trash. The resident will receive a letter.

ORDINANCE NO. 1: Nothing to report.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Traci Davenport

Traci Davenport, Mayor

Evelyn Gardiner

Evelyn Gardiner, Clerk