

Board Minutes

Monday, October 10, 2022

The regular meeting of the Town Board convened in the Peetz Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Traci Davenport, Clerk Evelyn Gardiner, Trustees Ron Gentry, Dani Rennewanz, Brenda Segelke, and Zach Wood were present. Trustee Rayce Wood was present on Zoom. Trustee Paul Mansfield was absent. Peetz School Superintendent was a guest.

Consent Agenda: **Dani Rennewanz moved and Zach Wood seconded a motion to allow Jeff Durbin to give an update on the Peetz School Best Grant and Bond Issue. Davenport-aye, Gentry-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, R. Wood-aye, Z. Wood-aye. Motion carried.**

Minutes of the regular August 2022 meeting were reviewed. Ron Gentry moved and Brenda Segelke seconded a motion to approve the Minutes. **Davenport-aye, Gentry-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, R. Wood-aye, Z. Wood-aye. Motion carried.**

Evelyn presented the Treasurer's Report. Zach Wood moved and Dani Rennewanz seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. **Davenport-aye, Gentry-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, R. Wood-aye, Z. Wood-aye. Motion carried.**

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

SCHOOL UPDATE: Jeff Durbin passed around updated fact sheets, emphasizing that the new information included tax impacts on school district voters. A table was included that highlighted landowner tax rates. Durbin pointed out the contribution that oil, gas, and wind taxes will make to the project, which lessens the taxpayers' burden considerably. Durbin stated that For Peetz Sake/Homecoming will be a good opportunity to come the school for further information. A representative from the bonding company, RBC, will also be present to answer questions. The school is currently negotiating with three construction companies, AP, JHL, and Neenan Group. Mr. Durbin is encouraging voters to take advantage of this "once in a lifetime" grant and vote Yes on 4C in November. When asked about the timetable for the project, Durbin estimated 2 years to completion, stressing that all classes, activities, and administration will be able to operate on site during construction. Mr. Durbin left the meeting after his presentation.

Evelyn updated the Board about the question of issuing a building permit for the project. She had contacted Julesburg's Town Manager. Julesburg is also building a new school with a BEST grant. Julesburg had the school complete a permit application and submit blueprints and maps but did not require a permit fee. Peetz Town Board agreed to do the same.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Hunter White, the new full-time Maintenance Manager, was introduced to the group. He reported on the projects he has been working on since he started employment on September 6. He also included the projects he wants to complete before For Peetz Sake Days. White presented 4 bids for snowplow blades. White also made requests of the Board to have the 6280 Massey Ferguson tractor traded for a smaller tractor or to have it overhauled so that the hydraulic system works as it should. After some discussion, the Board suggested that a smaller loader for the tractor may be more feasible than trading and gave White permission to have the work done on the tractor. Hunter will be in charge of general maintenance for all Town equipment but lacks the tools and supplies needed. The Board instructed him to make a list of the things he needs. Hunter also requested a welder and was instructed to add it to the list. White requested that his pay period be on the 1st and 15th of each month. **Ron Gentry moved and Dani Rennewanz second the motion to pay the Maintenance Manager on the 1st and 15th of the month. Davenport-aye, Gentry-aye, Rennewanz-aye, Segelke-aye, R. Wood-aye, Z. Wood-aye. Motion carried.**

His probationary period will be up in 90 days from September 6. At that time, the Board will propose a benefit package for the Maintenance position.

Maintenance Supervisor Pat White applied to the State of Colorado to be the ORC for the Town but was denied because it's a conflict of interest to hold two ORC positions. The Board will negotiate with the current ORC, Lydia Kiser, for a reduced contract based on the work that Hunter will be taking over as part of his job description. Pat will continue to mentor Hunter.

On August 31, 2022, the Town was granted a Quitclaim Deed for Lot 4 just west of the Hot Spot Smokehouse. (A copy of the recorded deed is included with these Minutes. The original recorded deed is on file in the Town vault.) It was decided that the trees on this property should be removed and the large tree on the south side of Main Street needs limb trimming. Hunter was instructed to purchase another chain saw to replace the one that was taken from the Town Shop.

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