

**TOWN OF THOMSON
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING AGENDA
OCTOBER 1, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 3. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**
- 4. CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
- 5. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Schedule Hillside Road Final Assessment Hearing
 - b. Schedule Work Session
 - c. CARES Act Relief Funding Update
 - d. Town Garage Doors
 - e.
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. ECDC Funds
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
- 7. PERSONNEL REPORTS**
 - a.
- 8. REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**
- 9. OTHER**
 - a. **GENERAL ELECTION** Polls Open 7:00 am - 8:00 pm
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

Present: Terry Hill, Bill Gerard, Ruth Janke, Tony Compo, Jason Paulson, Rhonda Peleski, Leah Pykkonen, David Pritchett

Chairperson Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Janke made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting. Second by Gerard. Motion carried with 5 yeas.

Gerard made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 26,621.37 (Check #'s 45598 – 45626) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 7,835.66. Second by Paulson. Motion carried with 5 yeas.

August receipts in the amount of \$ 309,843.67 and August fund balances were reviewed.

Peleski provided an update on the food truck festival that was being planned by the Esko Boy Scouts. They wanted to start with a few Friday's in the fall at the Town Hall but have now decided to wait until spring to begin the festival.

A motion was made by Paulson with a second by Compo to approve the 2019 audited financial statement which was completed by Wipfli. Motion carried with 5 yeas.

Gerard updated the Board on the Wood City Riders snowmobile trail project through the township. They have gotten permission from most of the property owners on the route. They are in the process of raising funds for the trail. The Town has already granted permission to use the right-of- way on three Town roads. A form putting that permission in writing is being reviewed by legal counsel.

Resolution No. 2020-09 which allows for the reimbursement from The CARES Act Relief Funding (CRF) of expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Paulson with a second by Compo. Resolution approved with 5 yeas. Just over \$ 20,000 has been used through August 31.

The committee that has been working on a list of projects that the CRF money can be spent on presented the list they developed. It included an extractor and a dryer for the fire hall to better clean turnout gear, SCBA masks for firefighters so they don't need to be shared, electrostatic sprayers for disinfecting the town hall, fire hall and garage, replacing chairs at the town hall with those that can be disinfected, and adding a locker and shower area to the fire hall, in addition to other items.

Discussion was held on improving internet service across the township. Janke reported that the Carlton County EDA is looking at improving internet service in an underserved area of the County. It was questioned whether something could be done in the township. Could the CRF money be used to do a study on service? There's also the timeframe for CRF projects that needs to be considered. Pykkonen stated that once the engineering for a project is done, the Town can apply for State funding. This will continue to be looked into.

Discussion continued on the list developed by the CRF committee. Two quotes were received for the resurfacing of the floors at the fire hall. The project will be awarded to the low quoter. Fire Chief Kyle Gustafson updated the Board on the locker room and shower improvement. The fire hall would also need to be sprinkled which would not be covered by CRF money. After further discussion a motion was made by Gerard with a second by Compo to continue with the projects listed. Motion carried with 5 yeas.

Road and Utility Supervisor Logan Saline received a quote for Mastic patching around some sewer manholes. Because Sinnott is the only area contractor that does Mastic patching, only one quote was obtained. It was requested that Saline look outside the area for a second quote. A motion was made by Paulson with a second by Compo to approve the Mastic patching of manholes contingent on a second quote obtained. This is not to exceed \$ 3,800. Motion carried with 5 yeas.

There was recently a request from Oregon officials for firetrucks and personnel to assist in their firefighting efforts. Gustafson asked that the Board consider authorizing him to send a truck with personnel if the opportunity comes up again. In the past fire assistance has been provided to western States as well as southern States and northern Minnesota. In this instance a decision needed to be made immediately but the terms did not make it feasible to assist. If a truck were sent it would not jeopardize fire protection in the Town. A motion was made by Janke with a second by Gerard to authorize Gustafson to make the decision to assist in the future if the terms are better for the Town. Motion carried with 5 yeas.

Saline reported that the new entrance to Northridge Park is almost finished. The crew will try to stockpile gravel in the parking lot so work can begin before road limits are lifted in the spring. Also, a gate has been installed at the entrance to the spoils pit area on E. Harney Road.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:31 pm by Gerard with a second by Paulson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Thomson

Terry Hill, Chairperson