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TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2019

Present: Terry Hill, Bill Gerard, Ruth Janke, Jason Paulson, Tony Compo, Rhonda Peleski, 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 Paulson. Motion carried.

Paulson made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 39,145.13 (Check #'s 44042 – 44075) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 9,002.18. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

February receipts in the amount of \$ 37,335.85 and February fund balances were reviewed.

Ken A. Hammarlund was present to share with the Board his desire to open a winery at his landscaping business on North Cloquet Road E. He has been growing grapes at that location and should be able to have his first bottles made this year. He'd like to have a winetasting pavilion and be able to host small events as well as sell his wine onsite. Selling his wine onsite would require a liquor license. The Board was in agreement in support of his project. With the comprehensive land use plan being updated, the issue of the liquor license at that location can be addressed.

Zoning Official Dan Stangle, Planning and Zoning Chairperson Dale Reed and Board of Adjustments and Appeals Chairperson Jim Gottschald were present with their recommendations for filling the vacant positions on the commission and board. Gottschald commended Stangle for the job he's been doing as Zoning Official and also Dale Reed for his many years of service on the Planning and Zoning Commission. He then explained the application and interview process that was followed.

A motion was made by Janke with a second by Compo to accept their recommendation and approve the appointment of Scott Nigon, Greg Stoewer and Gary Bonneville to the citizen positions on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Janke with a second by Gerard to accept their recommendation and approve Scott Nigon and Gary Bonneville to the citizen positions on the Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the seasonal worker position to be filled this year. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Janke to increase the wage for this position to \$ 11 per hour. Motion carried. Peleski will post the position in the coming weeks.

Information was provided for a University of Minnesota wetlands delineation course. Stangle has expressed an interest in attending. After discussion a motion was made by Paulson with a second by Janke to approve payment for Stangle's registration and exam fees. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Esko Fun Days dance that is planned to be held in Northridge Park on August 10. A resolution was offered by Compo with support from Paulson to extend the park closing time to midnight for the dance. Resolution approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Compo with a second by Gerard to approve the payment of \$ 750 from the Recreation Fund to North Country RIDE. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the driveway at 171 Marks Road. The ditching on Marks Road directs water into the driveway to a culvert that carries it to the Midway River. Things discussed included who's responsible for keeping the culvert open when its frozen, ways to alleviate the problem, and where the water going over the driveway is coming from. Town engineer Joe Jurewicz will look into the issue further.

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Two quotes were received for building and installing shelves for record storage. A motion was made by Paulson with a second by Compo to approve the quote submitted by Korby Construction in the amount of \$7,875. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on insulating the wall between the community room and what type of insulation should be used for soundproofing. Paulson will contact architect, Bill Scalzo, for a recommendation.

Two quotes were received for the remodeling of bathrooms at Northridge Park. A motion was made by Paulson with a second by Compo to approve the quote from Donald Holm Construction in the amount of \$ 18,935. Motion carried.

Gerard has been in contact with an electrician for assistance with bringing power to the stage at Northridge Park. He'll also contact another electrician.

Janke reported that Community Education continues to work on planning Esko Fun Days.

Paulson reported on the Cloquet Area Fire Districts efforts to secure funding for a new fire hall. They're also moving forward with legislation to increase the ambulance levy to .048 percent.

Compo reported that the roof at the fire hall is still leaking.

Road Foreman David Black reported on work being done by the road crew. They continue to work on opening up ditches and frozen culverts. A thank you was given to the road crew for the work they've done over the winter with snow removal.

The Board of Review will be held on Monday, April 1 at 10:00 am.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 pm by Janke with a second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Thomson

Terry Hill, Chairperson