

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2019

Present: Terry Hill, Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Leah Pykkonen, David Pritchett

Absent: Tony Compo, Jason Paulson, Rhonda Peleski

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 accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Gerard made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 56,138.47 (Check #'s 44427 - 44458) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 8,493.90. Second by Janke. Motion carried.

July receipts in the amount of \$ 890,058.97 and July fund balances were reviewed

Janke made a motion to appoint Logan Saline as Road and Utility Maintenance Supervisor effective September 1, 2019. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Dan Stangle updated the Board on his last month's activities to include land splits, a variance hearing, a proposed subdivision, correspondence from Camping World, and the recent Comprehensive Plan events that were held during the National Night Out and Esko Fun Days. There is an upcoming Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting on September 10th.

Stangle also received word that he passed the certification test and is officially a Wetland Delineator In-Training.

An annual maintenance schedule for the Town Hall septic and HVAC systems is now in place. Stangle is also getting estimates on the Northridge Park Pavilion for replacement of garage doors in need of repair and the file room is nearly complete.

Janke gave a thank you to Irene Rudnicki for building a step for the rear man-door of the Northridge Park Pavilion.

Gerard reported that the Wood City Riders would like a Letter of Support or a Resolution for future use of the north-side of the Highway 61 ROW so they can apply for grant money. A motion was made by Gerard. Second by Janke. Motion carried.

An update on stormwater ponds was tabled as Town Engineer Joe Jurewicz was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Patty Murto was present to discuss the Cable Commission and its corresponding Joint Powers Agreement.

A motion was made by Janke to appoint Murto as a second representative, along with Peleski, to the Cable Commission. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Road Foreman David Black was present to provide an update on the East Harney Road paving project. We are still waiting for Minnesota Power to move power poles.

Black reported that the new Larson Road lift station pumps have now been installed. New tires are needed on the CAT Grader; costs are \$1250.00 each to cap the old ones or \$1600.00 each for new ones. Black recommended going with new tires and that Duluth Tire has the state bid price. Black also reported that the Esko Historical Society is interested in the '49 Chevrolet Truck for display. Pritchett will look into whether this can be a donation.

The Town Board would like to recognize Black for his 51 years of hard work and dedication to the public. Residents Bob Stokes and Patty Murto also wanted to thank Black for a great job.

Gerard reported on a great turnout for the Esko Fun Days street-dance. He also has an upcoming Wood City Riders meeting.

Janke has an upcoming Community Education meeting.

Hill will be meeting with Janke and Peleski to schedule interviews for the part-time office position.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:18 pm by Janke with a second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Pykkonen, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Thomson

Terry Hill, Chairperson