

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

Present: Bill Gerard, Ruth Janke, Tony Compo, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett (late)

Absent: Terry Hill, Jason Paulson

Vice chairperson Gerard called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Compo with a second by Janke to approve Change Order # 1 in the amount of \$ 7,600 for the paving on E. Harney Road. Motion carried. The contractor was required to take out additional insurance for the CN railroad crossing and is also required to have a flagger from the railroad on-site when paving in that area. These expenses weren't known when the bid was submitted.

A motion was made by Janke with a second by Compo to approve Pay Application # 1 from KGM in the amount of \$ 7,220. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Janke with a second by Compo to approve Pay Application # 2 from Veit in the amount of \$ 1,733.75 for the Juntunen Road sewer extension. Motion carried. Final payment will not be made until the proper IC-134s are received from the contractor.

Compo made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 89,750.65 (Check #'s 44516 - 44557) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 7,630.97. Second by Janke. Motion carried

A thank you was received from David Black for the open house and retirement gift given from the Town.

Peleski and Patty Murto updated the Board on the CAT 7 status. The station has been off the air for six months. The next meeting for the commission will be 9/26 where Cloquet will provide additional information on current and past operating expenses. Cloquet is requesting that one representative be named along with an alternate. No action will be taken until after the 9/26 meeting.

A motion was made by Janke with a second by Compo to amend the motion from the Sept. 5 regarding replacing the garage doors at Northridge Park. Windows will be added to the one door on the east end of the building. Motion carried.

Compo made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as amended. Second by Janke. Motion carried.

August receipts in the amount of \$ 40,154.54 and August fund balances were reviewed

Peleski updated the Board on a meeting she attended with Hill and representatives from the Carlton County Transportation Department. County Engineer JinYeene Nuemann will check with MNDOT regarding the radar speed sign on W Highway 61 to see what they suggest for location of the sign.

Kyle Gustafson and Saline reported that the DNR surplus equipment program now has a 2007 Bobcat T250 skidsteer available for the fire department. The skidsteer could also be used by the road and bridge department. It has been looked at and is in good working condition with new tracks and about 700 hours on it. A cab enclosure would be needed. A brush mower attachment could be purchased in the future. The cost is approximately \$ 4,000. A motion was made by Janke with a second by Compo to approve the purchase. Motion carried.

Chief Deputy Brian Belich from the Carlton County Sheriff's Department was present to remind the Board that the law enforcement contract will be expiring at the end of the year. A new contract is being put together. Wage increases have been higher than the 2 % in the last contract.

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Saline reported that E. Harney Road paving will be done in the next week, along with the mailbox replacement. Crack filling is expected to be completed the first week of October. Lift station inspections have been scheduled.

Gerard has been cleaning up tree limbs that have broken in the recent storms.

The Fire Department pancake breakfast will be held on October 5.

Peleski reported on additional items discussed at the recent meeting with the transportation department staff which included a lighted crosswalk sign at Pantsar Road and Highway 61, pedestrian counts on the W. Highway 61 walking trail, sealcoating in 2020, and other County projects scheduled for 2020 within the township.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:25 pm by Compo with a second by Janke. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Thomson

Bill Gerard, Vice-chairperson