

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2019

Present: Bill Gerard, Ruth Janke, Tony Compo, Jason Paulson, Leah Pykkonen

Absent: Rhonda Peleski, Terry Hill, Dave Pritchett

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

Compo made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting. Second by Paulson. Motion carried.

Compo made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 188,545.85 (Check #'s 43880 – 43912) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 7,887.28. Second by Paulson. Motion carried.

December receipts in the amount of \$ 732,516.89 and December fund balances were reviewed.

A thank you note was received from Bob Stokes for the new road signs and stop sign at Martha Road and Harmony Drive.

Paulson has purchased a cell phone booster and will install it before the next board meeting.

Paulson made a motion to approve the 2019 Pay Equity Report. Second by Janke. Motion carried.

The Town Board budget meeting date has been set for Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Janke was in contact with a contractor who may have an interest in the Park Pavilion restroom remodel. She will have the contractor contact either Gerard or the Town Office to view the area of remodel.

Janke reported that Camping World has purchased the Coates RV business and their lots in the Business Park. They did not purchase the Scanlon building where Coates RV is currently located.

Janke presented a list of goals/projects for 2019. Gerard asked to add Chip / Fog Sealing to the list.

Zoning Official Dan Stangle gave the Town Board his monthly activity report.

Logan Saline updated the Board on road crew activity. They are currently battling ice on gravel roads with cutting blades on equipment. They are also getting pricing for a new steamer unit.

John Bergman was present to request a meeting regarding a possible communications project. Paulson stated he would like to aim for the end of February pending schedules.

Janke reported on a meeting for Esko Fun Days and National Night Out that she attended.

Discussion was held regarding planting trees in the Business Park. Gerard will be ordering trees in the next 2 weeks and will meet with Stangle to review right of way setbacks for possible tree placement.

Paulson reported on the recent purchase by the School District of land from Ken Hammarlund for a future bus garage.

Paulson also attended the most recent ARDC Commission Meeting and the Cloquet Area Fire District Meeting. He is now a member of the CAFD building committee.

Gerard expressed a thank you to the road crew for the recent ditch mowing.

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Reminders were given for the Ordinance Public Hearings on Thursday, January 24th for Inflow/Infiltration and the Stormwater Ordinances. The Annual Town Meeting, Tuesday, March 12, 2019. The Special Election Primary, Tuesday, January 22, 2019 and Special Election, Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:12 pm by Paulson with a second by Janke. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Pykkonen, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Thomson

Bill Gerard, Vice-Chairperson