

MINUTES  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 3, 2019

Present: Terry Hill, Ruth Janke, Bill Gerard, Jason Paulson, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett

Absent: Tony Compo

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

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

Paulson made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 93,014.67 (Check #'s 44558 - 44602) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 7,505.59. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Janke presented a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve a final plat of Finn Ridge subdivision. It will be located in Section 26 on Torma Road and will contain nine residential lots. Zoning Official, Dan Stangle and project engineer Joe Jurewicz, were present to answer any questions regarding the development. A motion was made by Janke with a second by Gerard to approve the plat, pending the approval of the wetland replacement plan by Carlton County Technical Evaluation Panel. Motion carried. A development agreement is being worked on by Pritchett which will include additional requirements from Planning and Zoning.

Discussion was held on the Hillside Road paving project which will have a public hearing on Oct. 17. Peleski will need to provide residents with an estimated amount for each assessment. Decisions need to be made regarding the width of the road and what expenses, if any, the Town will pay. Paulson requested a written quote for the engineering fees which will be provided at the next meeting. No further action was taken.

Hill reported on the recent interviews held for the heavy equipment operator position. Five candidates were interviewed. It is anticipated that one more employee will be retiring in early 2020. The personnel committee is recommending filling two positions at this time. A motion was made by Paulson with a second by Gerard to approve the hiring of two applicants. Motion carried.

A Board/staff work session will be scheduled for Monday, November 4 at 4:30 p.m.

Stangle gave his monthly report which included reviewing plat drawings for new building permits, assigning addresses, scheduling and preparing for a variance hearing, and scheduling and preparing for the preliminary and final plat hearing for Finn Ridge.

Fire Chief Kyle Gustafson gave his report. The fire department pancake breakfast will be October 5. He has also been busy with fire prevention week.

Road Maintenance Supervisor, Logan Saline, updated the Board on E. Harney Road paving and the patching on Church Road which are now complete. Mailboxes still need to be replaced as well as striping done. A Minnesota Power light pole still needs to be moved at the railroad crossing.

Town Engineer, Joe Jurewicz, gave his report on sewer rehabilitation which will be done next year.

Gerard questioned whether crackfilling or other improvements should be made to Juntunen Road before the County replaces the Midway River bridge on Canosia Road in 2020. The official detour will be on Himango Road but its anticipated that Juntunen Road will also see an increase in traffic. Any improvements to Juntunen Road will be done after the bridge project is complete.

Janke attended WLSSD, Community Education and Carlton County Economic Development meetings.

Paulson reported that the Cloquet Area Fire District has purchased two new ambulances. They're continuing to discuss a needs assessment for a new building.

Peleski reported that the CAT 7 meeting scheduled for this evening has been rescheduled.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:27 pm by Gerard with a second by Janke. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Thomson

Terry Hill, Chairperson