

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2019

Present: Terry Hill, Bill Gerard, Ruth Janke, Tony Compo, Jason Paulson (late), 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.

Gerard made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting with one correction. Second by Compo. Motion carried.

Janke made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 55,292.97 (Check #'s 44702 - 44733) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 6,844.54. Second by Gerard. Motion carried

October receipts in the amount of \$ 94,624.32 and October fund balances were reviewed.

A Himango Road resident was present to discuss with the Board a letter he recently received regarding a nuisance complaint made against his property. He is in the process of cleaning the area up. He will work with the Zoning Official on the issues.

Peleski presented the list of delinquent sewer accounts. A motion as made by Compo with a second by Janke to approve the list in the amount of \$ 10,782.92 for certification to Carlton County for collection with the 2020 property taxes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Janke with a second by Paulson to approve an agreement with Wipfli LLP to perform an audit of the Town's 2019 financial statements. Motion carried. The cost for the service is \$ 10,950.

The 2018/2019 financial statement has been received from the Esko Hockey Association. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Janke to approve the payment from the Recreation Fund to the Esko Hockey Association in the amount of \$ 3,150. Motion carried.

A cell phone policy was presented for review. This will provide reimbursement to employees who use their personnel cell phones for township business. A motion was made by Paulson with a second by Gerard to approve the policy. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Leah Pykkonen was present to show the Board members the mockup of the Town's redesigned website. A motion was made by Paulson with a second by Janke to approve the design. Motion carried. A thank you was given to Pykkonen for the work she's done on the project.

Road Supervisor Logan Saline was present to continue discussion on the fleet management software that he's been looking at. A demonstration of the software was done previously. All maintenance records and gasoline usage would be tracked for all Town vehicles including the fire department. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Compo to approve the purchase of the software. Motion carried.

A policy and liability waiver have been developed for the plowing of private driveways by the Town's road crew. After review, discussion and revision, a motion was made by Janke with a second by Gerard to approve the policy. Motion carried. A copy will be provided to all property owners that currently request the service.

The Lego robotics group that would like to place a gaga ball pit in Northridge Park inquired if the Town would be willing to provide the sand base for the pit. Discussion was held on the location of the pit. This will be discussed again in the spring.

Fire Chief Kyle Gustafson presented the name of a potential new member on the fire department. A motion was made by Janke with a second by Compo to approve Steve Krocka for membership. Motion carried.

A letter was received from Northern GroundSource further explaining the pump system at the town hall and the need to replace it. Discussion was held on cost savings, the possibility of the current pump failing over the winter, installing an alarm system, and possibly buying the back-up pump that Northern GroundSource has in stock. Peleski will contact Northern GroundSource and see if it can be purchased and what the cost is.

Deputy Rob Lucas gave his monthly report.

Gustafson reported that the ISO review was completed.

Saline reported that the steamer should be delivered next week.

Gerard received a letter from a resident regarding salt on the roads. This was turned over to Saline.

Gerard also reported that he met with the Girl Scout troop that recently sent a letter to the Board regarding crosswalk safety. The girls would like to fundraise for a solar lighted crossing light. He has also had conversations with County Commissions and the County Engineer regarding the same issue

Janke reported that Community Education is looking for new members.

Paulson reported that he attended an ARDC meeting and also a fire district meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:32 p.m. by Janke with a second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Thomson

Terry Hill, Chairperson