

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2019

Present: Bill Gerard, Ruth Janke, Terry Hill, Tony Compo, Leah Pykkonen, Dave Pritchett

Absent: 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.

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

Compo made a motion to approve the KGM Pay Application #2 for the East Harney Road Project in the amount of \$ 243,049.66. Second by Janke. Motion carried.

Gerard made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 350,723.23 (Check #'s 44734 - 44772) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 12,406.05. Second by Compo. Motion carried

Brian Belich of Carlton County Sheriffs' Department was present to answer questions regarding the renewal of the three-year Law Enforcement Contract with the County Sheriffs' Department. The agreement will go from monthly payments to bi-annual.

Janke made a motion to renew the three-year contract. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding some minor wording changes regarding the frequency of plowing and to define locations that can request plowing in the Private Driveway Snowplow Application and Agreement. Janke made a motion to approve the Private Driveway Snowplow Application and Agreement with the changes. Second by Compo. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a spare ground source heat pump. Still waiting on prices.

A letter was received from resident James Anich regarding real estate taxes in the Township. Anich supplied copies to the Carlton County Commissioners and the Esko School District as well.

Zoning Official Dan Stangle provided an update on Planning and Zoning activity. There are 3 nuisance complaints he is looking into. The Town car is in need of new tires; will be using the State bid price through Duluth Tire for this. The file storage room is steadily filling up. There is continued progress on the Finn Ridge Subdivision. There will be a Comp. Plan Steering Committee Meeting December 10, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Town Engineer Joe Jurewicz relayed that the corner marker for the Marks Road and Harney Road East area will be reset.

Road Supervisor Logan Saline reported on the road crews' activity after the recent snowstorm. His crew did a great job, with all roads open and only a handful of private driveway requests were left to be done. Town Board members relayed the receipt of several calls from citizens remarking on a job well done by the road crew for their timely work in clearing the roads. The Town Board would like to go on record giving thanks to the road crew for a job well done.

Saline also reported that the two new road crew employees are doing a great job, and that the Hotsy should be delivered next week.

Gerard reported that he toured the Township garage to review facility and equipment. Gerard also attended the Carlton County Commissioners meeting with discussion regarding the Highway 61 corridor five-year plan.

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Janke attended the WLSSD and the Carlton County Economic Development meetings.

Compo reported that the Fire Hall doors are fixed. And calls for service are the highest they have been.

Resident John Bergman also wanted to give the Town Road Crew thanks for their handling of the snow from the recent storm.

Hill gave a thank you to Stangle and Pykkonen for their work on the file-room cleanup project. It is coming along great.

A reminder of the upcoming Comp. Plan Steering Committee Meeting on December 10, 2019 at 6:30pm.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:55 pm by Gerard with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Pykkonen, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Thomson

Terry Hill, Chairperson