

MINUTES  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 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.

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

A motion was made by Janke with a second by Compo to approve KGM Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$ 24,417.50 for the East Harney Road paving project. Motion carried.

Pay Application No. 3 has been received from KGM along with the required IC-134s. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Gerard to approve this final pay application in the amount of \$ 13,492.09. Motion carried.

Gerard made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 75,415.22 (Check #'s 44773 - 44844) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 12,859.86. Second by Paulson. Motion carried.

November receipts in the amount of \$ 98,952.97 and November fund balances were reviewed.

Don Waller from Arrowhead Insurance Agency was present to discuss the renewal of the Town's insurance with the League of Minnesota Cities. The dividend received in 2019 was the lowest ever received but the rates were also lower than previous years.

Peleski presented Resolution No. 19-08 to accept donations received in 2019. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Janke to approve Resolution No. 19-08 accepting the donations. Resolution approved.

Peleski presented a list of anticipated year-end transfers between funds. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Gerard to approve the transfers as presented. Motion carried.

Peleski presented the 2020 budget for approval. Peleski worked with the department heads to determine what changes they needed from the previous year. Some changes were to stormwater pond repairs, election expenses, wages, health insurance and lift station repairs.

After discussion a motion was made by Janke with a second by Gerard to transfer the remaining balance from the Animal Control Fund to the General Fund. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Janke with a second by Paulson to approve the 2020 budget with receipts of \$ 2,142,333.00 and disbursements of \$ 2,103,824.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Paulson with a second by Compo to approve the issuing of a credit/debit card to Road Supervisor Logan Saline. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Kyle Gustafson requested that the Board consider replacing the aging auto extrication equipment that the fire department is currently using. He's been looking into costs for lease-purchasing. Approval was given to obtain additional information.

Saline received two quotes for replacing two lift station pumps. A motion was made by Paulson with a second by Compo to approve the purchase of pumps from Minnesota Pump Works at a cost of \$ 17,574.58. Motion carried.

Gustafson updated the Board on two recent incidents that the department responded to including a car/train accident and a structure fire.

Deputy Rob Lucas was present with his monthly report.

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Gerard reported that the Wood City Riders snowmobile club has gotten most of the permits needed for their trail expansion. He also attended a recent Duluth Watershed District meeting.

Janke attended the recent WLSSD meeting, Carlton County Economic Development Meeting and a personnel committee meeting.

Pritchett informed the Board that the Rudy Law Firm will be combining with the Fryberger Law Firm in Duluth. Offices will remain in Cloquet.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:26 p.m. by Gerard with a second by Janke. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Thomson

Terry Hill, Chairperson