

MINUTES  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 16, 2020

Present: Terry Hill, Bill Gerard, Ruth Janke, Tony Compo, Jason Paulson, 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 approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Compo made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 184,270.64 (Check #'s 44889 – 44929, Void 44896) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 9,527.20. Second by Paulson. Motion carried.

December receipts in the amount of \$ 908,280.12 and December fund balances were reviewed.

Town Engineer, Joe Jurewicz, provided the Board with an estimate of \$ 150,000 for paving Serenity Way and E. Riverside Road. Serenity Way is a platted road that is dedicated to the public but has not been accepted as a Town maintained road. The Town has been plowing the road but has not done any other maintenance. After discussion regarding paving and possible assessments, a resolution was presented by Paulson with a second by Compo, based on advice from legal counsel and history of maintenance of Serenity Way, to accept Serenity Way as a Town maintained road. Resolution passed.

Previous approval for the software PubWorks was reviewed. It's now been said that the prices on the original quote were only if the entire package were purchased. The vendor will apply the amounts that are paid now for the fleet management software to the purchase of the entire software package in the future. A motion was made by Compo with a second by Paulson to continue with the purchase of PubWorks fleet management software with the new prices. Motion carried.

A quote in the amount of \$ 2,743.95 was received from TotalControl Systems for work needed on the electrical panels at lift stations 3 and 4. A motion was made by Janke with a second by Gerard to approve the quote from TotalControl Systems. Motion carried.

A budget and tax levy work session will be scheduled for Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Discussion was held on attending meetings remotely using tele-conferencing. This is allowed under Minnesota law with certain requirements. After discussion it was decided that with the costs and requirements it's not necessary at this time.

Jurewicz was given the approval to proceed with requesting proposals for the repairs needed on a Keanu Lane stormwater pond.

Peleski provided an update on the heat pump at the Town Hall. After contacting Mark Sakry at Northern GroundSource regarding the cost for purchasing the pump they have on hand, she was told that they would be willing to store the pump at the Town Hall at no cost to the Town. It is currently in use at a different property and will be brought over in the future.

Gerard reported on his conversations with Carlton County Transportation Department regarding projects in the Town. Because the Midway River is a DNR designated trout stream, according to the DNR Public Waters Work Permit Program, work on the Canosia Road bridge cannot begin until after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The completion date is by October 2, 2020.

Janke reported that there are five new Community Education Board members.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:19 pm by Gerard with a second by Janke. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Thomson

Terry Hill, Chairperson