

MINUTES  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2020

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

Absent: Tony Compo, Jason Paulson

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 approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting. Second by Janke. Motion carried.

Janke made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 66,167.81 (Check #'s 44980 - 45016) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 12,428.80. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

January receipts in the amount of \$ 53,340.01 and January fund balances were reviewed.

Lenny Conklin was present to discuss an idea he has for climate-controlled storage and to get the Board's opinion on whether it would fit in the business park. Board members were in agreement that it would fit with the current business park allowed uses.

With the removal of the existing school bus garage at the athletic field and other construction in that area, the school is asking if the buses can be parked in the town hall parking lot. Concerns were raised regarding the large vehicles parked before the frost is out and the blacktop breaking up. There has been breakup from when they were previously parked in the lot. Drivers will be told not to park too close to the edge of the pavement.

A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Janke to schedule a public hearing for April 2, 2020 at 7:00 to take public input for the proposed Key Lock Box ordinance. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Kyle Gustafson shared two quotes for auto extrication equipment. After discussion regarding the equipment and financing, a motion was made by Janke with a second by Gerard to approve the purchase of auto extrication equipment from Equipment Management Company in the amount of \$ 22,097. The equipment will be paid for from the General Fund with five annual payment from the Fire Fund back to the General Fund. Motion carried.

Joe Jurewicz requested quotes from local contractors for the repair of the stormwater pond on Keanu Lane. One quote was received from A+ Landscaping. A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Janke to approve the quote from A+ Landscaping in the amount of \$ 23,947.44. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gerard with a second by Janke to approve the completion of a feasibility study for the paving of E. Riverside Road and Serenity Way by MSA. Motion carried.

Gustafson and Dan Stangle continue to work on 9-1-1 access points and addresses within Jay Cooke State Park.

Gustafson received an estimate in the amount of \$ 1,600 for fixing a hydraulic hose on the ladder truck. The repair was instead completed by the road crew. The cost was a \$ 60 hose and two men for 1 ½ hours labor. A thank you was given to the road crew.

Gustafson has also spent several hours with investigators for a recent house fire.

Road Supervisor, Logan Saline, reported that a John Deere grader has been demo'd for a week. A CAT grader will also be brought in for a demonstration.

Discussion was held on Northridge Park and the work that will take place there this summer. The parking lot will be made bigger and the entrance to the lot will be moved. Gerard, Peleski, Saline and Jurewicz will meet soon to discuss the work.

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Gerard reported that the Duluth Urban Watershed Advisory Committee will be replacing Emerald Ash Borer trees in 2021. So far Gerard has reached out to local Girl and Boy Scout troops to see if they would like to help plant trees.

Gerard has received complaints regarding the snow pushed from the trail on Canosia Road.

Gerard reported that Wood City Riders have the approval from Carlton County for a trail through Thomson Township. They still need approval from MNDOT, Minnesota Power and the Buffalo House. They would like to run the trail north of Widdes Feed Mill property and across to the Church Road. For this they still need approval from property owners.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Thomson

Terry Hill, Chairperson