

MINUTES  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 19, 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.

Janke made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Paulson made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 51,662.01 (Check #'s 45066 - 45121) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 9,891.31. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

A recommendation was made by the personnel committee to allow employees until June 30, 2020 to use vacation time that was carried over from 2019. Because of the COVID-19 situation and the weather this year, some employees have had plans cancelled or have needed to be available for winter emergencies. After discussion of different date options, a motion was made by Compo with a second by Paulson to extend the date to use 2019 vacation time to June 30, 2020. Motion carried. It is noted that the change is for this year only. The personnel policy will remain unchanged with unused vacation needing to be used by March 31 of the following year.

Discussion was held on COVID-19 and upcoming regular Board meetings. Different options were discussed including telephone or video conferencing or cancelling meetings. Because there are currently no pressing issues, a motion was made by Gerard with a second by Janke to cancel the April 2, 2020 regular Board meeting. Motion carried. Options for attending remotely will continue to be looked at for the April 16 meeting.

A motion was made by Paulson with a second by Gerard to reschedule the Key Lock Box Ordinance hearing from April 2 to May 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Five bids were received for the paving of Hillside Road. A motion was made by Paulson with a second by Gerard to award the bid to the low bidder, KGM Construction, in the amount of \$ 111,793. Motion carried. This project will be assessed to property owners on Hillside Road.

Gerard received quotes for crack sealing the Highway 61 walking path. No action was taken. This will be looked at again when street crack filling quotes are requested.

A motion was made by Janke with a second by Gerard to authorize Peleski to renew the three certificates of deposit if interest rates are favorable. Motion carried.

The recycling shed will remain open for now. Carlton County will allow the Town to close it but currently the shed keeper is willing to keep it open.

Pritchett reported on a West Harney Road property that currently has a conditional use permit (CUP) for a business operation. The property is being sold but still needs to conform with the previous CUP.

Road Supervisor, Logan Saline, reported that the road crew continues to work on culvert steaming. They've also been cleaning at the town garage. A new water heater was recently installed at the garage.

Paulson questioned whether it might benefit the Town to purchase its own crack filler. Saline felt it would be difficult with limited personnel.

Fire Chief Kyle Gustafson continues to work with fire investigators on a recent structure fire. He also reported that the fire hall is on a hard shutdown. Meetings and trainings have been discontinued. They are also changing the way they respond to medical emergencies in the hopes that it will keep personnel, patients, and families safe.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:10 pm by Janke with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Thomson

Terry Hill, Chairperson

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APRIL 2, 2020

MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC



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