

TOWN OF ADAMS
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 21, 2020

Present: Jim Bays, Chair; Ron Johnson, Bill Euclide, Miranda Christensen; Clerk; Hope Eggersdorf, Treasurer, Nicholas Flanagan; Town Attorney

Others: See Sign-In Sheet

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jim Bays at 7:30pm

Agenda

Motion by Ron, second by Bill, to approve the agenda. Carried.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

June 16, 2020 – Motion by Bill, second by Ron, to approve the Monthly Board Meeting minutes as written. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

The total of all accounts is \$132,736.98. Motion by Ron, second by Jim, to accept the report as presented. Carried.

Additional Reports

- Friendship Lake Report – Ron indicated there has not been a recent meeting. Therefore, a report was not provided.
- Ambulance Service Report – Bill indicated there has not been a recent meeting. Therefore, a report was not provided.
- Fire District Report – Bill presented his report. In part he indicated that the Fire Station was built for less than originally estimated. Therefore, a refund was issued to the Town of Adams for \$1,483.42. Motion by Jim, second by Ron, to accept the report as presented. Carried.

Zoning Request

Joel Fell approached the Board regarding his property located at 2126 10th Ave. He asked to rezone five of the 40 acres to A3 for mortgage reasons. Attorney Flanagan also reviewed the request and the information provided by Joel. There were concerns regarding lack of adequate frontage. Motion by Bill, second by Ron, to approve the zoning change contingent on the lot configuration allowing for proper frontage. Carried.

WEC Care Certification

Miranda provided information to the Board regarding both the WEC Cares Grant and the Routes to Recovery Grant. The Cares Grant was written as a forward-facing grant aimed to offset costs incurred as a result of COVID-19. This would be utilized specifically for the remaining two elections in the 2020 election cycle. The Town of Adams is eligible to receive approximately \$800.00 under the Cares Grant. Miranda proposed to utilize the Cares Grant funds to purchase office equipment necessary to handle in part, the volume of absentee requests associated with the upcoming elections. COVID has tripled our Absentee volume. The Routes to Recovery Grant is aimed to offset costs incurred from March 1, 2020 – November 6, 2020 as a result of COVID-19. The Town of Adams is eligible to receive up to \$22,192.00 under the Routes to Recovery Grant. Miranda will report expenses incurred under reporting period three (November 7-18) to ensure all costs incurred through the November election are accounted for reimbursement. This will not include the office equipment that will be reimbursed under the Cares Act. Motion by Bill, second by Ron, to approve utilization of both the WEC Cares Grant and the Routes to Recovery Grant. A roll call vote was taken: Jim – Yes; Ron – Yes; Bill – Yes. Motion carried.

Dave Elgan – South Adams County Roadrunners

Dave Elgan approached the Board to sign Resolution 2020-03 which supports the opening of ATV/UTV routes on Adams County highways in the Town of Adams. The Resolution was drafted by Town Attorney, Nicholas Flanagan. Motion by Bill, second by Jim, to approve Resolution 2020-03. A roll call vote was taken: Jim – Yes; Ron – Yes; Bill – Yes. Motion carried.

Insurance Bids

Two bids were received. The first bid was from our current provider, EMC Insurance. The second bid was from Hometown Insurance. The bid deemed most advantageous to the Town was the bid from EMC Insurance. Motion by Bill, second by Ron, to stay with our existing insurance provider, EMC Insurance. Carried.

Decrease Election Workers

Miranda approached the Board to sign Resolution 2020-04 to decrease the election workers for the August 11, 2020 election. Motion by Ron, second by Jim, to approve Resolution 2020-04. Carried.

Other Legal Business

- Town Hall Rental/COVID Release – COVID sanitation requests and concerns were presented by Nancy Akkerman related to Town Hall rentals. Miranda to work with Attorney Flanagan regarding the creation of a COVID Release form. The form will need to be executed by the individual or representative renting the Hall as part of the Town Hall rental process.
- Jim indicated the Census is still looking for Census workers. He will provide the Census contact info for inquiries.
- A Town resident voiced a concern to Miranda regarding the road condition of 10th. The Board indicated road work is scheduled to begin on 7/23. Miranda will provide update to resident.
- A Town resident voiced a concern to Bill regarding water backing up on 14th. The Highway Department will inspect on 7/22.
- Freightliner –Jim rebuilt the control valve but it did not resolve the oil leak. It needs a front seal. Jim will work on fixing it over the next few weeks.

Pay Bills

Motion by Bill, second by Ron, to pay bills of \$12,848.65. Carried.
Meetings were reported to Hope for payment.

Set Next Meeting and Adjourn

The next Monthly Board Meeting is set for August 18 2020 at 7:30pm.
Motion by Bill, second by Ron to adjourn the meeting. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Miranda Christensen, Clerk**