TOWN OF GORDON REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 - 6:30 pm Gordon Town Hall MINUTES - APPROVED

Chair Jen Knutson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.



- **A.** Call to order/Roll Call Chair Jen Knutson, Supervisor Cody Eagle, Supervisor Craig Golembiewski, Treasurer Justin Flamang (Absent), Clerk Denise Wohlbier and 32 interested citizens were in attendance.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance Recited
- C. Consent Agenda
 - a) Adopt Agenda, Motion to adopt Cody Eagle, 2nd Craig Golembiewski. Motion approved.
 - b) Approve Town Hall Regular Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2024, Motion to approve Craig Golembiewski, 2nd Jen Knutson. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report for July 2024: Justin Flamang, Treasurer – Treasurer report (Read by Jen Knutson).

<u>July 2024</u>	Checking Account	Money Market	<u>Savings</u> <u>Account</u>	GGND Account
Beginning Balance-Amended	\$86,671.24	\$159,327.94	\$7,363.74	\$19,185.47
Checks Written	(\$87,728.18)	-	-	-
Cleared Credits/Debits	(\$132,572.77)	1	1	(\$13,899.79)
Deposits	\$124,268.87	\$-	\$1,110.00	\$35,604.39
Voided Checks	-	-	-	-
Transfer MM	-	-		
Interest	\$.48	\$66.85	\$1.60	\$0.15
Outstanding checks	(\$22,726.57)			(\$1,800.00)
Ending Balance	\$55,641.25	\$159,394.79	\$8,475.34	\$39,823.63

D. Department & Representative Reports:

EMS: Betty Ebert, EMS Director: Not in attendance. Reported by Craig Golembiewski, 9 calls Gordon, 11 calls Wascott and 2 Mutual Aid. 1 rig is still down should be up by the end of the week.

Cemetery: Not in attendance.

Public Service Officer: Jamie Kuffel: 23 calls for Service in July.

Fire Dept: Mike Chmielecki-Fire Chief: 10 calls in July.

<u>Highway Dept:</u> *Justin Holmes*: New guy has been working for 2 weeks and is doing great. Replaced a failed culvert on Lucas Road. And working on logging road damage on Germann Rd. Electric panel at the Highway department getting worked on and all lights will be replaced with LED.

County Board Supervisor: Dennis Cummings reporting for Douglas County: Brief report the County Board did not meet in July, but the Administrative Committee did primary discussion was the budget raising the cost of health care. Committee as a whole is going to meet Thursday the 15th of August. If you are visiting the Court House for any reason just for your information they are working on the roof & sidewalks. Talking about the 980 committee and their decision to pick the Gordon community to house a sex offender. Douglas County 980 committee is having a meeting on this tomorrow in Superior.

Historical Society: Not in attendance.

<u>GGND</u>: Erik Finstad - total income for this year \$72,000 with start up cash would have been \$76,000. Still have a few bills coming in. Made several investment purchases such as can cozies and Bingo items. Going to run the event different next year having events on Friday & Saturday instead of Saturday & Sunday.

E. **Public Comments**: Please be advised Per Sec 19.84(2), comment and announcements will be received from the public. Comments are to be directed to the Town board and limited to 2 minutes per person.

No action will be taken by the board at that time.

Many concerns were brought up with 980 committee and Douglas County purchasing property to house a protected sex offender and wanting to know how to stop it from happening. Many asking how we can stop this from happening, no answer given. Will have to go to the 980 committee meeting tomorrow in Superior to voice your concerns. Also had questions on the ATV trailer parking and gravel on corners of Hwy Y.

Discussion and Possible Action Items:

- 1. Approve July vouchers. Motion made by Craig Golembiewski, 2nd Cody Eagle. Motion approved.
- 2. Bids for removing dead trees from Cemetery. Going with Harv's Tree Service, Motion made by Jen Knutson, 2nd Cody Eagle. Motion approved.
- 3. Bids for rebuilding the Ball Park Restrooms. Tabled until the September meeting, Motion made by Jen Knutson, 2nd Craig Golembiewski. Motion approved.
- 4. Bids for replacing missing bricks in the Town Hall. Hiring Spruce River Masonry. Motion made by Craig Golembiewski, 2nd Cody Eagle. Motion approved.
- 5. Discussion and vote on Ordinance 2024-03, to make the combined job of Clerk/Treasurer an appointed position, to add on the November ballot. Was passed at electors meeting last year to combine the Clerk/Treasurer position. Motion made to pass the Ordinance by Craig Golembiewski, 2nd Cody Eagle. Motion approved.
- 6. Signing of Resolution 2024-03, for IRC Section 125 Premium Only Plan. Motion made to approve the Resolution by Craig Golembiewski, 2nd Cody Eagle. Motion approved.
- 7. Approval for Picnic License for the Historical Society. Motion made by Craig Golembiewski, 2nd Cody Eagle. Motion approved.
- 8. Update on ATV 217 trail. Have maps, Brule River has closed part of the trail because they where not happy with things that were happening on the trail. The Forestry is now the middleman between the property owner and the Club. The Club now has a new contract in hand that will hopefully have more detail snowmobiles will still have access to the trail. The Club has purchased gates for the closed parts of the trail. There are reroutes some off the trail and onto the road and then back on the trail. Club is trying to police any bad behavior on the trail.
- 9. Variance for Shane Begley GO-012-01283-00 to allow a second dwelling on a parcel of land that already has an existing dwelling. Motion made by Jen Knutson, 2nd Craig Golembiewski. Motion approved.
- F. Chair Report:
- G. Supervisor Report:
- H. **Clerk Report:** Would like the rock moved at the Ball Park by the pavilion for safety reasons so people cannot drive between the pavilion and the playground. Approved.

Adjournment –Motion to adjourn made by Craig Golembiewski, 2nd Cody Eagle. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Denise Wohlbier, Clerk – Town of Gordon