**Town of Clayton**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**August 13, 2020**

Chairman Bill Vanda called the posted meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also present were Supervisor Arling “Ole” Olson, Supervisor Roger Olson, Supervisor Scott Gilbertson, Treasurer Debbie Elmer, Clerk Tracy LaBlanc, and Roadman Jamie Wood. Supervisor Jake Balog was absent. Also Present 4 town residents and 1 non-resident.

The Clerk presented a signed affidavit as to where and when the meeting was posted.

**Minutes** – Ole moved, with a second by Roger to approve the July 9, 2020, regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s report**- shows a balance of $125,355.20 in the checking and $328,975.01 in the Money Market/Savings account for a total of $454,330.21. Ole moved with a second by Scott to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

**Bill Payment** – Ole moved, with a second by Roger, to approve payment of voucher #13931 to #13961, and pay the State & Federal Withholdings & WRS for a total of $88,390.42. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS:**

**\*MUMM BARN- PRESENT COMPLETED PROJECT—**Mike & Rebecca were here to update the board on their project. Rebecca explained the fire system is installed and they are waiting for the plan reviewer to send the plans back. They are in a holding pattern waiting on the required inspections which are 10-14 days out. Rebecca asked what happens if they hear nothing from Jim the inspector in this time frame? Scott stated then he should be turned into the state. Rebecca asked who files the complaint with the state? Ole stated that the consumer would be the one to file a complaint with the state. Rebecca would like to state for the record, that they have tried hard to work with Jim on the various things needed to complete their project but he doesn’t give good direction or clarification on what he wants or needs, and they feel they wouldn’t be in this situation today if they would have had that from him from the start, Jim hasn’t been forthcoming with them from the start and Jim is difficult to read and difficult to deal with. Rebecca stated that if the town would of just provided a TUP (temp use permit) every year, they wouldn’t be going through all this. Bill stated that as a business they wouldn’t want to operate under a TUP permit. Rebecca stated that is what they always wanted to do as they only operate 5-6 mths. of the year, but we are past that and are moving forward to get everything completed/approved. Mike stated for the record that he is ready to take it to the next level, he isn’t waiting around any longer they have been harassed by Jim since the start of this project, Mike stated he isn’t threatening Jim or the board but this has gone on for 4 yrs. and it’s very frustrating, a lot of time and money have been put into this project and other venues they know of didn’t have to do what they have in order to operate. Based on the discussion Bill stated we will wait for Jim in regards to the inspections, so we can get this completed.

**\*FINAL DISCUSSION/ACT ON AGREEMENT FOR CLEAR LAKE AMBULANCE SERVICE- CHOOSE 3 BOARD MEMBERS FOR AMBULANCE BOARD—**Ole stated that he & Tracy had attended the July 27th ambulance meeting and asked them if they would accept the Town into their service, and they are willing to accept us into their service. There were some concerns with a few of the ambulance board members, regarding a buy in to the service and they aren’t forcing that for us to join. The per capita is locked in for 3 yrs. at $16/per capita, but the contract will renewal yearly, everything is spelled out for the next 3yrs. and they only require a 3 month notice for non-renewal. Clear Lake Ambulance Service isn’t interested in expanding their services (with transfers) or increasing their debt. Ole moved with a second by Roger to approve the agreement for services with Clear Lake Ambulance as presented. Motion carried with a “Yes” vote from Ole, Roger, Scott and Bill abstained. Since Bill abstained from the vote, Ole and Clerk Tracy signed the agreement. The Town gets to have 3 board members sit on the ambulance board, the 3 Town board members that will be sitting on the Clear Lake Ambulance Board will be: Ole, Scott, Roger.

Since Fire Chief Kittelson was here he update the board with the number of fire runs. Clayton fire Dept. is looking for a few members to join the service if anyone is interested contact the fire chief.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**ROADMAN REPORT**-**SUMMER ROADWORK UPDATES**- Jamie handed a copy of his monthly report to the board. He informed the board that 90th will be paved in September, he will be getting out to cut some trees on 90th prior to blacktopping. He has 1 culvert left to put in on 30th St. Mowing ditches will be starting again for fall along with grading gravel roads and pothole patching. Jamie addressed the board with a weed sprayer attachment for the 1-ton, cost is roughly $1700. Ole moved with a second by Roger to approve this purchase. Motion carried. Jamie looked into/got a quote for winter blades for the equipment and with all that is going on with covid, he was told blades could be delayed so we should order sooner than later. Ole moved with a second by Scott to approve the quote for the winter blades as presented. Motion carried.

**CLERK’S Report**- Clerk Tracy gave the board a copy of the land use permits for the past month. Tracy updated the board on another FEMA 2019 disaster payment we received for $4341.30 which is for the culvert on 30th that washed out, there should be 1 more payment for Administrative cost yet to come. Tracy also updated the board on an informal informational meeting her/Bill attended with Geronimo Energy on 7/22/20 regarding a project that is coming into a section of our township and adjoining townships. For the August 11th Election we had 206 voters- 81 of which were absentee.

**CHAIRMAN’S Report-** Bill received a few resident concerns that he addressed with the board. Bill addressed that there is a sign down on 15th St. Bill mentioned that the WTA mtg is August 20th @ 6:30.

**PUBLIC COMMENT- (MAX 3 MIN) –** None

**Date & Time of Next Meeting**: Regular Board Meeting

September 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.- Regular Monthly Board Meeting- with Voucher Approval at 6:45 p.m.

Ole moved, with a second by Scott to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Tracy LaBlanc, Clerk