**Town of Clayton**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**February 11, 2021**

Chairman Bill Vanda called the posted meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Also present were Supervisor Arling “Ole” Olson, Supervisor Roger Olson, Supervisor Jake Balog, Supervisor Scott Gilbertson, Treasurer Debbie Elmer, Clerk Tracy LaBlanc and Roadman Jamie Wood. No Town Residents present.

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 January 14, 2021, regular meeting/Caucus meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s report-** shows a balance of $22,607.16 in the checking and $297,842.47 in the Money Market account for a total of $320,449.63. 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 Jake to approve payment of voucher #14114 to #14145, and pay the State & Federal Withholdings & WRS for a total of $567,918.35. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS:**

**TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY PLANS-** We are looking at the 1st or 2nd weekend in May for this again, Board approved unanimously to go with May 1st 2021. Jamie/Tracy will work on scheduling dumpsters for this.

**CEMETERY/HALL MOWING-** As in the past we have always offered it the party who had done it the prior year first to see if they are interested in continuing and go from there. Scott stated Gilbertson Construction is still interested in the mowing, only change is Robert his son has taken over this on his own now so everything should go through him directly. Board approved unanimously to use the same vendor at the same price as last year. ($150/per time for all mowing at the beach, hall & cemetery) Motion Carried. Scott abstained. Scott will have Robert get Clerk Tracy the information she needs.

**\*BOR- BOARD MEMBER TRAINING NEEDED-** Clerk Tracy explained that for this year we have enough board members trained for BOR, but next year we will need 2 people to take the training again.

**\*UPDATE ON DUMP TRUCK-** Bill stopped in at Meyer’s and got a checklist. Jamie did check with other Towns about their trucks and they all stated to stop over and chat, take a look at what they have and take a drive.

**\*REVIEW/DISCUSS/AMEND IF NEEDED ORDINANCE 2003-3 AND ORDINANCE 2004-1-** Ordinance 2003-3 Establishing a 5 member Town Board consisting of unnumbered Supervisor seats. After discussion the Board agreed no changes were needed to this. Ordinance 2004-1 Provide for the Enforcement of Town Ordinances by the Issuance of Citations. After discussion was had the Board didn’t see any changes needed to this. After reviewing both ordinances Ole moved with a second by Jake to approve both as is with no changes. Motion carried. Clerk Tracy will update each as reviewed with the date. Next month we will go through a few more until all have been gone through.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**ROADMAN Report-** Jamie provided a copy of his monthly report to the board. Jamie has been removing snow & ice when needed. Jamie will be attending a couple required classes (MSHA, Digger’s hotline) coming up in the next few weeks. Jamie will continue to remove snow/ice as needed and weather permitting will get back out to cutting brush.

**CLERK’S Report-** Clerk Tracy stated we had 1 land use permit since last meeting. Clerk Tracy updated the board on the bathroom stating the hot water heater has been installed under the sink along with a new vanity/sink, fresh paint and new flooring and total cost was $530.96. Clerk Tracy/husband Randy and Jamie completed this project. Per County Clerk’s request/for information only, Clerk Tracy gave a copy of a Resolution approved by County Board in regards to a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans (fair maps). Clerk Tracy informed the board that we have a little issue with Xcel in regards to some street light charges that is on the bill, stating we are paying for lights we no longer have, Tracy is working to get this all taken care of. Clerk Tracy gave an update on the Apple River Solar project JDA, stating that County ES committee has done a lot of work and added/removed a lot from the original JDA (Joint Development Agreement) that was presented. Roger also stated that Clayton School received a small grant for technology stuff already, this is above what has been proposed in the JDA. Bill stated he attended a meeting last week on this and doesn’t see any issue with approving the JDA. Ole moved with a second by Roger to approve signing the JDA for the Apple River Solar Project. Motion carried. Bill/Tracy will get with Kara from National Grid Renewables about getting the JDA signed from the Town. Lastly, Clerk Tracy mentioned we have a resident (Andy Ellickson) who lives across from Magnor Restaurant that is concerned with safety and the speed/increased traffic on Hwy 63 through Magnor he feels is should be reduced to 25MPH or even have the traffic rerouted to bypass Magnor totally. After talks with Polk County Highway and DOT, next step is if the Town Board wanted to investigate the speed they could send a request to the DOT to investigate the speed limit based on multiple factors. After board discussion on this concern, the board stated this is a state hwy and we don’t have any control over a state hwy, so this isn’t something the Town wants to get involved in.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**- Bill received a call from John Stansbury requesting that no salt/sand be spread by the beach for the ice fishing contest. Bill updated the board on the changes to the Fire Dept. board and he also informed the board on the runs since January 1st.

**AMBULANCE BOARD MEETING REPORT-** No one from the board was able to attend the last ambulance zoom meeting for various reasons.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**- None

**Date & Time of Next Meeting:** Regular Board Meeting & other meeting dates

February 16, 2021- Spring Primary Election (State Superintendent of Public Instruction)

March 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. -Voucher Approval at 6:45 p.m.

April 6, 2021- Spring Election

Roger moved, with a second by Ole to Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Tracy LaBlanc, Clerk