**Town of Clayton**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**January 14, 2021**

Chairman Bill Vanda called the posted meeting to order at 7:04pm. after the Town Caucus. Also present were, Supervisor Arling “Ole” Olson, Supervisor Scott Gilbertson, Supervisor Roger Olson, Treasurer Debbie Elmer, Clerk Tracy LaBlanc and Roadman Jamie Wood. Supervisor Jake Balog was absent. Also Present were 3 town residents.

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 December 10, 2020, regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s report**- shows a balance of $47,838.58 in the checking and $257,884.36 in the Money Market account for a total of $305,722.94. 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 Scott to approve payment of voucher #14078 to #14113, and pay State & Federal Withholdings & WRS for a total of $257,186.98. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS:**

**\*DISCUSS BUILDING INSPECTOR PROPOSALS/AWARD CONTRACT TO QUALIFIED BUILDING INSPECTOR-** The Clerk received 2 proposals for new Town Building Inspector. The board reviewed both proposals and after discussion the board would like to see 1 additional thing added to the awarded proposal, the board would like to see a quarterly report of the jobs in process or finished from the inspectors end, can be reported in writing or in person. Ole moved with a second by Roger to offer the building inspector job to Ben Campbell. Motion Carried. Bill & Tracy signed the awarded Building Inspectors contract. Bill will contact the new inspector about the proposal and what the board wanted added.

**\*OPEN DISCUSSION ON DUMP TRUCK-**  Since there have been some issue/repairs with the current dump truck, Bill wanted to start the discussion now on a potential dump truck purchase in the future so we are prepared. Some discussion was had on potential trucks and needs and it was decided to start looking/spec out truck options and possibly go drive one that would be similar to what we might want. The board will keep this discussion going until something can be decided on.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**ROADMAN Report**- Jamie gave his monthly report to the board. Jamie has been plowing/sanding roads, working in the shop, & burned up a brush pile at the shop so he can get out and clear some more ditches. Dump truck seems to be working good now since the last repair. If he don’t have snow to plow, Jamie will go back to cutting brush in more ditches.

**CLERK’S Report-**

Clerk Tracy stated there were no land use permits this past month. Clerk Tracy let the board know the Assessor has sent the dates that he is looking at for us for Open Book & BOR so far the dates don’t work on our end, so Clerk Tracy and the assessor will look into other possible dates. Tracy updated the board on the Apple River Solar Project progression. New voting machine is here and Clerk Tracy will need to do some training on it and then train her election workers. Clerk Tracy also asked if anyone attended the October 4th quarter Ambulance meeting? No one attended that meeting. Clerk Tracy handed the 3 board members that are on the ambulance board a packet for a meeting next Monday night to review and join the zoom meeting.

**CHAIRMAN’S Report-** Bill updated the board on the quote he got for adding a hot water heater or instant heat source in the bathroom as there currently isn’t hot water in the bathroom, after some discussion the board agreed a smaller on demand/instant hot water source would be a better choice versus a big hot water heater. So Bill will check on a smaller source like is under the kitchen sink and go from there. Bill briefly updated on the Fire dept. letting the board know due to the loss of fire chief they will be doing a little restructuring and once that is done, it will go before the village board for approval. Bill updated the board on his conversation with James Price.

**PUBLIC COMMENT- (max 3 min) –** Lee Elmer has a funny story to share ☺

**Adjournment-**  Ole moved, with a second by Roger to adjourn at 8:04pm. Motion carried.

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

February 11, 2021 at 7pm. – Voucher Approval at 6:45pm.

February 16, 2021- Spring Primary Election

Tracy LaBlanc, Clerk