**Town of Clayton**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**October 8, 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, Roadman Jamie Wood. Supervisor Jake Balog was absent. Also Present were 4 town resident and 5 non-residents.

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

**Minutes** – Ole moved with a second by Scott to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2020, regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s report**- shows a balance of $20,375.90 in the checking and $290,097.55 in the Money Market account for a total of $310,473.45. Roger moved with a second by Ole to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

**Bill Payment** – Scott moved, with a second by Ole to approve payment of voucher #13985 to #14007, and pay the State & Federal Withholdings & WRS for a total of $44,951.89. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS:**

**\*PICNIC LICENSE- JOEL HOMEAKERS (MUMM BARN)-**  Ole moved with a second by Scott to approve the picnic license for Joel Homemakers (Mumm Barn). Motion carried. Mike was here to pay the fee and pick up the license.

\***GERONIMO ENERGY- INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION ON SOLAR DEVELOPMENT AND THE APPLE RIVER SOLAR PROJECT- KARA BAKKE/TEAM-** Kara Bakke and Ben Adamich were here to do an informational presentation for the board on the Apple River Solar Project. Over the course of the informational presentation Kara went over the project in detail explaining who Geronimo Energy is, giving some solar energy basics, explaining the different types of systems and how the solar panel systems work, she explained how it works with the environment/habitat, who benefits from this project, the life of the project, and the decommissioning of the project. Kara also briefly touched base on the joint development agreement, stating to take time and look it over to see if the Town wants to opt in or out as it is by no means required, it’s just a tool to help memorialize the components of the State application in a way that allows accountability and enforceability at a local level. Kara left some brochures with the clerk to pass out if anyone is interested in learning more about these types of projects. Kara will continue to keep the town informed on the projects progression. Very good informational presentation.

**\*APPROVE MAILCOM FOR TAXES**- Board thought we already approved this on another agenda, so we skipped this.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Roadman Report/Roadwork update/Road Tour**-

Jamie gave his written report to the board letting them know what he has been out doing for the past month. Roadwork for the 2020 is complete. Jamie will continue to cut ditches back as long as weather allows. He will start getting equipment ready for winter. Roger brought up the Gehrman tree issue, he doesn’t feel there is enough information to move forward with anything based on what we have been given from Gehrman’s. The board will stop and look at the tree issue on their road tour as well.

Board set a Fall Road Tour date for October 13th 2020 @ 7:30am. Clerk will get the notice posted.

**Clerk’s Report**-

Clerk Tracy handed out the monthly building permit list to the board. Clerk Tracy is busy getting the budget together, Brock from CliftonLarsonAllen will be here next week to finalize the budget. Clerk is also working on completing the big state map for the yearly completed roadwork projects for Transportation Aid. Clerk is in process of completing the Routes to Recovery Grant for covid related expenses which will be completed in December and also the CARES grant. Clerk is working on the final administrative piece of the 2019 FEMA disaster reimbursement. Clerk is working on getting the final paperwork completed for the 90th Ave LRIP-TRI project so we get our portion of the reimbursement back. Clerk has been extremely busy working on November election stuff. Ole brought up that Tracy mentioned due to covid cleaning practices it’s hard to clean fabric chairs properly and under this grant we could purchase some chairs that are vinyl, Ole moved with a second by Scott to purchase the chairs Tracy suggested under this grant opportunity. Motion carried.

**Chairman’s Report-** Bill didn’t have anything this month.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-(MAX-3 min.)-** None

**Date & Time of Next Meeting:** **Regular Board & Special Town Meetings**

**November 3, 2020- General & Presidential Election**

November 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.- Regular Monthly Board Meeting with Public Budget Hearing and Special Town meeting to follow- with Voucher Approval at 6:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**: Ole moved with a second by Roger to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Tracy LaBlanc, Clerk