

Empire Township Meeting Minutes October 22, 2019

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Ed Gerten at 8:00 PM.

Present were: Jamie Elvestad, Ed Gerten, Charles Seipel, Jeff Hince, Denise Williamson, and Jane Kansier. Town Board Chairman, Terry Holmes was absent.

Agenda: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the agenda. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Meeting Minutes: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Board Meeting of October 8, 2019; the Park & Rec Meeting of October 14, 2019; and the Planning Commission Meeting of October 15, 2019. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report showed a General Fund Account balance of \$24,116.90 plus investments and an Escrow Account balance of \$2,809.65 plus investments. A transfer of \$135,000 from savings to checking was made on 10/22/2019.

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the financial report. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Visitors: None present.

Bills to be Paid: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$196,203.58. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Committee Reports

Maintenance / Sewer and Water / Road and Bridges

Jeff Hince reported that the maintenance crew is preparing equipment for winter and snow removal activities. A new pickup truck and skid steer has been purchased, with the existing truck and skid steer being traded in.

Planning

Jane Kansier reported that a public hearing for a proposed monopole communications tower at 2735 Vermillion River Trail has been scheduled for the Planning Commission meeting on November 5th.

It was reported that auto dealership at 20485 Chippendale Ave has applied to renew their IUP. The application increases the number of vehicles to be stored on the lot and proposes to store cars in front of the fence. Because of the proposed changes in the IUP, the Town Board recommended that a public hearing be held for this IUP.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

FYI:

The Town Board reviewed information from Dakota County regarding the joint meeting with the Empire Planning Commission to discuss updates with the County Transportation Plan; Charter Communications regarding service charge and channel lineup changes; Dakota County regarding Emerald Ash Borer field workshops.

The Town Board Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Ed Gerten, Vice Chairman, Town Board

Charles Seipel, Clerk – Treasurer