

## **Empire Township Meeting Minutes December 13, 2016**

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Holmes at 8:00 p.m...

**Present were:** Terry Holmes, Jamie Elvestad, Ed Gerten, Kathleen Krippner, Jeff Hince, Denise Williamson, Dean Johnson and Brian Hilgardner

**Agenda:** Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the agenda. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Meeting Minutes:** Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting on November 22, 2016, Planning Commission meeting on December 6, 2016 and Park and Rec November 28, 2016. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Treasurer Report:** Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the unaudited treasurer report as read. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Visitor:** Deputy Sheriff Mike Lohman reported that there has been mail theft in the area. Also unlocked vehicles have had robberies. Make sure to lock all vehicles.

**Bills to be paid:** Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$120,577.25. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Maintenance / Sewer and Water / Road and Bridges**

The MNDNR needs to get Jeff's approval about closing the minimum maintenance road. Residents request that the snow be plowed in the center of cul-de-sacs. Our cul-de-sacs are not designed for that. They need room for emergency vehicles, garbage trucks etc...

#### **Bolton & Menk**

Brian heard that Castle Rock is having a Public Hearing on Highway 3 improvements. In January we should hear about the highway safety application.

#### **Old Business:**

Jamie Elvestad made a motion that a 3% raise for the four full time persons. Denise is still on 6 month trial period. She will get 3% March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and Holiday pay if the holiday falls on a Tuesday or Thursday. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the Sub recipient Agreement after discussion of Adam Dowd's letter of concern. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**New Business:**

Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the Water/Sewer 2017 Assessments. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at

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Terry Holmes – Chairman Town Board

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Kathleen B. Krippner, Clerk - Treasurer