

MINUTES-REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – December 11, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PRESENT: John Wetzel (Midwestern), Helen Kleeman, Cathy Crossley, Bill Cotton, Janice Harpenau, Dan Hayden, Monte Striegel and Tim Nelson

COUNCIL & EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Jane Efinger-Hayden, Linda Crawford, Brandon Kleeman, Chris Goffinet, Sharman Jarboe, Bret Kleeman, Stephen Poehlein and Jay Oliva

ABSENT: None

The meeting began with the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

Time sheets were previously signed by Jay and returned to Jane.

Jay Oliva, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agendas, mail, correspondence, financials and minutes were distributed. Sharman made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Brandon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

John Wetzel-(Midwestern)-gave an update on the water treatment plant along with Monte from CH&M and Tim from Midwestern. The plant is in operation and producing water. There is a small punch-list to be completed, i.e., painting, etc. We are at substantial completion. Bret brought up an issue with a cosmetic problem when a hydraulic line was hit and sprayed the front of the building. Much discussion on painting, grinding, sandblasting, staining, etc. Monte will look into this. ***There is a change order for Fulton hill on the slide. The tank up there is out of service due to a broken line. Waiting on the easement from the owner. It is not signed. Jeff Meinders is taking care of this. He was advised that the owner wants us to promise to take care of the road to his place. This would be too costly in the future for the town. We would be forever obligated. The lawyer advised the only other option would be condemnation. This would take months. Appraisals, lawsuit, court-appointed appraisers, etc. This would be a lengthy holdup. ***Advised the budget looks like 100,000 in contingency, 29,000 for change order and that leaves approximately 70,000 left. We are approximately 30,000 under budget, which actually cancels out the first 2 change orders. Not sure about legal fee finality yet. May not need the entire 83,000 pledged from electric. Possibly about 30-40,000. ***Brandon made a motion to pay the most recent pay request and Bret seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. ***Brandon made a motion to accept the change order and Bret seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. ***Linda made a motion and Brandon seconded to accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion. All in favor. Motion carried. The town will now take over operations and maintenance. Jane has contacted the insurance company and they have been in contact with Midwestern for information needed. ***Advised that there were no readings done on Friday, Saturday or Sunday and we are in violation of IDEM and Tim will be going on vacation soon for the holidays. A motion to hire Pudder as a utility worker immediately was made by Brandon and seconded by Linda. Bret was in favor. Sharman and Jay were opposed. Motion carried 3-2. Jane will have the office personnel take off Tom’s number and put Pudder’s number back on the emergency contact line.

JANE: Jane advised the annual fire contract from the Trustee needed signed. Sharman made a motion to sign and Brandon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

JAY: Advised he is resigning immediately from the Zoning board.

OLD BUSINESS: None and no other correspondence.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. A motion was made by Brandon and seconded by Bret. All in favor. Motion carried. The next meeting will be on January 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., CST.



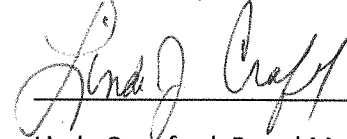
Victor Schutzius, Board Member




Bret Kleeman, Board Member



Brandon Kleeman, Board Member



Linda Crawford, Board Member



ATTEST: Kerry Schutzius Kleeman

Clerk/Treasurer