

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Buffalo met at the Town of Buffalo office at 6:00 PM on June 13, 2023. Trustees present were Traci Routier, Elizabeth Henderson, & Sarah Sabo. The employees present were Ryan Smith, Erica Wagner as secretary, and Dusty Ginsbach as attorney.

GUESTS: Randy Routier, BC Struble, Bill Anders, Loren Pierce, Deb Marco, Karen Teigen

President Routier called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

AGENDA: A motion to approve amending the agenda to add temporary liquor license was made by Henderson, 2nd Sabo. All approved – motion passed.

MINUTES: A motion made by Henderson, 2nd by Sabo to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2023, regular board meeting. All approved – motion passed.

BAR REPORT: No one present.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Sheriff Wyatt Sabo, and Deputy Isaac Cadet were present. Sheriff Sabo introduced Deputy Kadet to the board.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion made by Sabo, 2nd by Henderson to approve the monthly bills. All approved – motion passed.

General payroll:

Public Works Supervisor, Finance Office-June wages-6889.71, Dump attendant-June wages-1026.01, Rec Center Cleaner-June wages-256.44, EFTPS-Social Security, Medicare, Federal Tax Withholding-, SDRS-June contributions-1100.00, Sales Tax-Amazon-supplies-786.76, Badger meter-monthly fee-226.10, Black Hills Chemical-Rec floor-93.35, Black Hills Pioneer-Legal/advertising-112.69, Buffalo Hardware-supplies-4913.49, Elan Card (PB&T)-41.30, DANR-environmental fee-180.00, Grand Electric-2102.25, H&L-supplies-59.18, Metering & Technology Solutions-commercial meters-2410.36, Metzger/Holcomb-270.16, NWSD Landfill-monthly fee-3586.66, Nutrien Ag Solutions-Mosquito fogger-1040.00, Olson fuels-45.05, Olson Propane-3942.69, R.Smith-reimbursement-86.99, Servall-206.37, Town of Buffalo-clinic utilities-83.99, Town of Buffalo-postage/petty cash-64.74, USA Blue Book-water supplies-280.12, USPS-yearly box fee-114.00, Verizon-cell phone-42.55, WRCTC-phone & internet-271.14

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

BC Struble attended the meeting and would like to talk to the fire department about part of his driveway on Oinas Lot 13, being used by the department. He also asked for a building permit. Struble and the Fire Department will be on the agenda for next month's meeting. Loren Pierce brought up the speed limit through town on Hwy 85. He said that many trucks are coming through town much faster than that. Discussion on having a new deputy in town was held, with hopes of eventually everyone will slow down.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Planning & Zoning: Bill Anders, along with Loren Pierce and Deb Marco from Three Toes Campground were present to discuss getting a permit for their property. Both permits had been recommended to move on to the town board from the planning and zoning board. Motion to accept Bill Anders easement change on Sage and 3rd St. was made by Henderson, 2nd by Sabo.

Three Toes Campground improvements/additions were also approved by a motion made by Sabo, 2nd by Henderson. All in favor.

Lagoon Pasture Lease: 30 acres at the lagoon pasture owned by the Town was up for its 5-year lease. 3 sealed bids were at the meeting. Lane Stirling \$376, Rick Hand \$150, Clifford Claypool \$800. The motion to allow Claypool to have the 2023-2028 lease was made by Sabo, 2nd by T. Routier.

Law Enforcement Contract: Discussion was held with Sheriff Sabo, Deputy Cadet, and the town board. The board agreed with wanting to meet with the county commissioners in hopes of keeping a Deputy around by offering a better package split between the Town and County. Discussion about expectations of attending town meetings and seeing monthly documentation of time spent in town. A 60-day written notice that we will be amending the current contract has been sent to the County.

Tree trimming will be happening by the REC center and Slim Miller Park, along with other places Waddington's are hired at.

Tire rates: Discussion on what to do with tires since the place in Belle is going out of business and that is who takes the dumps tires. This will be on the follow up.

Surplus appraisals: 2 vehicles are up for Surplus. C1500 ½ ton pickup, and the Green/White International. Motion to take sealed bids on the ½ ton pickup was made by Henderson, 2nd by Sabo. All in favor.

Bar: Attorney Dusty Ginsbach was present to discuss the opening of the City Bar on Memorial Day. A strongly worded letter will be sent, as our Ordinance states that bars are to be closed on Memorial Day, and the city was open. The board decided to investigate repealing that Ordinance, as it doesn't follow the State rules. Repealing restrictions on Holiday alcohol sales will be on next month's agenda.

Roadside Park Bathrooms: The roadside park bathrooms have been closed since Covid. R. Smith said he had numerous problems with vandalism, needles being left, and campers plugged into the bathroom before Covid hit. The board decided to open the bathrooms, and Smith is to document any damage happening. We will try to have them open until Labor Day, and then they will be winterized.

Liquor Permits: Blossoms & Brew liquor license for 6/17 benefit, along with Chamber of Commerce temporary beer licenses for Summer in the Streets on 6/20, 7/18, and 8/15 were approved. Motion to approve was made by Henderson, 2nd by Sabo.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS:

MISC: T. Routier brought up looking into SD Fit for investing money, this will be on follow up.

Executive Session:

At 7:50 pm, T. Routier made a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel reasons, Henderson 2nd. At 8:11 the board was out of Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business, Routier declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be July 11, 2023, at 6:00PM at the Town of Buffalo office.

SIGNED: _____/s/ Traci Routier
Traci Routier, President

ATTEST: _____/s/ Erica Wagner
Erica Wagner, Finance Officer