

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Buffalo met at the Town of Buffalo Office at 5:00PM on September 10, 2024. Trustees present: Larry Blankenbaker, Elizabeth Henderson, Traci Routier, Kelcee Vroman arrived during meeting. Employees present: Jaylene Stirling, Ryan Smith, Natalie Bassett, Dusty Ginsbach. Guests present: Randy Routier, Matt Mickley, Derek Bierschbach, Wyatt Sabo.

President Blankenbaker called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Henderson made a motion to approve the agenda – Routier second. All approved – motion passed.

2023 AUDIT RECAP: Mickley and Bierschbach from Casey Peterson, LTD gave their report and findings from the 2023 Audit. The report is available to view at the Town of Buffalo Office and on the website.

President Blankenbaker called a recess at 5:44.

President Blankenbaker called the meeting back in session at 6:00PM.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Routier made a motion to approve the bills after asking Stirling to check on the Servall contract. Henderson second. All approved – motion passed.

SEPTEMBER PAYROLL: Board Members - \$750; Public Works/Finance Office - \$9,583.33; Summer Help - \$1,480.50; Dump Attendant - \$1,122; Rec Center Cleaner - \$192.50; Attorney - \$458.33.

SEPTEMBER BILLS: Harding County Summer Rec - \$675 – Swimming Lessons; BH Pioneer - \$147.40 – advertising; Nation Center News - \$68.14 – legal; Nutrien - \$780 – supplies; Badger Meter - \$241.53 – services; Dillon and Jennie Glines - \$950 – services; Amazon - \$321.74 – supplies; Town of Buffalo - \$82.75 – services; Elan Financial Statement - \$261.84 – supplies; Mandy Morris - \$156 – services; H+L- \$34.39 – supplies; WRCTC - \$286.31 – services; Grand Electric - \$2,669.43 – services; Harding County School - \$318.08 – supplies; BH Pest Control - \$325 – supplies; Hawkins - \$3,261.40 – supplies; Northwest SD Regional Landfill - \$3,082.20 – services; Valley Sweeping - \$7,458.75 – services; Metering and Technology Solutions - \$1,051.72 – supplies; Servall - \$276.88 – supplies; Intuit QuickBooks - \$211.34 – services; Olson Fuels - \$166.63 – supplies; Olson Propane - \$1,212.20 – services; Buffalo Hardware - \$954.52 – supplies

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Routier made a motion to add Ginsbach name to the minutes from August 13, and August 20, and August 27 minutes and approve after that change is made. Henderson second. All approved – motion passed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Sheriff Sabo was present to let the board know that Deputy Cadet is no longer working for the Harding County Sheriff's Office. They are currently advertising and hoping to have someone hired within the next month. Sheriff Sabo let the board know that he had been patrolling 3rd Street East.

BAR REPORT/LIQUOR LICENSES: A bar report was available; they are having some issues with the ice machine. Stirling was asked to investigate this. No liquor licenses were requested.

NEW AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

SWIM LESSONS: Table to next month due to no one here to present.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS: The current list of volunteer firefighters includes: Bill Anders, Matthew Biggs, Jim Blaha, Chek Giannonatti, Kole Hand, John Helms, Tyrel Johnson, Jaden Klempel, Jewel Lyons, John Latham, Randy Lyons, Bryce Matthews, Dalton McCann, Harley Mollman, Steve Nation, Shaine Odell, Sam Olson, Lonny Parmely, Zion Powell, Devin Reppe, Tom Roberts, Jim Pickett, Amanda Schleuning, Brandon Schleuning, Brian Teller, Jae Stenerson, Lane Stirling, Chase Stugelmeyer, Troy Stugelmeyer, Aniceto Villalon.

2025 BUDGET: 2nd reading was held for the 2025 Budget. A special meeting to approve the budget will be September 17, 2024, at 4:15PM at the Town of Buffalo Office.

ORDINANCE 200: A third reading of Ordinance 200 was held; Ginsbach established a new ordinance to consolidate other water ordinances.

ORDINANCE 168 & 182: A first reading of a new ordinance was held to combine these.

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT: Stirling reported that Bassett is doing an exceptional job so far.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Smith reported that there will be jetting of the sewer line is happening the week of September 23rd.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS

IM28: Henderson made a motion to sign Resolution 2024 – Town of Buffalo, SD from the SDML. Routier second. Roll call vote: Henderson -aye, Vroman – aye, Routier – aye, Blankenbaker – aye. Carried unanimously. Stirling will get that sent this week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

MISC:

OCTOBER MEETING DATE: Stirling brought to the attention of the board that both her and Natalie will be gone the second week of October. The board asked her to have everything ready for the meeting by October 8th, and they will still have the regularly scheduled meeting.

DONATING PAY: Stirling had a fill in dump attendant request that instead of being paid he donate that money toward someone's bill that could use the assistance. She was advised to pay him and he can donate it back.

RECLAMATION: L. Giannonatti contacted board members about reclaiming the fire line that was put in place. When it was initially done landowners were made aware that it would not be reclaimed. Ginsbach advised there is a law that for the good of the public you can use someone else's property to save the town. Ginsbach gave a brief discussion on the doctrine of public necessity and stated that the greater good takes precedence. The board asked Smith to look into prices to reclaim the fire line.

LABOR DAY: Discussion was held about events surrounding Labor Day.

ADJOURNMENT

President Blankenbaker declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03PM. The next meeting will be the final reading of the 2025 Budget on September 17, 2024, at 4:15PM at the Town of Buffalo Office. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be October 8, 2024, at 6:00PM at the Town of Buffalo Office.

SIGNED: _____
Larry Blankenbaker, President

ATTEST: _____

Jaylene Stirling, Finance Officer

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