

HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00pm

ROLL CALL: Kramer called the meeting to order on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 6:00pm with the following members present: Ferguson, Kramer, Koontz, and Serviss. Harris was absent. Interested citizens and Attorney Hagg were also present. Pledge of Allegiance led by Kramer.

CALL FOR CHANGES: Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to accept the agenda as presented; vote: all aye, motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion made by Koontz and seconded by Serviss to amend the February 4, 2025, regular meeting minutes under Legal to be changed to "Discussion on composing a letter to be sent to Mr. Styles in response to a complaint filed" and amend under Public Works to be changed to "Update on streets for contracted work provided by Dan Holsworth"; vote: all aye, motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: All board members are responsible for refraining from discussion and voting on issues where they may have a conflict of interest.

TOWN UPDATES: Kramer stated the board will be looking at the future of the Public Works Department at a future work session, yet to be scheduled.

ENGINEER: Proposal for Madison well and vote to approve engineer to prepare Water Rights Permit is pending. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to approve Town Engineer to negotiate a purchase price for bentonite, not to exceed \$88 per ton and maximum of 430 tons to be used for lagoon expansion project (town will purchase this and deduct from bid amount awarded for lagoon expansion); vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Ferguson to allow Anthony to purchase snow making machine, not to exceed a total purchase price of \$5,500, for the purpose of lagoon maintenance (motion needed due to emergency of lagoons being at capacity); vote: all aye, motion carried. Town Engineer will initiate pump and haul with Hills Septic to pump excess from lagoon. Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to authorize Town Engineer to contact Town of Keystone to negotiate cost sharing of pump and haul from Hermosa lagoon to Keystone; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Koontz and seconded by Serviss to approve and authorize the board president to sign the Consulting Services Agreement for Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Agreement (Town of Hermosa and Pennington County) in the amount of \$5,400; vote: all aye, motion carried. Town Planner gave an update on TIF #2.

PLANNING & ZONING: Motion by Serviss and seconded by Koontz to approve Permit 2024-32-Floodplain Development – 268 Mc Dermand Street; vote: all aye, motion carried. Administrative Assistant Dybvig presented Permit 2025-03-Residential Building Application-390 Whitney Street-approved 2/11/2025, as an FYI.

CLAIMS: Motion made by and seconded by to approve Payroll and Claims as presented; vote: all aye, motion carried; A & B BUSINESS, staples for printer/copier, \$81.18; BANK WEST, classic web banking fee, \$25.00; BANKWEST CREDIT CARD, light bulbs/adobe software/desk organizer, \$106.90; BAROQUE ADVANTAGE LLC, Pay Application #2, \$37,000.00; BENESCH, North Water Tank Engineering Fees, \$21,605.00; CITY OF HILL CITY, purchase of Vaktor Sewer Cleaning Truck, \$22,500.00; CONIFER CONSTRUCTION, Pay Application #2, \$45,000.00; TERRI CORNELISON, reimburse postage for SRF documents, \$10.10; CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF, dispatch contract – February-April 2025, \$2,000.00; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, 12' sewer cap/fluorescent paint/couplings/pump, \$1,319.45; ENGINEERED CONCRETE PRODUCTS, manhole/miscellaneous parts for lagoon expansion, \$10,500.00; EVENTBRITE, registration commercial applicator training- Monte Waltman, \$65.00; CHUCK FERGUSON, snow removal/lagoon pumping labor and fuel, \$917.34; GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES, monthly service – February 2025, \$567.00; HAGG & HAGG LLP, March retainer/7.25 billable hours @ \$275 per hour/174 copies, \$4,537.25; INDEPENDENT AUDIT SERVICES, final audit 2022-2023, \$1,875.00; KLJ, lagoon expansion, \$952.00; MILLS TRUCK SERVICE, 1 load clean rock/1 load base course, \$1,508.05; MT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE, phone/internet, 13498113, 1396395, 13512303, \$261.40; NELSON'S OIL & GAS, propane for town shop building, \$775.05; NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, muni test ball plug, extension hose for pump, \$542.44; SANDER SANITATION, monthly sanitation service – January 2025, \$4,158.96; SOUTHERN HILLS PUBLISHING, publishing/legal notices – January 2025, \$173.29; CRYSTAL WILES, trap/neuter/release program, \$90.00; **Accounts Payable Total: \$ 156,570.41.** Payroll related: Total Paid On:02/14/2025: General, \$2,888.01, Water, \$349.60, Sewer, \$209.76, Promoting City/ BBB,

\$69.92; EFTPS-Electronic Federal Tax, FED/FICA TAX, \$931.35; **Total Payroll Related Paid: \$4,448.64. REPORT TOTAL: \$161,019.05.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ABATEMENTS/COMPLAINTS: No items presented.

LEGAL: Attorney Hagg stated he would like to review the Extraterritorial Agreement with Pennington County once it is written.

PUBLIC WORKS: Ferguson provided updates on water and sewer departments.

FINANCE OFFICE: Monthly financials were presented. Finance Officer Cornelison notified the board that an email was received from the Rapid City Parks Department stating the surplus Christmas decorations will be given to the Town of Hermosa, according to their request. Cornelison has spoken with Progressive Insurance and confirmed that the digital speed sign that was destroyed in an accident that occurred on December 8, 2024, will be covered by the insurance company. The Town will need to purchase the speed sign and submit an invoice for re-imbursement. The Town of Hermosa will hold their Local Board of Equalization on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, starting at 6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS: Copies of the six 2024 Volunteer of the Year nominations were provided to the board and will discuss them at the next regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Koontz to approve and authorize the board president to sign BRIC Grant award letter; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to approve and authorize board president to sign the revised Letter of Commitment for FEMA BRIC funding; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Koontz to authorize the Finance Officer to compose a letter per a request from Breezy Simpson in support of the town's approval (as required per SDCL 22-25-25) of bingo games to be held with proceeds to be used for the purpose of supporting the cost of the 2025 Christmas Parade and Events; vote: all aye, motion carried.

CITIZENS/TRUSTEE INPUT: Audience and trustees had input.

The board had a five-minute break.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to enter Executive Session allowable by SDCL 1-25-2.1 – Contracts at 8:59 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion made by Serviss and seconded by Koontz to exit Executive Session at 10:37 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Koontz and seconded by Serviss to accept the proposal from Greg Barnier to pay half of the \$880 Claycomb Consulting bill and for the town to be responsible for the other half; vote: all aye, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Koontz to adjourn meeting at 10:40 p.m., vote: all aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Terri Cornelison
Finance Officer

Linda Kramer
Town Board President

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