

**HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021 @ 5:00 PM**



ROLL CALL: Henrichsen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Henrichsen, Holsworth, King and Schumack. Flug absent. Ferguson and Boddicker also present. Attorney Johnson, Daggett, Westergard, joined at 6:00. Several interested citizens also present.

Board reviewed the WRT and water/sewer infrastructure extension engineering proposals. Motion by Holsworth, second by Schumack, for board to review, and then meet on May 26 @ 6pm, (unpaid meeting) to further discuss the proposals; vote; Henrichsen, nay; Holsworth, aye, King, aye, Schumack, aye, motion carried.

CALL FOR CHANGES: Motion by Schumack, second by King, to accept the agenda as presented; vote; all motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Henrichsen, second by King, to approve, 5-4-21 Regular Meeting minutes; vote; all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Henrichsen, second by Schumack, to approve Claims; vote; all aye, motion carried. Black Hills Electric Coop., Inc., Monthly services, 3203.56; Dybvig, Jill, Mileage, Hermosa to Ft Pierre, 372 miles @.42, \$156.24; Golden West, Monthly charges, \$561.50; Johnson Law Office, Monthly Charges, \$578.00; McLeod's, Election packet, box, \$81.36; Payment Service Network, Monthly charges, \$77.95; Rural Development 1, \$1,278.00; Rural Development 2, \$417.00; Rural Development 3, \$222.00; SD Dept of Revenue, March/April 2021 Sales tax payable, \$449.84; SDML Assoc of Code Enforcement, Dybvig, Henrichsen, Daggett, Westergard, \$240.00; Westergard, Brad, Monthly services, \$300.00; Yesway, Ft Pierre, Daggett, Fuel, \$50.50; Payroll related: Finance Department, \$2,560.00; Law Enforcement, \$808.55; Gail Boddicker, Health insurance, \$200.00; Jim Daggett, Health insurance, \$200.00; EFTPS, 941 payroll tax deposit, \$830.22; TOTAL: \$12,214.72

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ ABATEMENTS/ COMPLAINTS: Daggett provided updates to include dog running at large issue, erratic driving, jumped gas bill, 911 hang-up, domestic issue. The Neighborhood Watch program is gaining citizen attendance. A welfare check was conducted. Law Enforcement officers attended a Code Enforcement training. The town is overrun with homeless cats. Concerned with no guard rail on new box culvert. Semi parking in town discussion. Abatement discussion, who is conducting abatements this season – no action. “Earn A Bike” program received thirteen applications. The program is part of the Safe Routes to Schools initiative. As part of the program, a bike safety class will be held on June 5 and the bike rodeo is scheduled for June 12. Daggett reported there is a continual problem with an erratic motorcyclist in the area. Westergard offered to research costs for body cams. Problem with large tree limbs and stumps being placed in the yard waste dumpsters on 1st Street. Yard waste dumpsters on 1st Street are for local garbage customers only and yard waste only should be placed in the dumpsters as opposed to large limbs and stumps.

LEGAL: None.

ENGINEER: Water Rehab Project, pending. N Second Street Box Replacement: Holsworth to call DOT inspector to discuss concerns with the final project. Sewer Project, Hermosa Sidewalk Project, Water Project, all pending. Motion by Holsworth, second by Schumack, to put water and sewer projects on the May 26, special meeting agenda; vote; all aye, motion carried. Holsworth requested Harris to review the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program to begin planning for the town sidewalk next phase.

PUBLIC WORKS: Ferguson reported Fairgrounds Place Road is in need of repair. Streetlights, no report. Emergency horn was repaired. Ferguson requested to begin installing the personal boosters in the citizen’s homes. Lagoon will be pumped in the next few weeks.

FINANCE OFFICER: Monthly financials provided. Department updates included: election process is underway, absentee voting is open. Canvass the Vote is scheduled for June 15, 2021. The playground equipment offered by the school needs to be off the premises by June 7. Safety Benefits representative met with Public Works, Law Enforcement and Finance Officer. It was suggested the town should purchase body cams for Law Enforcement. Safety Benefits final report will be forthcoming. North town citizen’s water heater was impaired when water lines were damaged during bridge construction. Motion by Henrichsen, second by Schumack, to provide \$200.00 towards the purchase of new water heater; vote; all aye, motion carried. Discussion on Medical Marijuana Ordinance – Attorney Johnson to provide assistance with drafting an ordinance for board’s review. Motion by Holsworth, second by Henrichsen, to approve 2021 Election Board: Sandy Taylor, Superintendent, Collette Kellogg, Deputy, Kathy Pillen, Deputy, Amber Thomason, Alternate; vote; all aye, motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING: Minutes not included in packet. Motion by Holsworth, second by Henrichsen, to approve Permit 2021-12, 140 N Wilder Blvd., Residential Building Permit; vote; all aye, motion carried. Custer Co. Ordinance No. 20 – open burning requires permit, pending.

OLD BUSINESS: Annexation: Gumbo Lilly, Fairgrounds Place, pending. Southern Black Hills Water System presentation, pending. Southern Hills RV Park and Campground, pending. Preston Family Inc: J. Preston requesting timeline when he can give their contractors the go ahead to begin the project. Preston will work with his engineer to submit the plat. Water/sewer infrastructure, pending. Motion by Holsworth, second by Henrichsen, to remove, “Citizen water heater issue” from agenda; vote; all aye, motion carried. Playground equipment, discussed under Finance Officer. Discussion also included the plans for the town park. Board suggested asking for community involvement for park plan. Also suggested putting a map of the land and inviting citizens to provide their ideas for a new park.

NEW BUSINESS: Financial agreement with SD DOT, pending. Motion by Holsworth, second by King, to approve 50.01 Application for Water Connection Permit; vote; all aye, motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 50, WATER PROVISIONS, OF THE TOWN OF HERMOSA ORDINANCES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF HERMOSA THAT SUBSECTION 50.01, GENERAL RULES OF CHAPTER 50 IS AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR: INCREASING WATER CONNECTION RATES ORDINANCE.

§ 50.01 APPLICATION FOR WATER CONNECTION PERMIT.

(B) The cost of such tap shall be based on the size of the meter:

	<i>Residential</i>	<i>Commercial</i>
1"	\$1000.00	\$2000.00
1 1/2"	\$1000.00	\$2000.00
2"	\$1250.00	\$2500.00

(C) If larger taps are required than depicted in the above table, the rates will increase \$250.00 per one inch increments for residential and will increase \$500.00 per one inch increments for commercial.

ITEMS FROM CITIZENS: None.

TRUSTEE INPUT: King: requested board to keep on course of future permitting processes. Holsworth appreciated the direction the town is moving, prayers to the Boll and the Schumack families. Schumack thanked the Neighborhood Watch program for their endeavors. Henrichsen: stated she has received questions from citizens regarding the conflict between herself and colleague, Holsworth. Henrichsen stated she has offered to hire a mediator, talk it out, to no avail. Henrichsen read two quotes, “Just because a person doesn’t put their hands on you, doesn’t mean they aren’t abusive. Abuse is control, blatant disrespect, and hurtful words. Don’t settle for emotional abuse thinking it is okay because it is not physical.” “Emotional abuse is designed to undermine another sense of self. It is deliberate humiliation with the intent to seize control of how others feel about themselves.” Henrichsen stated, she has felt the emotional sting during her tenure and has rarely risen to the accusations made by her colleague.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Henrichsen; second by Schumack to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Vicki Henrichsen, Town Board President

ATTEST:

Gail Boddicker, Finance Officer

Published once at the approximate cost of ____