

HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2026
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00 p.m.

Amended 7-7-2026



ROLL CALL: Serviss called the meeting to order on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call was held with Ferguson, Matheny, Miller, and Serviss in attendance. Kramer joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Interested citizens and Town Attorney James were also present. Pledge of Allegiance led by Serviss.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Joan Harris addressed the board stating there were two sewer collapses on Manning Street and that the town should check for further damage. Margie Jurens stated she believes there is an ordinance book missing from the town office. Connie Leimer also spoke on the missing ordinance book.

CALL FOR CHANGES: Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Miller to add Item 19A Monthly Financial Reports, add Item 7B FEMA BRIC Grant monthly progress report and approve agenda as amended; vote: four aye and one abstain, motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Matheny and seconded by Miller to approve June 9, 2026, meeting minutes; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Miller to approve June 15, 2026, special meeting minutes; vote: four aye and one nay, 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. There will be roll call voting for any agenda items that may have a conflict of interest.

LEGAL: Town Attorney James reviewed an Open Meeting complaint received for the Town of Hermosa. James also reported he is looking into the FEMA BRIC Grant billing as requested. The item of addressing recovery of missing keys and assets has been resolved.

TOWN UPDATES: A forum for a community discussion on streets has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at the American Legion Post 303 starting at 6:30 p.m. A presentation was given by Jason Matteo, Certified Floodplain Manager, who is working with ATAC on the FEMA BRIC Grant.

BREAK: The board took a short break and reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

CITIZEN/STAKEHOLDER ITEMS: Discussion was held with the Preston Family regarding funds given to the town for water and sewer tap fees for a development that was never started. The family requested that the full funding, including interest from the CD where some of the funds were put in, be given back to the family. Town Attorney James will work with the Attorney for the Preston Family to try to come to an agreement and the board will meet again on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss.

PLANNING & ZONING: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Matheny to adjourn as Board of Trustees at 7:47 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Miller to reconvene as the Planning & Zoning Commission at 7:47 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried.

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Motion by Matheny and seconded by Miller to approve temporary sign permit for TW Bar; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to approve temporary sign permit for American Legion Post 303; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Matheny to approve water and sewer connection application for parcel #009325 – T. Pulis. Motion died for a lack of a second. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to recommend approval of water and sewer connection application for parcel #009325 – T. Pulis, upon notification from DANR that lift station supports additional homes. Motion was amended by Matheny and seconded by Serviss to also include parcel #009326. Vote on amendment: four aye and one abstain, motion carried. Vote on original motion: four aye and one abstain, motion carried. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to approve digging permit for parcel #009326 – T. Pulis; vote: four aye and one abstain, motion carried. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Matheny to approve digging/right of way permit for parcel #009327 with stipulation if town or utility company needs to work in right of way, the cost of repair will be on the homeowner; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Miller to adjourn as Planning & Zoning Commission at 8:17 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Ferguson to reconvene as Board of Trustees at 8:17 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion held on possible new water rates. Oath of Office was administered to Town Planner Neil Putnam by Chairman Serviss. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Ferguson to approve no fee for licensing of service/companion pets. Motion was amended by Kramer and seconded by Ferguson to remove companion pets. Vote on amendment: all aye, motion carried. Vote on original motion: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Serviss to approve the change order request for Quinn Construction in the amount of \$1,600.00; vote: four aye and one abstain, motion carried. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to hold off on response to State Electrical Commission until the next regular BOT meeting; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Serviss to approve replacement of the booster pump at 40 Taz Court; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to table the remaining unresolved Old Business Items until the next regular BOT meeting (includes 10C Review and make recommendation for harassment letter, 10D Appointment & Oath of Office Town Floodplain Administrator, 10E Appointment & Oath of Office Town Engineer, 10G Approve meeting agenda policy, 10H Review logo and discuss possible changes, 10J Discuss new areas to get bulk water from, 10M Approve replacements of remaining residential booster pumps, 10O Discussion on background checks for contractors and 10P Discuss identifiable vests and vehicle signage for operators and workers); vote: all aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Matheny and seconded by Miller to approve amended Change Order #1 for Quinn Construction in the amount of \$9,100.00; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Miller to table Item 11B Approve Invoice from Digerup Dirtworks & Construction for \$8,163.28 until the next regular BOT meeting; vote: three aye, two nay, motion carried. Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Matheny to have Buzz's Lawn Care mow town property one time and board can evaluate; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Matheny to allow Monte Waltman to spray for mosquitos at his own discretion; vote: all aye, motion carried. Discussion was held on water facilities plan and will be further discussed in a future meeting or work session. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Matheny to approve invoice from Rapid Rooter in the amount of \$472.59 for clean out at 280

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Manning Street; vote: three aye, one nay and one abstain, motion carried. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Miller to repeal motion from April 7, 2026, meeting "Motion by Koontz and seconded by Kramer to approve engineer to complete all engineering for all outstanding projects regardless of funding source. Motion was amended by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to exclude actions related to ballot measures; vote on amendment: two aye and three nays, motion failed. Original motion was amended by Matheny and seconded by Kramer to add plans and process would be approved by DANR before going to bid; vote on amendment: three aye and two nay, motion carried. Vote on original motion: three aye and two nays, motion carried."; vote: four aye and one abstain, motion carried.

BREAK: The board took a short break and reconvened at 9:29 p.m.

CLAIMS: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Ferguson to approve payroll for June 15, 2026, and claims for June 23, 2026, excluding American Legal Publishing claim for \$495.00; vote: all aye, motion carried.

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
CONNIE LEIMER	TRAP/NEUTER/RELEASE-PUT CAT DOWN	\$70.00
TERRI CORNELISON	REIMBURSE MILEAGE TO FO SCHOOL	\$294.80
KIEFFER		
SANITATION	MONTHLY SANITATION FEE	\$4,242.81
MT RUSHMORE		
TELEPHONE	PHONE – 2 LINES/FAX/INTERNET MONTHLY FEE	\$259.81
QUINN		
CONSTRUCTION	PAY APP #3 NORTH WATER TANK PROJECT	\$265,846.79
SIEGEL BRNETT &	ALTERNATE ATTORNEY FEES-MAR/APR/MAY	
SCHUTZ	2026	\$6,300.00
SOUTHERN HILLS		
LAW	ATTORNEY FEES-MAY 2026	\$270.00
Accounts Payable		
Total		\$277,284.21
Payroll Related		
Total Paid on		
6/15/2026		
	Legislative, Financial Administration, Govt Blds	\$2,656.64
	Water	\$378.36
	Sewer	\$227.01
	Promoting City/BBB	\$89.82
HEALTH EQUITY	HSA	\$62.50
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$1,332.74
Payroll Total		\$4,747.07
***** REPORT		
TOTAL *****		\$282,031.28

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WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT: Kramer reported on well leak on Tower Hill and the need to dig ditch to divert the leaking water. John Burkhard has contacted Midco Diving and received a quote of approximately \$4,500.00 to clean sediment and patch tank. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Ferguson to hire Midco Diving & Marine Services to clean sediment and put temporary fix on leaking water tower as soon as they can get to it; vote: all nay, motion failed. This item will be placed on the next regular BOT meeting agenda. Burkhard reported that the well is full again after the majority of the bulk water hauling has been completed. Burkhard is expecting a quote by the end of the week from Action Mechanical for meter repairs that have current work orders.

SEWER DEPARTMENT REPORT: Matheny has followed up on the electrical inspection of the wastewater treatment plant. A lock has been placed on the Ferguson Lift Station for security. There is opportunity for board to attend small water treatment training and basic wastewater treatment training **or the training can be provided to the board at a special meeting.**

STREET DEPARTMENT: The town's supply of base course gravel has been depleted, but there is still some rip rap.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Ferguson reported on complaints received concerning the license plate cameras placed on Highway 40 by DCI. She will be receiving some brochures concerning that project and should be available by the next regular BOT meeting.

ABATEMENT/COMPLAINTS: The board reviewed a complaint for RV parking at 129 3rd Street. Trustee Kramer addressed the board as the RV belongs to her. Kramer stated she is grandfathered in as she has used and maintained that right of way for the past forty years and requested the town consider quit claiming 20' on the east side and 20' on the south side of her corner lot. The board also reviewed a complaint for ~~129 3rd~~ **360 Vilas** Street regarding RV Parking/Use. The RV has since been removed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: It was stated that the TW Bar has been a good addition to the town.

FINANCE OFFICE: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Matheny to remove Koontz and Kramer and add Serviss and Miller as authorized signers to the Bank West checking account and to also keep Cornelison as an authorized signer; vote; all aye, motion carried. Monthly financial reports were presented. Cornelison stated she had reformatted the report to coincide with the end of the month balances reported and also showing revenues and expenses for the current month.

CLOSING COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Phil Preston stated it had been a good productive meeting.

TRUSTEE INPUT: Kramer thanked everyone for attending and all the hard work that has been done. Miller thanked everyone as well. Matheny did not have a comment. Ferguson stated it was a good meeting, but very long. Serviss thanked everyone for coming.

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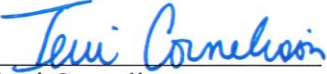
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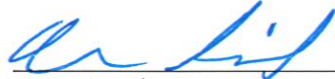


EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Miller to enter Executive Session allowable by SDCL 1-25-2.4 – Contracts at 10:13 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Kramer to exit Executive Session at 10:43 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. There were no motions made out of Executive Session.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Miller to adjourn meeting at 10:44 p.m., vote: all aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:


Terri Cornelison
Finance Officer


Aaron Serviss
Town Board President

