

**HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00pm**

ROLL CALL: Kramer called the meeting to order on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Kramer, Ferguson, Koontz, Serviss. Harris was available via the phone. Interested citizens, Attorney Hagg and Town Engineer Theodorou were also present. Pledge of Allegiance led by Kramer.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Harris and seconded by Serviss to approve April 15, 2025, regular meeting minutes and April 22, 2025, special meeting minutes as presented; 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: Joan Harris gave an update on current FEMA grant. Serviss inquired about the bulk water permit for the Custer County Fair Board as they will need water for the arena during roping events. Kramer apologized for the impromptu work session that was held before the last meeting on April 22, 2025.

ENGINEER: Motion by Serviss and seconded by Koontz to authorize Benesch Engineering to prepare a request for proposal for the water treatment system; vote: four aye and one abstain, motion carried. Motion by Koontz and seconded by Ferguson to approve the \$1,150 payment for the water rights permit; vote: all aye, motion carried. Harris left the meeting at 6:25 p.m. as she could not hear everyone talking while trying to participate via the phone. Motion by Koontz and seconded by Serviss to approve the Pay Application to Baroque Advantage LLC in the amount of \$108,323.10; vote: all aye, motion carried. Theodorou shared that Benesch has been rated #101 in the nation for the top 500 design firms. Discussion was held on the possibility of obtaining an FRA grant to construct a pedestrian bridge over Vilas Street. DNR has approved the Hermosa Lagoon Expansion project change orders 5 through 7. DNR has also approved the North Water Tank design.

PLANNING & ZONING: Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Koontz to approve Permit #2025-10 – Roof Covering for Office Building Application – Parcel #004135- Mark & Francine Cropley; vote: all aye, motion carried. Discussion was held on requirements to obtain utility services on a lot located on Whitney Street between 5th Street and Highway 79 (TR Skillingstad West). Lot owner was encouraged to speak with the town engineer to address this.

CLAIMS: Motion made by Koontz and seconded by Serviss to approve the Payroll and Claims as presented; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion was amended by Koontz and seconded by Serviss to pend approval of Time Equipment Rental invoice until reduction made for damaged hoses; vote: all aye, motion carried. A & B BUSINESS, monthly printer/fax fee, \$560.05; BANKWEST, classic web banking fee, \$25.00; BANKWEST CREDIT CARD, volunteer awards/District 9 meeting/adobe/stamps/trash pump rental/paper and envelopes for comprehensive plan survey, \$1,585.10; BENESCH, On-call services/office support, \$770.00; BENESCH, lagoon expansion/new DNR permit engineering fees, \$3,619.53; BENESCH, wastewater treatment plant engineering fees, \$2,752.00; BENESCH, north water tank engineering fees, \$8,208.00; BENESCH, FY22 DWSRF project engineering fees, \$5,185.00; BENESCH, lone coyote water & sewer extension engineering fees, \$5,619.75; BENESCH, comprehensive plan update-final engineering fees, \$1,820.00; BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC COOP, monthly utilities, \$2,972.90; CONRAD'S BIG "C" ELECTRIC, repair light poles, \$1,311.46; CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF, dispatch contract May-June 2025, \$2,000.00; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, lagoon gate valves, valve box, parts for WWTP, wire tracer and pipes, \$16,805.04; CHUCK FERGUSON, April 2025 contract services, \$3,120.00; GOLDEN WASTE TECHNOLOGIES, email issues from new website domain/setup new administrative assistant computer, \$360.00; HARVEY'S LOCK SHOP, rekey evidence room lock, \$139.40; HAWKINS, water treatment chemicals, \$636.04; JP COOKE COMPANY, pet license tags, \$124.95; LINDSEY LUCKETT, reimburse fingerprinting fee, \$30.00; MIDCONTINENT TESTING LABORATORIES, water and lagoon testing, \$796.00; MILLER CONSTRUCTION, 2 loads base course, \$1,057.48; OFFICE DEPOT, printing calculator, \$97.69; RURAL DEVELOPMENT, RD 1 Loan-April 2025 interest & principal, \$1,278.00; RD2 Loan-April 2025 interest & principal, \$417.00, RD3 Loan-April 2025 interest & principal, \$222.00; SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION, annual fire extinguishers inspection, \$229.60; TIME EQUIPMENT RENTAL, rental of 4" trash pump, \$316.26; US BANK, May 2025 quarterly SRF loan payment, \$1,493.23; **Accounts Payable Total: \$63,551.48.** UTILITY DEPOSIT

REFUNDS: RON BANCROFT, \$100.00; BRETT THOMASON, \$77.79; **Deposit Refund Total: \$177.79.** Payroll related: Total Paid On:04/30/2025: General, \$3,875.30; Water, \$164.79; EFTPS-Electronic Federal Tax, FED/FICA TAX, \$1,015.80; SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT, \$659.96, HEALTH POOL OF SOUTH DAKOTA, \$1,043.57; **Total Payroll Related Paid: \$6,759.42. REPORT TOTAL: \$70,488.69.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT/ABATEMENTS/COMPLAINTS: Custer County log was provided.

LEGAL: No items presented.

PUBLIC WORKS: Ferguson provided updates on streets, street light repairs, water and sewer departments. Serviss and Holsworth gave an update on current street repair being completed. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Koontz to approve the purchase of two pallets of UPM product for street repair; vote: all aye, motion carried.

FINANCE OFFICE: Cornelison reported that Progressive Insurance has issued full payment on the digital speed sign that was damaged, and the town replaced. The SDML Annual Conference will be held in Pierre, SD, on September 30 through October 3, 2025. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Ferguson to approve the registration and travel expenses for Cornelison to attend Finance Officer School in Pierre, SD, June 11 – 13, 2025; vote: all aye, motion carried. The 2024 Annual Report will be presented to the board at the next regular meeting. The SDPAA insurance renewal was presented. Cornelison and Kramer will review and complete the renewal and present to the board at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion was held on the status of Roy's Drive Inn. Serviss reported that the owner is currently trying to sell the property. Consensus was to remove this item from any future agendas. Discussion was held on two residential water leaks. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to dismiss discussion on the water leak at 270 Manning Street (Rebecca Fulk) as resident has paid for meter replacement; vote: three aye and one abstain, motion carried. Motion by Koontz and seconded by Ferguson to follow ordinance and consider the water bill paid due to circumstances of meter reading with extensive testimony provided for 129 3rd Street (Linda Kramer); vote: three aye and one abstain, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to approve the 2025-2026 Retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine renewal applications for Corner Pantry Travel Center – License #RB2776, Pop's Grocery – License #RB-25133 and TW Saloon – License #RB-27834; vote: all aye, motion carried.

CITIZENS/TRUSTEE INPUT: Audience and trustees had input.

BREAK; Motion by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to approve a five-minute break before Executive Session is held; vote: all aye, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Serviss and seconded by Kramer to enter Executive Session allowable by SDCL 1-25-2.1 – Personnel 8:10 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to exit Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Kramer and seconded by Serviss to prepare, fix, clean and do what is necessary to law enforcement vehicle so we are prepared for new law enforcement officer, not to exceed a cost of \$1,500 (detailing, alignment and everything put back together) and to allow Serviss to do as much as he is willing or has time to do and things he cannot do we will make sure to get done – outsourced; vote: all aye, motion carried. Kramer set a work session for Tuesday, May 13, 2025, starting at 5 p.m.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to adjourn meeting at 8:27 p.m., vote: all aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Terri Cornelison
Finance Officer

Linda Kramer
Town Board President

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