

**HERMOSA TOWN BOARD
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025
REGULAR MEETING @ 6:00pm**

ROLL CALL: Koontz called the meeting to order on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:02 p.m. with the following members present: Ferguson, Koontz, Harris and Serviss. Kramer was available via the phone. Interested citizens and Attorney Hagg were also present. Pledge of Allegiance led by Koontz.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Kramer and seconded by Ferguson to approve April 1, 2025, regular meeting minutes and April 4, 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: Koontz stated the claims includes a payment to Bierschbach Equipment in the amount of \$5,085.00 for the purchase of a 4” trash pump and hoses that was needed to pump out pond B into the new retention pond at the lagoons. Motion by Harris and seconded by Kramer to approve the emergency appropriations for the purchase of the pump and hoses; vote: all aye, motion carried.

ENGINEER: Discussion was held on a request from Wade and Bridget Shorb for outstanding items. This will be discussed at a future work session. The board discussed the pump purchase to temporarily feed treatment plant. Engineer Theodorou will work on a change order for the estimated cost of \$699 to be put toward the control panel. Pay Application for Wastewater Treatment Plant is pending until the next meeting. Discussion was held on the Vilas crossing.

PLANNING & ZONING: Permit #2025-06 – Concrete lifting – 410 Manning St, was presented for informational purposes. Permit #2025-07 – Installing solar panels on garage – 780 Marie St was presented for informational purposes. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Kramer to approve Permit #2025-08 – Hen Permit Application – 41 N 4th St.; vote: all aye, motion carried. Renewal Permit #2024-12 – Hen Permit – 340 Manning St. was presented for informational purposes.

CLAIMS: Motion made by Serviss and seconded by Ferguson to separate Hagg claim pending executive session; vote: two aye, 3 nay, motion failed. Motion by Koontz and seconded by Ferguson to correct Koontz claim to be fuel for marshal vehicle. Motion was amended by Harris and seconded by Ferguson to reduce Hagg bill by \$33.25 for copies; vote: all nay, motion failed. Original motion amended by Koontz and seconded by Ferguson to approve the Payroll and Claims as presented with the correction to Koontz claim to state reimbursement for fuel for marshal vehicle; vote: four aye and 1 nay, motion carried. BAROQUE ADVANTAGE LLC, Pay Application #4, \$126,376.11; BIERSCHBACH EQUIPMENT, 4” trash pump and hoses, \$5,085.00; CUSTER COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS, filing fee for easement, \$30.00; DAKOTA PUMP, Lagoon lift station pumps, \$18,906.11; EMTEC LLC, electric service for wastewater treatment plant, \$3,328.55; CHUCK FERGUSON, lagoon pumping/fuel/2 hours backhoe/roundtrip to Rapid City, \$2,037.52; GETTYSBURG FLAG WORKS, Hermosa flags x 3, \$731.95; GOLDENWEST TECHNOLOGIES, monthly service – April 2025, \$559.00, GOLDENWEST TECHNOLOGIES, access administrative assistant computer/back-up, \$270.00; HAGG & HAGG LLP, May 2025 retainer/9.5 billable hours @ \$275/hour/135 copies, \$5,145.75; HERMOSA COMMUNITY CENTER, rental of community center for comp plan survey meeting, \$50.00; KELBURN KOONTZ, 8’ wrench and fuel for marshal vehicle, \$79.14; LINDA KRAMER, fuel for lagoon pumping, \$54.12; MT RUSHMORE TELEPHONE, monthly service – April 2025, \$268.32; NELSON’S OIL & GAS, tank rental-lower pump house, \$36.00; PENNINGTON COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS, filing fee for easement, \$30.00; SANDER SANITATION, monthly sanitation service, \$4,142.19; SOUTHERN HILLS PUBLISHING, publishing/legal/marshal advertisement, administrative assistant advertisement, \$403.19; SOUTH DAKOTA 811, msg fee/voice out January-March 2025, \$18.90; US POSTAL SERVICE, annual PO box service fee, \$120.00; **Accounts Payable Total: \$167,671.85. Utility Deposit Refunds: HELEN NANCE, \$50.00; Deposit Refund Total: \$50.00.** Payroll related: Total Paid On:04/15/2025: General, \$1,882.67; EFTPS-Electronic Federal Tax, FED/FICA TAX, \$553.46; **Total Payroll Related Paid: \$2,436.13. REPORT TOTAL: \$170,157.98.**

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

LEGAL: Attorney Hagg gave an update on the voluntary annexation request had been withdrawn. Motion by Serviss to have letter drafted by town board on getting a second opinion on the voluntary annexation process. Motion died for a lack of a second.

PUBLIC WORKS: Ferguson provided updates on street snow removal, and water and sewer departments. Discussion was held on invoicing for two residential water leaks. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Harris to authorize the finance officer to bill for the water usage based on the recovered meter reading of old meter. Motion was amended by Ferguson and seconded by Koontz to bill for half of the metered water at an amount of \$200 with no additional costs to resident's utility bill. Vote on amended motion: all nay, motion failed. Vote on original motion: all nay, motion failed. Consensus of the board was to do more research and address at a future meeting.

FINANCE OFFICE: Monthly financials were presented. Motion by Harris and seconded by Ferguson to approve overtime hours for the finance officer to complete duties as needed until June 1, 2025; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Harris and seconded by Ferguson to allow the finance officer to assist the Custer School District with their school board election on June 3, 2025; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Serviss and seconded by Harris to approve the new hire of Lindsey Luckett as Administrative Assistant, contingent upon successful background check, with a wage of \$17 per hour and 6-month probation and a start date of April 16, 2025; vote: all aye, motion carried. Motion by Ferguson and seconded by Harris to allow the closure of the town office on Thursday, April 17, 2025, as Finance Officer Cornelison will be serving jury duty that day; vote: four aye and one abstain, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Roy's Drive Inn intends to open this season. Engineer Theodorou will speak with the owner of the drive inn to determine what is required for sewer operation.

NEW BUSINESS: No items presented.

CITIZENS/TRUSTEE INPUT: Audience and trustees had input.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No executive session was held.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Serviss to adjourn meeting at 9:16 p.m., vote: all aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Terri Cornelison
Finance Officer

Kelburn Koontz
Town Board Vice-President

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