**Town of Ellenburg**

**Office of the Town Clerk**

**Minutes of the Town Board**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**March 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

Supervisor, Jason Dezan, opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for friends that have passed on, Service men and women and first responders.

Roll Call: Jason Dezan Yes

Debra Grogan Yes

Neil Trombley Yes

Deryl Gregory Yes

Kevin Trombley Yes

Supervisor Dezan asked for a motion to pass the minutes from the February regular meeting.

Motion: Neil Trombley Second: Kevin Trombley

Vote: Grogan-Yes, N.Trombley-Yes, K.Trombley-Yes, Gregory-Yes, Dezan-Yes

Supervisor Dezan asked for a motion to enter in to executive session to discuss the new leaf application

Motion: Neil Trombley Second: Debra Grogan

Vote: K.Trombley-Yes, N.Trombley-Yes, Dezan-Yes, Grogan-Yes, Gregory-Yes

Time entered: 6:03 PM

There was a motion and a second to enter back in to regular session

Motion: Deryl Gregory Second: Kevin Trombley

Vote: Gregory-Yes, Grogan-Yes, Dezan-Yes, N.Trombley-Yes, K.Trombley-Yes

Time entered: 6:24 PM

Supervisor Dezan then read the monthly financial report for February 2024.

Motion: Debbie Grogan Second: Neil Trombley

Vote: Dezan-Abstain, K.Trombley-Yes, Gregory-Yes, N.Trombley-Yes, Grogan-Yes

Supervisor Dezan called for the town clerk’s report. Bethany Fortin stated that business is functioning as usual.

Supervisor Dezan asked if the Highway Superintendent had anything to report, Bradley reported he is still working with FEMA, looks like we are getting back around $500,000. The truck that caught on fire is being fixed and there is still no cause known as to what started the fire. Jason added that we are also looking at securing other monies to help with storm prevention. Jason stated that Connie Hamelin wrote a letter asking about the Blanche road being fixed and is very happy that it is on the agenda for this summer.

Supervisor Dezan then asked for the code officer’s report. Adam Trombley stated business is functioning as usual. Adam is training to re-certify.

JCEO report was next on the agenda. There will be someone new in the office next week. HEAP applications are still available at this time if anyone needs it.

Supervisor Dezan then called for the Historian’s report, Joan Hobbs reported she and Debbie have completed the Hometown Hero applications and sent them in. There will be two additional this year and that brings us to 66 total. Joan asked Brad if he could spare a town employee in May to help put them up. Joan stated the cemetery stone pictures that she is working on are still in progress but is working on getting them all together.

Supervisor Dezan stated that the Youth report was that basketball is going on. April there will be sign-ups for baseball and softball.

The next item on the agenda were council member reports:

Deryl Gregory – Deryl Gregory reported the following:

* Deryl reported he and Debbie attended the alternative energy meeting in Churubusco, there was not much info there, but they did have a subsequent meeting with Invenergy and a gentleman from Utica gave them more specifics about those projects.
  + Debbie added that we need to update our zoning laws
  + Deryl stated he brought up concerns about construction and traffic near the school.
* The next blood drive is April 20th
* The mat cat tournament is being held this weekend at the school
* Deryl stated that he had someone ask about availability of affordable housing grants. Perhaps we should reach out to Friends of the North Country and ask them for any information about this.

Debra Grogan – Debra Grogan reported the following

* Debra reported she got a call from Brandi Lloyd and is looking for poll inspectors for the upcoming elections. You receive $250 for the day. If you are interested please contact Debbie or Brandi Lloyd at Clinton County Board of Elections.

Neil Trombley – Neil Trombley reported the following:

* Neil reported that Ryan Davies contacted him about NAC school district, the Mobil station and the campground water issues. There are a lot of grants right now and he thinks that we could do a water system down there. Neil stated to him that we do not want to use taxpayer money for this and he stated that we may not have to. Neil and Jason are meeting with him this coming week to see if this is something that we may want to pursue. This would be the beginning of a town water system.

Kevin Trombley – Kevin Trombley reported the following:

* Kevin reported he went to the Depot commissioners meeting last night and the new fire truck will be coming in August of 25. They talked about small things going on but nothing that is large enough to be concerned about.

Supervisor Dezan then opened the floor to old business

* Jason stated we would move on if there was no old business.

Supervisor Dezan then opened the floor to new business

* Jennifer Jewett was here again to discuss her wishes about tethering laws again. She is gathering written and online petitions in support of these laws.
  + Jason will call Francis Peryea tomorrow about the support or lack thereof from Ellenburg
* The salt shed, the bond has been secured and is done and the first payment was made this morning.
* The mausoleum in February did 51 cremations.

The resolutions are the next topic of discussion:

**Resolution 24-45**

To pay vouchers 75 to 110 in the General Fund in the amount of $117,731.65.

Motion: Neil Trombley Second: Kevin Trombley

Vote: N.Trombley-Yes, Dezan-Yes, Grogan-Yes, K.Trombley-Yes, Gregory-Yes

**Resolution 24-46**

To pay vouchers 40 to 54 in the General Fund in the amount of $23,276.13.

Motion: Debra Grogan Second: Deryl Gregory

Vote: K.Trombley-Yes, Dezan-Yes, Grogan-Yes, N.Trombley-Yes, Gregory-Yes

**Resolution 24-47**

To allow the supervisor to accept Progressive Claim for the damages at the Star Road Cemetery. (Quote was for $16,400 amount from Progressive is $13,820 and additional $179.65 to repair ground and fence)

Motion: Neil Trombley Second: Debra Grogan

Vote: Dezan-Yes, Grogan-Yes, K.Trombley-Yes, Gregory-Yes, N.Trombley-Yes

**Resolution 24-48**

To authorize the purchase of a Horton 603 Ambulance for the Ellenburg Ambulance district at a cost of $363,082.00 through Sourcewell contract #110921-HAL, and resolution number 24-43 authorizing the immediate payment of the chassis to secure the order.

Motion: Debra Grogan Second: Kevin Trombley

Vote: N.Trombley-Yes, Dezan-Yes, K.Trombley-Yes, Gregory-Yes, Grogan-Yes

**Resolution 24-49**

To accept the lowest bid for the siding of the municipal center.

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Motion: Neil Trombley Second: Kevin Trombley

Vote: Grogan-Yes, Dezan-Yes, Gregory-Yes, K.Trombley-Yes, N.Trombley-Yes

**Resolution 24-50**

To remove Stephen LaClair as deputy Highway Superintendent and place James D. LaBombard Deputy Highway superintendent effective immediately.

Motion: Debra Grogan Second: Neil Trombley

Vote: Gregory-Yes, N.Trombley-Yes, Dezan-Yes, Grogan-Yes, K.Trombley-Yes

**Resolution 24-51**

To increase line item A2770 Misc. in Revenues by $58,247 (last of the CARES money) and increase line item A4540.4 ambulance cont. by $58,247 to pay for the chassis on the new ambulance

Motion: Debra Grogan Second: Neil Trombley

Vote: Grogan-Yes, Dezan-Yes, Gregory-Yes, K.Trombley-Yes, N.Trombley-Yes

Supervisor Dezan then opened the floor to questions and comments:

* Gina DeCoste wanted to mention that the potholes on the Sharrett road are getting pretty bad. Bradley stated that there is nothing that he can do for any of the roads until they dry out.

Supervisor Dezan then closed the floor as there were no more public comments.

Supervisor Dezan asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM

Motion: Jason Dezan Second: Neil Trombley

Vote: Dezan-Yes, Grogan-Yes, Gregory-Yes, K.Trombley-Yes, N.Trombley-Yes

The next regular meeting will be held on April 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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Bethany Drown Fortin, Ellenburg Town Clerk