

**TOWN OF BENNETT**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6:30 PM**

**CALLED MEETING TO ORDER:**

Chairman Brett Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other officers in attendance were Wesley Koehler and Timothy Haskins, Supervisors, Tamara Johnson, Town Clerk and Stephanie Lintula, Town Treasurer. Douglas County Sheriff, Matt Izzard, Cemetery Sexton, Charles Martineau, Fire Chief, Travis Theien and 19 other town residents or property owners were also in attendance. Notices of the meeting were posted at the Town Hall, Recycle Center, and the Town Website on Monday, July 1, 2024.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the June 10, 2024, monthly town board meeting were read by clerk. *Tim Haskins made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Wes Koehler. Motion carried.*

Minutes of the June 13, 2024, emergency town board meeting were read by clerk. *Wes Koehler made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Tim Haskins. Motion carried.*

**APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

*Moved by Timothy Haskins, seconded by Wesley Koehler, to pay the bills, Checks #19740-19768, Payroll and Withholding payments for June and July. Motion Carried.*

**REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** Stephanie Lintula submitted her June report. The account balances on June 30, 2024, were – Checking Account: \$28,406.91, Money Market: \$144,198.45, ICS Account: \$0.01. The accounts balanced with the bank as of June 30, 2024. *Moved by Wes Koehler, seconded by Tim Koehler, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

**Fire Department:** The Fire Chief, Travis Theien, gave his report. A copy is attached to the original of these minutes.

**Highway Department:** Not Available

**Constable:** Not Available

**Cemetery Sexton:** Charles Martineau submitted a report to the board. A copy is attached to the original of the minutes.

**Douglas County Supervisor:** Not available

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Conditional-Use Revision of Original Conditional-Use Permit #1-22931  
Douglas County Sheriff's Department/Douglas County (owner)  
Shooting Range: BE-004-00476-00:**

Douglas County Sheriff, Matt Izzard addressed those present with the reasons that the Sheriff's department would like to remove the restrictions on the Shooting Range that were put in place in the Original Conditional-Use Permit in 2012.

Residents and Property Owners were given time to respond with questions and comments. There were many concerns with lifting the restrictions. Most of those objecting would still like the notification process to stay in effect, the 30-day limit to stay in effect but no one objected to allowing other departments to train with the Douglas County Sheriff's department at the shooting range, as long as they were there training and working with the Sheriff's department.

*After much discussion, Brett Hunter moved that the board's recommendation to Douglas County be that all current restrictions remain in effect except for #3 which prohibits other agencies from using the shooting range when they are working with the Douglas County Sheriff's Department. Seconded by Wes Koehler. Motion Carried.*

- 2. Operator (Bartender) License Applications:** *Tim moved to approve the Operator License applications for Robert Rosenberger after making sure that the background check is clear. Seconded by Wes Koehler, Motion Carried.*
- 3. Sump Pump & Drain Pipe:** *There is a break in the drain pipe from the town hall sump pump. Brett Hunter moved to contact a plumber to get a quote on repairs. Seconded by Wes Koehler. Motion Carried.*
- 4. Open and Award Bids for Lawn Mower:** *Brett opened the one (1) sealed bid that was received for the lawn mower. The bid was from John Meyett for \$305.50. Moved by Wes Koehler, seconded by Tim Haskins that the board accept the bid of \$305.50 from John Meyett. Motion carried. Tim will contact John and make the arrangements for the sale.*
- 5. Assessor for 2025:** *Ken Thimm notified the board that he will not be renewing his contract for 2025. Moved by Tim Haskins, seconded by Wes Koehler that the board send a request for bids from the three town assessors that are currently working in Douglas County. Motion Carried.*

6. **Budget Amendment** – None

7. **Review Permits:** No action needed.

8. **Correspondence** – Tom Tiffany is seeking a Letter of Support for his bill designating the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore as a National Park. Brett is concerned that they are asking for financial assistance and would like to wait to discuss this until the August meeting when he has heard back from Tom Tiffany on this matter.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

One resident asked if the reflectors installed by the trees on Summer Road are a permanent solution. Brett replied that they are a temporary solution.

Another resident commented that she saw a tractor grading one of the town roads and that it was better than the town is doing. She stated that Hawthorne has graded their half of the Line Road much more than Bennett has.

She also asked if the railroad is still looking to close the Line Road crossing. The board has not heard anything more on this from the Railroad.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. was made by Wes Koehler, seconded by Tim Haskins.  
Motion carried.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Tamara Johnson, Town Clerk*