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**TOWN OF BENNETT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 10, 2023**

Chairman, Barry Carlson, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other officers in attendance were Wesley Koehler and Timothy Haskins, Supervisors, Tamara Johnson, Clerk and Stephanie Lintula, Treasurer.

Notices of the meeting with the agenda were posted at the Town Hall, Recycle Center, and the Town Website on April 4, 2023.

**MINUTES**: The minutes of the March 13, 2023, Regular Board meeting were read by the clerk.  Moved by Wes, seconded by Tim, to approve as read and corrected by the clerk.  Motion Carried.

**APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**  Moved by Wes, seconded by Tim, to pay the bills, checks #19181-19220, ACH payroll dated 3/30/23 & 4/13/23, and April automatic withholding payments to Wisconsin Department of Revenue, IRS, Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) and Nationwide 457B plan payments. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:**

**TREASURER**: Stephanie Lintula, Treasurer, gave the March financial report. The

March 31, 2023, balance of the Checking Account was $25,494.69, Money Market was $180,174.17, and ICS Account had a balance of $0.49. The accounts balanced with the bank as of March 31, 2023. Moved by Wes, seconded by Tim to accept the report as presented. Motion Carried.

**FIRE DEPARMENT:**Fire Chief, Travis Theien, gave the fire department reports for February and March.  His report is attached to the original of these minutes.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** Bruce Sutherland gave the highway department report.  It is attached to the original of these minutes. The garage roof vent leaks when there is a snow load and needs to have a deflector installed.

**CONSTABLE:**Jay Burfield, Constable, gave his report for February and March.  His report is attached to the original of these minutes.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY:**N/A

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Lawn Mowing--2023:**Tim will work on this for the May 15th Board meeting.

**Cemetery Sexton Replacement:**The Sexton position has been posted on the website and at the Town Hall and the Recycle Center. Two residents have requested information on the sexton position, but no one has contacted the clerk with interest in the job.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Oath of Office—Elected Officials:**

The following officials were elected at the April 4th Spring Election.

Chairperson:    Brett Hunter

Supervisors:     Wesley Koehler

Timothy Haskins

Town Clerk:    Tamara Johnson

Town Treasurer:           Stephanie Lintula

Town Constable:         Jay Burfield

Oaths of office were distributed to the elected officials and signed, except for Brett Hunter who will sign with the clerk when he returns from vacation.  New signature cards will have to be filled out with National Bank of Commerce for the newly elected chairman, Brett Hunter.

**Prepare to Sell the 2006 Ford F350:**Tim will get this ready for the May meeting.

**Reminder: Annual Town Meeting is Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7 p.m.**

**Budget Amendments (if necessary):**None

**Review Permits Issued by Douglas County:** No action needed.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:**Request by Town Resident on Giffin Lane that the plow drivers plow out the end of the driveway that they use for a turn-around so that the snow doesn’t get packed by the plow as it makes it difficult to remove.  He also thanked the plow drivers for the good plowing job this winter.

Tim reported that he went to the Towns Association meeting and got information for loans at 5% interest from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands.

**ADJOURNMENT**: Being there was no further business, Tim moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.  Seconded by Wes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Johnson, Clerk