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TOWN OF BENNETT REGULAR MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING Monday, September 9, 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. Cemetery Sexton, Charles Martineau, Constable Jay Burfield and several other town residents and property owners were also in attendance. Notices of the meeting were posted at the Town Hall, Recycle Center, and the Town Website on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the August 12, 2024, monthly town board meeting were read by clerk. *Wes Koehler made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Tim Haskins. Motion carried.* Minutes of the September 3, 2024, special town board meeting were read by clerk. *Tim Haskins made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Wes Koehler. Motion carried.*

APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Moved by Wesley Koehler, seconded by Tim Haskins, to pay the bills, Checks #19798-19835, Payroll for August 29 and September 12 and September Withholding and Health Insurance Payments. Motion Carried.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Stephanie Lintula submitted her August report. The account balances on August 31, 2024, were – Checking Account: \$8,486.33, Money Market: \$200,072.59, ICS Account: \$48,453.60. The accounts balanced with the bank as of August 31, 2024. *Moved by Tim Haskins, seconded by Wes Koehler, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.*

Fire Department: Not Available

Highway Department: Bruce Sutherland gave the highway report. A copy is attached to the original of these minutes.

Constable: Jay Burfield gave the constable report. A copy is attached to the original of these minutes.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sump Pump & Drain Pipe at the Town Hall

Brett decided to have the town employees fix the drain pipe at the Town Hall.

2. Messany Road Turn-Around Update

Tabled until spring of 2025 as the original plan fell through.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tax Collection Agreement with Douglas County: *Wes Koehler moved to approve the 2024-2026 Tax Collection Agreement with Douglas County. Seconded by Tim Haskins. Motion Carried.*

2. Resignation Letter from Town Clerk: *The Town Clerk, Tamara Johnson, submitted a letter of resignation effective December 1, 2024. She recommended the board appoint the Deputy Clerk, Morgan Fowler, to fill the term of the Town Clerk from December 1, 2024-April 15, 2025.*

3. Appointment of Deputy Clerk to Fill Town Clerk Term. 12/1/24-4/15/25

Moved by Wes Koehler, seconded by Tim Haskins to appoint Morgan Fowler to fill the Town Clerk term from December 1, 2024-April 15, 2025. Motion Carried.

4. Budget Amendment – None

5. Review Permits: No action needed.

6. Correspondence – Nothing presented to the clerk to be added to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeffrey Hart addressed the board with his concerns and requests for the White Pines on Summer Road. He is strongly opposed to the destruction of the 2 white pines and asked the board to postpone this action until all other avenues have been exhausted. He asked the board to seek a waiver from the Dept. of Transportation. His email is attached to the original of these minutes.

Martye Allen stated that they have a group looking for solutions that would satisfy everyone. New ideas come in every meeting. She has just found out and is researching the Rustic Roads program. She asked the board to postpone their decision so that there is more time for alternative solutions to come in, rather than having a solution come in too late.

Paul Schneider read an email from Stacy Hessel of Senator Romaine's office stating that it is possible the DNR would work with the town on moving the road.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Wes Koehler at 7:05 PM, seconded by Tim Haskins. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tamara Johnson, Town Clerk*