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**TOWN OF BENNETT**

**REGULAR MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, November 11, 2024**

**Immediately following the Budget Hearing and Special Town Board Meeting, which began at 6:00 PM**

**Bennett Town Hall, 9215 E County Road L**

**CALLED MEETING TO ORDER:**

Chairman Brett Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other officers in attendance were Wesley Koehler and Timothy Haskins, Supervisors, Morgan Fowler, Deputy Clerk and Stephanie Lintula, Town Treasurer. Cemetery Sexton, Charles Martineau and highway Department, Bruce Sutherland. Fire Chief Travis Theien, 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 November 4th, 2024.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the October 7 Budget Workshop Minutes and October 14th monthly town board meeting were read by deputy clerk. Wesley Koehler made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Timothy Haskins. Motion carried.

**APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

Moved by Timothy Haskins, seconded by Wesley Koehler, to pay the bills, Checks #19836-19875, Payroll for September 26 and October 10 and October Withholding and Health Insurance Payments. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:**

Treasurer: Stephanie Lintula submitted her October report. The account balances on, October 31,2024, were – Checking Account: $15,201.83, Money Market: $178,683.34, ICS Account: $.03. The accounts balanced with the bank as of October 31, 2024. Moved by Timothy Haskins, seconded by Wesley Koehler, to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Travis Theien gave the fire department report. It is attached to the original of these minutes.

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

Constable: Jay Burfield reported there was nothing to report.

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 & Drainpipe at the Town Hall

Waiting on spring for concrete, black dirt, and landscaping.

2. Summer Road Tree Update:

No new update on the survey. Special Assessment Tax is being looked into by the board and DOT to those residents that reside on the road. Board contacted a lawyer that specialized in roadways and rights of ways, there has been no contact back from said lawyer. Board is waiting for survey to be completed before doing any further action.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Douglas County Land Bid; Approximately ¼ acre by Lutheran Cemetery:**

Nothing was decided, tabled to next town board meeting.

1. **Trailer for Lawn Mower:**

Tabled until Spring to allow more time to work with the Fire Department

1. **Set Rules for Public Comment in Town Board Meeting:**

According to Wisconsin Town Association(WTA), town’s are able to set rules for public comment. Wes recommended researching rules that can be adopted. Brett has a copy of WTA’s rules that provide for towns to use, he will review this document to see what can be used for Town of Bennett. Will review findings in January Town Board Meeting.

1. **Approve 2025 Town Budget in Summary Form:**

Town Board has signed this document. Wesley Koehler made a motion to accept as presented, Timothy Haskins seconded. Motion Carried.

1. **Budget Amendment:**

No action needed.

1. **Review Permits:**

No action needed.

1. **Correspondence:**

No action needed.

1. **Public Comment:**

Rebecca Loken requested to have calendar updated when meetings change.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Timothy Haskins at 6:54PM, seconded by Wesley Koehler. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Fowler, Deputy Clerk