**TOWN OF BENNETT**

**REGULAR MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**

**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, Supervisor, Morgan Fowler, Town Clerk, and Town Treasurer, Stephanie Lintula. Fire Chief Travis Theien, Cemetery Sexton Charles Martineau, were also in attendance. Notices of the meeting were posted at the Town Hall, Recycle Center, and the Town Website on February 3rd, 2025.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Town Caucus and Regular Town Board Meeting were read by the clerk, Morgan Fower. *Wes Koehler made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Brett Hunter. Motion carried.*

**APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

*Moved by Wesley Koehler, seconded by Brett Hunter, to pay the bills, Payroll for February 24th, March 10th, and February Withholding and Health Insurance Payments. Motion Carried.*

**REPORTS:**

**Treasurer**: Stephanie Lintula submitted her January Treasurer’s Report. The account balances on January 31, 2025, were – Old Checking Account: $16,067.29, New Checking Account: $17,444.43, Money Market: $200,083.92, ICS Account: $527,730.10. The accounts balanced with the bank as of January 31, 2025 moved *by Wes Koehler, seconded by Brett Hunter to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion carried.*

**Fire Department**: Amendment Changes in Bylaws – also in New Business.

**Highway Department**: Not in attendance but report was given and attached to the original of these minutes.

**Constable**: Nothing to report

**Cemetery Sexton**: Not in attendance

**Douglas County** **Supervisor**: Not available

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Discuss Removal of Trees on Summer Road**

Assessor is waiting for legal team to come back for final decision. Once report is given back, board will send off to Town’s lawyer. Rebecca Loken requested that Board would reach out to her contacts provided to board.

1. **Rules for Public Comment:**

Tabled until March Board Meeting

1. **DNR Grant – Turkey Farm**

Decided to not move forward with this and revisit this when it can be budgeted for 2026.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Highway Employees: Full Time vs Part Time**

Board decided they are going to be hiring for a Fulltime employee when Bruce retires. Moved by Wes Koehler, seconded by Brett Hunter. Motion carried.

1. **Town Clean Up**

Will look at this for 2026, when costs can be budgeted.

1. **Fire Department By-Law’s**

Changes to the bylaws were made. Moved by Wes Koehler, seconded by Brett Hunter. Motion carried.

1. **Brightspeed Bead Program**

Requested a letter from board in support of Brightspeed providing better/faster internet in our township. Moved by Wes Koehler, second by Brett Hunter. Motion carried.

1. **Property Scam Notice**

To be aware of: People are trying to sell other people property for a quick sale that they do not own or have rights to. Town of Bennett had a realtor reach out to make us aware of.

1. **Review Permits**

None to review

1. **Correspondence**

No correspondence

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion to adjourn was made by Wes Koehler at 6:53 PM, seconded by Brett Hunter. Motion carried.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Morgan Fowler, Town Clerk*