

Town of Eileen

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Chairperson – Terry Torkko (715) 682-0682

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Supervisor – Tony Johanik (715) 746-2507

Treasurer – Carol Pufall (715) 682-9168

Clerk – Jena Barsch (715) 746-2104

March 11, 2014

Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm @ Town of Eileen Garage

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Terry Torkko, Chairperson. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Board Members Present:

Terry Torkko, Chairperson

George Setzke, Supervisor

Tony Johanik, Supervisor

Carol Pufall, Treasurer

Jena Barsch, Clerk

Opened floor for public comment; there were no residents who wished to address the town board under section 9.

Review of minutes from February 11, 2014 meetings and February 17, 2014 Audit. Motion to accept minutes as read by Tony Johanik, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.

Carol Pufall, Treasurer, reported the checking account balance is \$95,148.78 and the savings account balance is \$5,926.08. The next large deposit will be from transportation aid in April. Motion to approve treasurer's report by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.

Terry Torkko, Chairperson, shared he was away visiting in Arizona. He had 18 related messages for Town business when he returned.

Jena Barsch, Clerk, shared there is an Election coming up on April 1, 2014. On the ballot is County Supervisor and Ashland School Member offices.

Randy Herrin, Road Superintendent, reported that the road surfaces are pretty much bare. He still needs to wing back shoulders and clear out by bulletin boards. The L9000 is currently down. Tony is aware and working on the issues.

A new trapper, Steve Meyer, has caught 2 beavers from the dam. He is still trapping.

Equipment: Supervisor Tony Johanik, shared the L9000 needs some major repairs to the rear end. If Tony could do the repairs in-house it could possibly cost \$2000.00; if repairs need to be sent out it could possibly cost \$4000.00. Board agrees to have Tony work on the truck for the next month or

two and do as much work in-house as possible. The grader also needs seals replaced. This is a priority repair.

Town Grounds: Supervisor George Setzke, shared that he is getting different adhesive for the floor. George also wants to discuss propane contracts for next year at a future meeting.

Old Business:

- **Audit explanation** – Jena explained the purpose of the notes Donna had written on the reconciliation statements for the period ending 2/28/13. Motion to approve the balance of the audit by Terry Torkko, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.
- **Gingles update**- Gingles applied for FEMA funding regarding road work and culvert replacements for Ashland Bayfield County Road in the amount of \$3998.22. They received \$3498.44 in reimbursement from FEMA. After calculating figures of money owed between Towns, the final figure the Town of Gingles will pay the Town of Eileen is \$3603.89.
- **Fire/Ambulance**- The first request was made to the City of Ashland of their financials for the past 4 years and the current budget. The City of Ashland responded quickly. On Friday Terry is meeting with Mr. Haukaas to craft the second request.

New Business:

- **AB 648/SB 509 Bills** – These bills deal with the current law of relating to size and weight of “implements of husbandry” (agriculture vehicles-tractors-choppers-combines) being on town roads. The bills would support an increase in weight by 15%. The total gross weight for five or more axels would then be 92,000 lbs. However, the bills retain local control over road weight limits. Motion by Terry Torkko to send a letter of support for these bills to senate, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.
- **Date Change** – Carol will be out of town during the regular scheduled April Town Board Meeting. Discussion of date change. Motion to move the April Town Board Meeting to April 14th, 2014 at 7:00 by Terry Torkko, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.
- **Annual Meeting** – The Annual Town Elector Meeting is on April 15, 2014 at 7:00 at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. Jena will call to verify reservation.
- **March Newsletter** – Discussion of the first draft of the March newsletter. Mention of adding April Board Meeting date change and rewording the driveway plowing language.
- **Comprehensive Planning Team**- Discussion of how to fill the three vacant positions on the Comprehensive Planning Team. Jena will place an ad in the Daily Press and Tony, George, and Terry will each ask three people if they would serve on the team before the April Board Meeting.
- **Damage Claim**- Discussion of a recent accident where a Town plow truck hit a Blakeman Plumbing truck in a driveway. It was due to a mechanical failure in the lever that lifts the blade. Terry was not informed of this accident when it happened. Communication between board members and employees needs to improve for future incidents.
- **Load Limits** – Board agrees that when Bayfield County posts load limits for roads the Town of Eileen will then post also.
- **Snowplowing List** – Discussion of how communication works when an issue arises with plowing driveways. Communication in form of an email or phone call when there is a new, a problem, or a denial in driveway plowing needs to occur between board members.
- **Paving Session** – Board reviewed a letter regarding an informational session on paving roads from Monarch Paving Company. No one wished to attend.
- **ATV Ride**- Trails North is sponsoring an ATV - VIP Ride in Iron River on June 21, 2014. Terry may attend, depending on weather and his schedule at that time.

- **Part-Time Employee** – The Town is having a hard time maintaining part time intermittent employees this winter. Jake Kinninen, the only current part time intermittent employee with a CDL, has received a job offer that if he would accept, would cause him to leave also. Terry has spoken with Randy and Jake of a new employee concept. Board agrees to discuss this new employee concept in Closed Session.
- **Closed Session** – Motion to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (c) *“Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility”* by Terry Torkko, seconded by George Setzke. Motion passed.
- **Open Session** – Motion to enter into open session by Terry Torkko, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed. Board discussed options with Randy and Jake and have decided to pursue a contract allowing Jake to work 24 hours guaranteed, per week, with slightly reducing Randy’s hours by 8 hours per week. Terry will discuss/write/amend the employee contracts with Craig Haukaas and will be in touch with the board along with Jake and Randy of the process.

Public input – There were no residents who wished to address the board.

Motion to approve and pay bills (vouchers 8364-8404) by George Setzke, seconded by Tony Johanik. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting by George Setzke, seconded by Terry Torkko. Motion passed.

Minutes prepared by Jena Barsch, Clerk