**MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees, Town of Harrold, met in regular session on January 8, 2024 at City Hall. President Becker called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with Dean Becker, Marty Winckler, and Mike Bartels, Trustees, and Sarah Rheinbolt, Finance Officer in attendance.

 NOTE: All motions are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

 **MOTION** by Bartels to approve the Agenda for the January 8th meeting. Second by Becker. Motion carried.

 **MOTION** by Winckler to approve the minutes from the December11th regular meeting. Second by Bartels. Motion carried.

 **MOTION** by Winckler to set the Highmore Herald as the Town’s official newspaper, and First Dakota National Bank as the Town’s official depository. Second by Bartels. Motion carried.

 **MOTION** by Becker to set the mileage reimbursement rate and $0.50/mile. Second by Winckler. Motion carried.

 **MOTION** by Winckler to set the wages as follows: Trustees $100/month and $75/special meeting, special meeting only paid if attended. Finance officer $600/month. Other employees at current minimum wage. Second by Becker. Motion carried.

 Discussion was held on an election date; will be April 9th, if needed. Marty Winckler is up for reelection this year. Nominating petitions will be available on harroldsd.com or at the finance office. Annual donations will be paid in February.

 Board discussed the elevator’s request to create a small drainage ditch near the railroad tracks to the county road ditch; as it’s all on private property, the board doesn’t have a say but doesn’t see a problem with it. Sewer lift pump went out and will be repaired or replaced as necessary. Discussion was held about shutting off sewer billing if water is shut off to a residence or business. Unless the sewer inlets are permanently capped, the sewer billing will remain in place. Board discussed getting dusk-til-dawn style lights for the auditorium parking lot, as well as asking Hoffman Electric to replace the hallway lights in the auditorium. No applications were received for the auditorium manager/custodian position, Board will continue to advertise the position. Winckler is going to inquire about getting a plow for the front of the payloader to move snow with.

\***ATTENTION RESIDENTS: PLEASE REMEMBER TO REMOVE GARBAGE CANS FROM RIGHT OF WAY BEFORE AND AFTER SNOW EVENTS TO ALLOW THE STREETS TO BE CLEARED; ALSO, DO NOT BLOW SNOW FROM PROPERTIES AND DRIVEWAYS INTO THE RIGHT OF WAY\***

 The following bills were approved for payment: Sarah Rheinbolt $526.10, wages; Caps $26.86, furnace belt; South Dakota 811 $13.44, fees; D&D Asphalt $1642.40, Wyman Avenue patching; Mike Bartels $277.05, 4th quarter wages; Dean Becker $277.05, 4th quarter wages; Marty Winckler $277.05, 4th quarter wages; US Treasury $685.20, payroll taxes; MidDakota Water $116.00, water; Cardmember Services $172.25, tax forms, ink; Venture Communications $169.26, phone; Northwestern Energy $1405.68, electricity; Poppe Enterprises $192.00, pest control; Envirotech $85.61, trash; Highmore Herald $94.27, publishing.

President Becker declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be February 12th at 7:00 pm.

Sarah Rheinbolt, Finance Officer