**MINUTES**.

The Board of Trustees, Town of Harrold, met in regular session February 8, 2021 at City Hall. President Becker called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Becker to approve the Agenda for the February 8th meeting. Second by Bartels. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Bartels to approve the minutes of the January 8th, 2021 meeting with the following correction: the bill listed to Northwest Pipe Fittings for $877.30 was not actually paid and listed in error. Second by Becker. Motion carried.

The loss control survey will be tabled for another month until the weather is more conducive to completing the tasks they lined out.

Discussion was held on a revised budget for the town. After the internal control review, revisions were suggested in order to follow the format that the Department of Legislative Audit recommends. No appropriations were changed, they were just redistributed.

**FIRST READING** of the Appropriations Ordinance 2021-AP-01, the Amended 2021 Budget for the Town of Harrold.

**MOTION** by Bartels to suspend moving the second penny sales tax revenue to the Storm Sewer Fund and instead leave it in the General Fund. Second by Winckler. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Becker to donate $1,000 to the Harrold Senior Center. Second by Bartels. Motion carried.

Extensive discussion was held on the current sewer rates and the need to increase them to offset the large increase in service and labor fees. Current monthly maintenance fees are costing between $1100-1800/month. A town-wide audit of sewer services being used needs to be conducted to be certain that businesses and residences are being charged appropriately. Discussion surrounding updating the ordinances to separate the sewer charges into an ‘access fee’ and a ‘usage fee’, with uncapped, unused access points to get a bill as well as changing the hookup and connection fees were discussed. The last increase on sewer rates was almost three years ago, in 2017. The Board also reviewed a proposal from Bender’s to repair the sewer system on one half of town for $22,720.00.

**MOTION** by Winckler to increase the sewer fee by $5.00 for a total of $30.00 per month, effective March 1st or as soon as Mid Dakota can update the records. Second by Bartels. Motion carried.

The following bills were submitted and approved for payment: Envirotech (waste service) $84.00; Mid Dakota RWS (city hall and lift station water) $111.00; Highmore Herald (publishing) $59.18; Sarah Rheinbolt (January wages) $526.10; South Dakota Association of Towns and Townships (2021 dues) $171.00; Poppe Enterprises (pest control) $64.00; Cardmember Services (tax forms and ink) $135.53; South Dakota 811 (locate fees) $33.60; Venture Communications (phone and internet) $163.56; Northwestern Energy (street lights and gym electric) $1186.78;

President Becker declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm. The next regular meeting will be the second Monday of the month, March 8, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

Sarah Rheinbolt, Finance Officer