**MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees, Town of Harrold, met in regular session on December 11, 2023 at City Hall. President Becker called the meeting to order at 6:59 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 December 11th meeting, with the addition of a Temporary Malt Beverage License for the Fire Department. Second by Becker. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Bartels to approve the minutes from the November 13th regular meeting. Second by Becker. Motion carried.

Jordyn Hanson came before the Board to request permission to make an approach off of Nixon Avenue for his new project; the approach will be just on the south side of Jordyn’s existing approach.

**MOTION** by Becker to approve the approach as described. Second by Bartels. Motion carried.

Ray Salathe and Dave Clausen came before the Board to discuss the Auditorium rent. They, and others, feel that $700 will price the Town out of range for rentals. Board discussed and explained that maintenance cost of the Auditorium far exceeds the rent of the building, as well as being very underpriced compared to similar venue’s existing rental pricing. For example, ServiceMaster would charge the town approximately $500 per cleaning to clean the auditorium after an event.

Board signed the official engagement letter from May Adam for legal services. Discussion was held on having the attorney update the bus shed lease agreements, the tree dump site lease agreement, and drafting a insurance release of liability to be signed by auditorium renters.

**MOTION** by Winckler to sign the Annual Maintenance Agreement from Dakota Pump Control for the sewer lift station. Second by Becker. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Winckler to approve the temporary malt beverage license for the Harrold Fire Department for the Dueling Pianos event on December 30th. Second by Bartels. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Becker to approve the following budget supplements: $40,000 from the Street Department to General Government Buildings and $2,000 from Parks and Recreation to the Rubble Site. Second by Winckler. Motion carried.

Board discussed maintenance on the buildings, road equipment, and park equipment. Blade is too costly to repair at this time. The side door on the kitchen will need repaired, and a swing at the park needs to be replaced as the wood is broken.

Brosz Engineering has heard back from the railroad for specs for the Wyman Avenue railroad crossing; they can proceed with the bid process now.

Board discussed raising the rent of the gym to $500 effective January 1, 2024, instead of the previously discussed $700.

Prairie Grain Partners asked to borrow a few tables and chairs from the Town for their Customer Appreciation Event. Board had no problem with that.

Board will advertise for a custodial position for cleaning the auditorium before and after rentals, as needed.

The following bills were approved for payment: Poppe Enterprises $64.00, pest control; Department of Ag and Natural Resources $100.00, dues; Mattheis Plumbing $1,079.06, urinal repair; Highmore Herald $32.88, publishing; Cardmember Services $50.78, lightbulbs, keys, repairs; Envirotech $147.31, trash; Mid Dakota Water $121.30, water and sewer; Northwestern Energy $1221.21, power; Sarah Rheinbolt $526.10, November wages; Jay Dillon $900.00, tree dump lease.

President Becker declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm. The next regular meeting will be January 8th at 7:00 pm.

Sarah Rheinbolt, Finance Officer