

September 11, 2023

Town of Tomah Town Board Meeting

Those present: Dick Baumgarten, Ernie Thackeray, Don Kaus, Denny Durec, Vaughn Kuehl, Teresa Hubert, Doug Bauman, Howard Hanson, Breanne Zaremba, Todd Sparks, Al Bartels, John Ollendick, and Kathy Flatoff.

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Hanson.
- The clerk's report was read. John Ollendick made a motion to accept the Clerk's report. Doug Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The treasurer's report was read. Doug Bauman made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. John Ollendick seconded the motion. Motion Carried
- Public Comment Period
 - Ernie Thackeray asked if the Town has a sign that says what items are recyclable...Howard will have the patrolmen bring the sign back out.
 - Howard Hanson mentioned that 2 of the 3 light bulbs in the recycle shed have been replaced...the third was not replaced because Modern Disposal Trucks tend to hit it when they remove cardboard.
 - Todd Sparks mentioned that the hump in his road has decreased. He also mentioned that there is a pothole near Rick Meyer's driveway on Holiday. The patrolmen will take a look at it.
 - Dick Baumgarten mentioned that there is a pothole forming in front of Gene Baumgarten's driveway.
 - Howard Hanson mentioned that the Lujano conditional use permit was approved by the county with the stipulation that there be a 5 car maximum on the property.
 - Howard Hanson shared the 2023 Equalized Evaluation numbers. They have increased by \$2.8 million from last year, to a total of \$173 million.
 - Vaughn Kuehl asked if we received a deal on the backhoe repair. No bill has been sent, so we do not know the final bill yet. Our loader has been returned, we are still waiting for them to pick up the rental.
 - Vaughn also asked if the per capita rate for the ambulance commission has gone up? The Ambulance commission voted to increase the per capita rate by \$2.50, which will make the total \$20 per capita. This increase needs to be approved the City of Tomah Council on September 19.
- Plow Truck Replacement
 - Howard Hanson researched available loan rates. The Board of Commissioners of Public Lands is offering 5.75% and CCF Bank is offering 7.5%
 - Vaughn Kuehl asked if there is a way to hire an extra person to plow if we end up with 3 plow trucks. Doug Bauman would like to see a person follow in the 1 ton to clear intersections.
 - Doug Bauman will check on availability and how soon we could get a new truck. The Board will wait until the next meeting to decide whether or not to order a new truck.
- For the October Town Board Meeting, the board will look over amendments to the county zoning rules.

- Thursday, October 12 will be the OAFA Annual Meeting
- Doug Bauman asked if there is a way to get a list of addresses within the town for the garbage attendants to verify residence. Breanne Zaremba will look into it.
- Monthly Bills were reviewed and approved.
- Motion was made by Doug Bauman to adjourn the meeting. John Ollendick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Breanne Zaremba, Clerk