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NOVEMBER 2, 2023 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Chairman **Paul Ledebuhr** called the **NOVEMBER 2, 2023, MONEY CREEK TOWN BOARD MEETING** to order at 6:00pm. Other board members present included Supervisors **Wayne Meyer** and **Randy Hongerholt**, Clerk **Adam Florin**, and Treasurer **Terrie DeBoer**. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for the reading of the Secretary's Report, which Clerk **Florin** read aloud. Supervisor **Hongerholt** motioned to approve the Secretary's Report as read. This motion was seconded by Supervisor **Meyer**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for the reading of the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer **Deboer** reported aloud the following balances ending **October 31, 2023:**

Fund Number	Fund	Amount
100	General Fund	\$397,195.44
201	Road & Bridge Fund	\$45,746.91
210	Fire Fund	\$14,728.02
220	Ambulance Fund	\$29,714.91
230	Solid Waste Fund	\$9,089.61
240	Street Light Fund	\$1,151.63
250	Equipment Fund	\$247,387.04
260	CARES Act Fund	\$464.35
270	ARPA Fund	\$37,007.50
404	Park Acquisition & Development Fund	\$1,799.80
Grand Total		\$784,285.21

Supervisor **Meyer** motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as read by Treasurer **Deboer**. This motion was seconded by Supervisor **Hongerholt**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Supervisor **Meyer** motioned to pay the bills. This motion was seconded by Supervisor **Hongerholt**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Lyle & Gayle Sorum – they have a quarry up in Gates Coulee. They have all kinds of fill in their quarry. He explained that his dad did this back around 20 years ago. 507-453-6246 is their cellphone number. Supervisor Hongerholt motioned to approve sending a letter to the landowners. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Meyer. The landowners would be:

- Carol Hatlevig, 3673 Ironwood Ct SW, Rochester, MN
- Scott Tucker, 26920 200th St., Belle Plaine, MN 56011
- Keith W Voegel, 1811 Westwood Drive, Faribault, MN 55021
- Dean & Kim Mierau, PO Box 425, Rushford, MN 55971

On the south side of Gates Coulee Road, is where the fill will be placed.

Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Perry Benson reached out to Chairman **Ledebuhr**, and he mentioned that he would keep his hourly rate the same this year at \$130. Supervisor Meyer motioned to approve this contract. Motion was seconded by Supervisor **Meyer**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval. Paul also mentioned that he checked with Adam Olson, who gave Paul an approximate quote of \$250/hour. Paul also asked Perry to clean up the intersections better this upcoming season.

Andrew Peterson of Severson Truck Center contacted Chairman **Ledebuhr**. Chassis start date is March 18, 2024. The last 6 of the VIN is VJ5853. Paul talked to Universal and delivery will probably be around June before Universal will see the truck.

Little Dutch Repair was here on Sunday working on the plow truck – Paul bought the filters from Motor Parts directly. There are some repairs that need attention:

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- The steering shaft U-joint needs to be replaced
- The grease zerks on the front end need to be installed
- The steering box hydraulic fitting is rusted and thin

Little Dutch Repair quoted approximately \$500.

Chairman **Ledebuhr** explained that we have the new fridge and toilet. The fridge was under \$600, toilet was about \$150. He had a problem with the toilet flange, as the old flange was cemented into the floor.

Supervisor **Hongerholt** provided the fire extinguishers for the town hall – there are 2 ea. 5lb. extinguishers and 3 ea. 10 lb. extinguishers. Supervisor Hongerholt asked if the trucks have first aid kits and fire extinguishers. There are extinguishers per DOT regulations, as Paul explained, but not first aid kits. Paul will get these from Menards next time he runs there.

Chairman **Ledebuhr** mentioned that the town hall water softener system is not working, as evident from the rusty water. Paul will do some work to see if we can make the existing system work by adding more salt, but now with the tub eroded, it might require a new tank.

Chairman **Ledebuhr** talked to MATIT (Heather) about our insurance. WE are already covered for roadside spraying. The building was appraised at \$600K back in 2010, and the board at that time increased the coverage to \$400K. He asked what the building would be appraised at now, and Heather explained that it would be in the \$800K - \$1 million range, roughly. Also discussed existing coverages, premiums, and valuations. Supervisor **Hongerholt** asked if Paul can get some change in premium numbers if we make the following changes:

- Increase the town hall building coverages from \$400K either \$600K or \$800K
- Keep the grader coverage the same at \$61K
- Decrease the loader tractor to \$61K
- Decrease the plow truck to \$50K from \$94K

Chairman **Ledebuhr** did some research on graders, and compared other machines with varying hours, sizes and makes. The supervisors also discussed options on what to do with the old plow truck, whether to sell it or not, keep it as a backup, renting it out, etc.

Road Report – Corey went out to blade today. Chairman **Ledebuhr** discussed on how best to use Corey and Doug to do the blading and plowing work.

Supervisor **Meyer** motioned to approve the City of Rushford Fire Contract. Seconded by Supervisor **Hongerholt**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of approval.

Rich Nelson was on hand – he mentioned that he read in the papers that the old schoolhouse property is being sold on December 6th, 2023.

With no additional business to discuss, Supervisor **Hongerholt** motioned to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor **Meyer**. Chairman **Ledebuhr** called for a vote which was unanimous in favor of adjournment, and the meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.

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