

WENTWORTH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

The Wentworth Town Council met on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via tele-conference. President Roger Vogt called the meeting to order with the following Council members present for roll call: Ryan McManus, Roger Vogt and Charles Wold. Also present via tele-conference was Colin O'Malley, Jay Leibel and Trish Natwick, Finance Officer.

There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion was made by McManus and seconded by Wold to approve the Minutes of the November 23, 2020 Council meeting as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Colin O'Malley appeared and informed the Board he felt it had not followed the requirements of the zoning ordinance in issuing a building permit to Mark Mergen. He asked the Board to review the Official Zoning map of the Town of Wentworth and stated he believed they should have given a notice, including written notice to the neighbors, and held a hearing on the issuance of the building permit. He informed the Board he had consulted with an attorney and was told he could obtain an injunction to stop the construction. Attorney, Jay Leibel then recommended this potential litigation not be discussed until such time as the Board has had an opportunity to discuss this matter with counsel. He recommended the Board set a time, prior to the next scheduled meeting, for a special meeting in executive session, to discuss this matter. The matter could then be addressed at the next regular meeting. He further advised the Board and Mr. O'Malley as to the purpose and how an executive session works. He further stated when the date and time of the meeting is scheduled, his office would so advise Mr. O'Malley. Mr. O'Malley was advised he would not be able to attend as an executive session is only attended by Board members and not open to the general public. Mr. O'Malley then advised the Board he understood. Mr. O'Malley then remarked he was pleasantly surprised by how the building was looking. He stated he is not asking for its removal but a commitment that in the future the Town will not issue a building permit without following all the steps required by the Town's ordinance.

Council reviewed November financials & December billing vouchers. Motion was made by Wold & seconded by McManus to approve & pay the monthly claims as follows: Tieler Anderson-\$4,000.00 Gov't Building Repairs & Maintenance; Big Sioux Community Water System-\$713.46 November Water Purchases; Big Sioux Community Water System-\$1,270.00 Sewer & Water Operator Contract; Bud's Clean-up-\$767.07 Garbage Contract; F&M Coop-\$128.80 Fuel Expense; Future PC-\$521.85 Computer Expense; IRS-\$756.08 Payroll Taxes; ITC-\$138.25 Phone, Fax and Internet; Jay Leibel-\$155.00 Attorney Fees; Madison Ace Hardware-\$4.59 Office Supplies; Madison Daily Leader-\$20.26 Publications; Ottetail Power Company-\$545.79 Electric & Street Lighting; SD Government Finance Officer Association-\$40.00 Dues Expense; SD Municipal League-\$194.68 2021 Dues Expense; Executive Administration-\$939.92 Salaries & Wages; Financial Administration-\$1,787.12 Salaries & Wages; Duane Walburg-\$264.09 Animal Control.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next regular session meeting will be Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via-teleconference.

Trish Natwick
Finance Officer

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