Town of Summit

The Town Board met in regular session on August 7th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the town fire hall.  President Travis Benthin present, members Kathleen Quale & Dale Bauer present. Others present were: Norma Arend-finance officer, Calvin Pies, Brook Pies, Sandra Lowery, Donn Richter, Jim Thurman, Nikki Mikkelson, David VanElsacker, Connie Brotzel, Savannah Moe, Ciera Schwinger, Pete Eccles, Tim Gapp, Chris Lewandowski, David Lewandowski, Arlo Anderson and Francis Crawford from Sisseton Wahpeton Housing Authority.

Benthin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Public communications:  Francis Crawford from SWHA was in attendance to answer questions and concerns regarding the 18 tribal houses in town. He was very informative.

Motion by Quale, second by Benthin to approve the minutes, financial reports and claims as presented. Motion carried. \***Insert Claims**

Old Business:  Northside Addition progress report: The curb & gutter will need to be bid. Tim is looking for a realtor. There has been discussion about having a football practice field at this location.

Motion by Bauer, second by Quale, to approve a fence building permit for Calvin Pies. Motion carried.

Motion by Benthin, second by Quale to approve demolition quotes from Dakota Hills Excavating for the grocery store and old bar by the water tower. $18,566 & $3,733 respectively plus landfill fees to be paid by the Town. Motion carried.

Delinquent water bills were discussed.

New business: Motion by Quale, second by Bauer to purchase a used generator from surplus to used strictly for the well for $3,800. Motion carried.

Motion by Quale, second by Bauer to purchase a used side by side from Pete Eccles for $6,500. Pete will provide the Town with a bill of sale. Motion carried.

It has been determined that Foggy’s bar does not have a current certificate of insurance. Motion by Quale, second by Benthin to close the bar until a current certificate of insurance can be provided. Motion carried.

The first reading of the 2024 budget was held.

Motion by Benthin, second by Quale to approve a building permit for Minnwest bank. Motion carried.

Motion by Benthin, second by Quale to approve a building permit for Dale Bauer. Motion carried.

These are the people listed on the Summit Volunteer Fire Department 2023 roster as of July 29, 2023: Andy Amdahl, Lisa Amdahl, Arlo Anderson, Dale Bauer, Travis Benthin, Jonathan Boomgarden, David Cardwell, Trish Cooper, Jonathan Ebsen, Frank Eccles, Brittany Neuhard, Tim Frankenhoff, Tim Gapp, Steve Griffie, Simon Pies, David Lau, Nikki Mikkelson, Josh Neuhard, Kyle O’Farrell, Becky Pies, Cal Pies, Evan Pottebaum, Corrie Quale, Fred Strasser, Brian Thurman, Jim Thurman, Scott Ulm, David VanElscacker, Mike Weber, Billi Whemper, & Lee Wright.

Daycare overdue balances were given by Ciera. Childcare rates will raise September 4th as follows: 0-3 age from $130 to $150 per week. 3+ age from $115 to $135 per week.

Maintenance report was given by David VanElsacker. Discussion for widening the secondary rail road tracks. The board will look at putting into effect a snow ordinance and will review some at the next meeting to be obtained from First District. Nikkie Mikkelson has agreed to take classes and tests to become our certified operator in the future.

The next regular town board meeting will be Tuesday, September 5th (due to Labor Day) at 7:00pm at the town fire hall.

Norma Arend, Finance Officer