TOWN OF MIDLAND

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2015

The Town Board of the Town of Midland met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall with the following members present: Diana Baeza, Jared Fosheim, Rock Gillaspie, Finance Officer Michelle Meinzer and Utilities Operator Lawrence Stroppel.

Also present: Brenda Jensen, Debb Vollmer, Haakon Co. Sheriff Fred Koester and Deputy, Bill Bainbridge.

Minutes from the December 9, 2014 meeting were approved as published.

Discussed monthly payments received from operating agreements. A motion was made by Fosheim, second by Gillaspie to raise monthly payment from $100.00 to $150.00 for this year. On January 1, 2016 the payment will be set at $200.00 per month as discussed at our Board meeting in November of 2014.

Discussed sidewalk repair. Board will look into options of repairing or replacing the side walk in front of Loose Ends on Main Street as well as the sidewalk between the Post Office and the Legion Hall.

Haakon County Sheriff and Deputy met with the Board to discuss the complaints the Board has received regarding stray cats. Koester recommended trapping them and taking them to new homes. Signs will be posted at downtown businesses notifying residents regarding this. Koester also visited about the Haakon Co. Emergency Manager position that has opened up. Asked what the Town had in place for an emergency shelter. The Catholic Church has been designated as the storm shelter for the Town.

Board appointed Stroppel and Meinzer as Utility Operator and Finance Officer for the calendar year of 2015.

To be made a matter of public record: Lawrence Stroppel is Utility Operator. Wages are $ 19.06 per hour at 40 hours per week, $ 300.00 towards health insurance, $150.00 per month for personal vehicle use, $50.00 per month for use of cell phone, plus 6% into SD Retirement System. Michelle Meinzer is Finance Officer. Wages are $760.00 per month plus $50.00 for cell phone use. Diana Baeza, Jared Fosheim and Rock Gillaspie are Trustees. Wages are $15.00 per meeting.

Discussion was held on providing health insurance for Utility Operator in lieu of a raise due to increase in cost of insurance. Board will look into this and discuss it at our special meeting on January 22nd.

A motion was made by Gillaspie to raise Meinzer’s wages by $40.00 per month, second by Fosheim.

A discussion was held regarding the amount of time the Town Board President spent on city business this past year. A motion was made by Fosheim, second by Gillaspie to raise Board President wages to $50.00 per meeting and Trustees to $25.00 per meeting. Motion carried.

Discussed city well. A special meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 6:00 pm MT.

A motion was made by Gillaspie, second by Fosheim, to designate the Pioneer Review as the Official newspaper to publish minutes for the Town of Midland for the 2015 calendar year. First National Bank was designated as the Official Depository and State Health Lab was designated to analyze the water samples.

Board discussed passing a statement of support to SDML. The Town of Midland supports a local option additional penny of municipal sales tax, with the approval of our voters, for specific infrastructure projects. All members voted aye.

Municipal Election is set for April 14, 2015. Baeza’s seat for a three (3) year term of Trustee is open in May.

Board signed contract with SD Public Assurance Alliance for city insurance.

Stroppel gave his report: discussed quality of drinking water, Town water tank, sprinkler system at park and possibly surplussing the water treatment plant buildings.

The Board would like to welcome a new business to town – M & M Welding owned by Doug and Tee Maddox.

A motion was made by Fosheim, second by Gillaspie to approve the following claims:

Banner Associates, Inc. Engineering Fees $10158.75

Central SD Enhancement Dist. Membership 320.53

Central SD Enhancement Dist. Administrative Services 7500.00

Lawrence Stroppel Wages/insurance/vehicle/phone/mileage 3313.90

Michelle Meinzer Wages/phone/mileage/postage 754.37

Electronic Federal Tax Payment System Employee Tax 1254.52

Ernie’s Supplies 397.97

Golden West Phone/Internet 152.67

Heartland Waste Refuse Service 1296.00

Jerry’s Blade Service Gravel 306.00

Kadoka Oil Propane 1558.20

Midland Food & Fuel Fuel 204.01

Pioneer Review Publications 30.54

Ron Larson Repairs 150.00

Postmaster Stamps 98.00

SD DENR Wastewater Discharge Permit 50.00

SD Dept. of Revenue Lab Fees 26.00

SD One Call Message Fee 2.22

SD Public Assurance Alliance Insurance 4289.37

SD Retirement System Retirement 457.44

SD State Treasurer Sales Tax 95.04

West Central Electric Electric Supply 1295.62

WR/LJ Rural Water Water Supply 957.50

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

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Michelle Meinzer, Finance Officer Diana Baeza, President

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