Town of Sampson Meeting Minutes for Special Meeting

Monday, May 8, 2023

The Sampson Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, at the Sampson Town Hall located at 10770 270th Ave, New Auburn for a Town Board Meeting. Meeting notice was posted at three locations. Names of people present at the meeting are on file with the Clerk/Treasurer.

1. Chairman Butterfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Supervisors: Jack Christenson – present, Kevin Haller – present, and Chairman Darla Butterfield – present via phone. Also, Present – Clerk/Treasurer– Louise Cody
4. Public Comment – none

Old Business

1. Road Work Report: Supervisor Haller has been filling in until a patrolperson is hired. He states that he has driven the roads of the township and inspected the conditions. He has graded ten out of the seventeen miles of gravel roads. He has removed the plow blades from the trucks, cut trees in the right of way, taken down weight limit signs, cleared culverts, repaired some mailboxes, repaired mower, added gravel to washouts, and is trying to get the patching trailer scheduled.

New Business

1. The Board would like to welcome Louise Cody as the new Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Sampson.
2. Inez North from Security Bank stated that new credit cards need to be issued in the Board members and Clerk/Treasurer’s names. She discussed authorizing the new signatures and the letter of credit to protect Sampson’s funds if over the $650,000 limit. Motion by Supervisor Christenson to adopt Resolution 1-2023 authorizing the disbursements of funds from Security Bank from signers: Darla Butterfield, Chairman; Louise Cody, Clerk/ Treasurer; and in the absence of the Clerk/Treasurer or Chairman: Supervisor 1, Jack Christenson or Supervisor 2, Kevin Haller. Second by Supervisor Haller. All in favor, motion carried, 3-0.
3. Greg Hayes gave an overview of the town’s insurance coverage. Supervisor Haller requested to have a new estimator completed. Chairman Butterfield asked to have the Clerk/Treasurer bonded. The bond request will be on next month’s agenda for further discussion.
4. The APRA report was completed by Clerk/Treasurer Cody. The $97,446 received was used for the NAFD 2022 assessment.
5. Ambulance/Recycle Report: Supervisor Christenson got a tour at the Ambulance and Recycling facilities. Recycling is looking at possibly repairing a skid loader or purchasing a new one.
6. NAFD Report: Supervisor Christenson learned that 93.6% of NAFD calls are for medical. The brush truck is having issues and the new brush truck is not expected to be ready until 2024. The NAFD plans on purchasing LUCAS device with proceeds from the June 24th raffle. The next meeting will be July 20th.
7. The Town of Sampson has 984 addresses in the township. 740 fire numbers needed to be replaced. Approximately 150 were installed last year. Chairperson Butterfield recommends purchasing 300 signs for approximately $6,500 in 2023 and another 300 signs in 2024. Motion by Supervisor Christenson to purchase 300 signs for approximately $6,500 in 2023 and another 300 signs in 2024. Second by Supervisor Haller. All in favor, motion carried, 3-0.
8. WTA Unit Report: Chippewa County Highway Commissioner, Brian Kelley, presented a new patching material being used. Chippewa County will no longer be doing the LRIP paperwork, and it will now be completed through the WTA. Grant writers and engineers will used for government projects and grants.
9. The Bethany Ski permit was approved and signed.
10. The patrolperson vacancy has been posted and two applications have already been received.
11. Tillinghast Cemetery cleanup is scheduled May 13th, 1:00. The New Auburn high school seniors are volunteering to help with cleanup.
12. The Sampson Board would like to thank the Seventh Day Baptist for the donation of chairs for the townhall.

Other Business

1. Next Regular Meeting will be June 12, 2023, at 6:00 pm
2. Next agenda items: Clerk/Treasurer bond, liquor licenses and operator’s licenses
3. Motion by Supervisor Christenson to authorize the payments of bills. Second by Supervisor Haller. All in favor, motion carried, 3-0.
4. Motion by Supervisor Christenson to adjourn at 7:08 pm Second by Supervisor Haller. All in favor, motion carried, 3-0.