

REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN OF DAYTON  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

- PRESENT: Angie Mardino-Miller, Supervisor, Bruce Drajem, Dennis Ackley, Paul Luce, Jake Hansen-Ivett Town Council, Ruth Bennett, Town Clerk, Tom Chupa, Highway Superintendent, Stephen Raiport, John Grennell, Attorney by phone, Frank Watson, Code Enforcement, Chris Rupp
- CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Mardino-Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All stood and said the Pledge to the Flag.
- Due to the Governor's executive order 202.1, we cannot allow the public to attend our meeting this evening, hopefully by next month the COVID-19 is manageable enough that will have changed.
- MINUTES: Clerk Bennett gave each member of the Board a copy of the minutes to be read before the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Hansen-Ivett. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.
- PURCHASING POLICY: Supervisor Mardino-Miller asked the Board members if they wanted to make any changes to the Purchasing Policy. A motion was made by Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Hansen-Ivett to make no changes to the Purchasing Policy at this time. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.
- HIGHWAY: Highway Superintendent Chupa reported that the one ton and all three of the big trucks have had their frames painted and the plows taken off, the plows and wings have been painted, and also painted and touched up the boxes of the trucks and wheels. The taxpayers and the Town pay a lot of money for the trucks, they should be will maintained and look nice.
- We also cleaned road sides, cut brush, cleaned Merrill Drive, cleaned the beaver pond on Gabel Street, graded all the dirt roads at least once and some twice. I also purchase the trailer and we have used it three times already. We are also screening millings in South Dayton to put on White Road in the near future. The Board asked when they planned on doing that, Highway Superintendent said on Tuesday, if it doesn't rain. Councilman Drajem asked the Superintendent if putting millings on White Road would do any good – it's in the swamp. The Highway Superintendent responded there are taxpayers that live down there too and would like a decent road to drive on.
- CLERK: Clerk Bennett reported the Court heard no cases as there was no court.
- Clerk Bennett told the Board about Mark Smith asking in January, when he paid his taxes, that he didn't remember receiving his deposit back when he put in a gas line in May, 2007. The Clerk researched and went back to the bookkeeper's financial reports for 2007. She found that in account 1620.4 General Fund-Town Building, Contractual Expense that in September, 2007 Mark Smith received the amount of \$1,000 which is the amount of the deposit he paid. The Board requested that the Clerk write a letter to Mr. Smith stating such and send him a copy of the page from the bookkeeper's financial records for the Town. A motion was made by Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Hansen-Ivett have the Clerk write a letter to Mr. Smith. A roll call vote was taken on the motion, Ackley-aye, Hansen-Ivett-aye, Luce-aye, Drajem-aye, Mardino-Miller-aye.
- The Clerk also told the Board that the Annual Audit Report for 2019 has been received and is on file in the Clerk's Office during regular business hours.
- ASSESSOR: March and April report for the assessor is the 2020 exemption deadline was March 1<sup>st</sup>. Reminders were mailed to all Agricultural Assessment and Senior Citizen Exemption applicants who had not returned their renewal mid-February.

This notice reminded applicants that renewals would not be accepted after the deadline. Our office also called applicants to remind them to submit their application by March 1<sup>st</sup>, if we had a phone number on file, any agricultural assessments or senior citizen exemptions without a 2020 renewal were removed.

All the hard work for our 2020 reassessment is now finished. There should be no more big jumps on assessed values in Dayton any longer. The only numbers that will fluctuate will be for new builds or demos. Additionally, after a few years the market will trend a little and properties will either go up or down a little bit—no big jumps. Dayton is now set for the foreseeable future. 2020 assessment notifications have been sent to all property owners. These notices showed the net change in assess value and also gave a hypothetical estimate for the property's 2020 tax liability. This estimate compares 2019 taxes to what they would have been and had the new 2020 assessment been in place instead of the 2019 assessment.

After mailing 2020 assessment notifications we received phone calls from 86 property owners. While most calls were people wanting to discuss their assessed value, we did receive positive calls as well. These ones thanked us for fixing the issues in Dayton and understood the numerous processes we had to go through to get to this point.

The Tentative Roll was created May 1<sup>st</sup>. The public can view it at <https://www.cattco.org/real-property-and-gis/assessment-rolls>. The County Assessor's Office is still waiting to hear how the Town of Dayton will choose to hold its 2020 Board of Assessment Review on June 3, 2020 from 4-8 p.m. Once notified, our office will write a press release, update our website, and give the Town information to post on the Town hall door. Some Towns have elected to hold their BARs in person while maintaining social distancing guidelines and limiting the number of people in the room. Other towns have elected to hold their BARs by telephone conferencing. As grievance forms are received, property owners will be called to make an appointment for a telephone meeting. The Real, Property Office's WebEx (online video conferencing) subscription is available as well. Three property transfers were added for the month of February and five were added for March.

ATTORNEY:

The attorney said issues have been brought to his attention about access to the German-Markham Cemetery regarding the blocking of the driveway in and out to the cemetery and it is getting close to Memorial Day. The Clerk is going to find out what deeds are filed in the Town and then call the County to see if we can get copies back to the Holland Land Company.

SUPERVISOR:

Supervisor Angie Martino-Miller asked for a motion to transfer funds. A motion was made by Councilman Luce, seconded by Councilman Drajem to transfer \$141 from DA9040.8 and \$739 from DA5142.11 to DA5130.4. A roll call vote was taken on the motion-Luce-aye, Drajem-aye, Martino-Miller-aye, Ackley-aye, Hansen-lvett-aye.

We need two more people for the Board of Assessment Review and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Chris Rupp has said she will be on the Zoning Board of Appeals. A motion was made by Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Hansen-lvett to appoint Chris Rupp to the Zoning Board of Appeals. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

Paul Luce has also agreed to be on the Board of Assessment Review. A motion was made by Councilman Hansen-lvett, seconded by Councilman Ackley to appoint Paul Luce to the Board of Assessment review. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

Supervisor asked the Clerk if anyone sent emails for public questions, Clerk

responded no.

DISASTER COOD: Disaster Coordinator Raiport reported that we have received the contract so we can go forward with Code Red. Tomorrow we will get more direction from legislators and mayors.

On May 23, 2020 there will be antivirus testing at the Dayton Fire hall for first responders.

Mr. Raiport asked if the final draft of the Emergency Management Plan was okay legal wise so that it can be brought to the Board and adopted. After a discussion with Attorney Grennell by phone he said it was pretty comprehensive and covered everything that he could think of so let's proceed.

CEO: CEO Watson issued two demolition, a chicken coop, shed, back porch, cattle shelter, cow barn and a new home permits, and I have two applications on my desk.

BILLS: A motion was made by Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Luce to pay General Funds claims #60-70 in the amount of \$4,599.26 as set forth in Abstract #5, dated May 13, 2020, Highway Fund claims #69-83, in the amount of \$10,540.19 as set forth in Abstract #5 dated May 13, 2020. A vote was taken on the motion, Carried.

Councilman Luce reported that he called Spectrum and is being told that cable will be available in June.

The Town Clerk and Supervisor reports for April, 2020 was received by the Board.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Ackley, seconded by Councilman Hansen-Ivett, at 7:25 p.m., Carried. The next meeting will be June 10, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Ruth Bennett, Town Clerk