

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER
NOVEMBER 13th, 2023 FOLLOWING THE 6:00 P.M. SPECIAL TOWN
MEETING OF ELECTORS**

Chairman Mike Hass called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman Mike Hass, Supervisors Darrel Dengel, Matt Leder, Cutler Nowak in attendance. Tim Mueske excused absence.

Also present: See sign in sheet.

Motion by Cutler Nowak to accept minutes of the October 9th, 2023 Town Board Meeting as printed, 2nd by Darrel Dengel; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Darrel Dengel to accept minutes of the October 26th, 2023 Town Board Special Meeting as printed, 2nd by Cutler Nowak; motion carried 4-0.

Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance as of October 31st, 2023 is \$1,030,109.81. After checks issued on November 13th, 2023 for \$54,287.28. Balance as of November 13th, 2023 \$971,982.04. Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve as read, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve the vouchers as presented, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 4-0.

ROAD REPORT

Chairman Mike Hass reported that the surveyor was at Airport Rd, there is 66 ft. of easement which is a big enough easement to make a turn around. Mike and Mark will be going out tomorrow to fill potholes. Culvert on Ash Dr. will be looked at, may need to do an emergency culvert fix or replacement. Other culverts will be done next year. Tony Baumann suggested to put flags on the ends of the culverts. Kathy Pophal inquired about the Parking restrictions sign that used to be on River Bend Dr., it is gone now she was just curious as to what happened to it. If there is a problem with parking let the Town know and it will be replaced.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

Larry Wenning inquired about the plows on the trucks, Cutler will be doing this soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Airport Rd was discussed in Road Report.

Discussion on snowplowing contract, Cutler suggested that Mike check with our lawyers about Dewar parking his equipment in our garage. Bo Bennish asked if we get State funding – yes, and Federal Funding – no. Dewar is bonded.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-04, Darrel Dengel made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-04 That the sum of \$11,000.00 be transferred from the Town of Merrill Payroll Account to the Equipment Repair Fund expense account. Motion 2nd by Matt Leder: motion carried 4-0.

Changing Prairie Rd to a Class B. Mike had talked to a farmer today about the weight limit signs on there, the farmer will only take ½ loads and go down the middle of the road. Mike would like to change it to a Class B for the weight limits. Bo Bennish said farms are exempt to road limits. Will discuss again in December.

Discussion on making the hall available for a Blood Drive to help Brandtly Clark: Because there would be no money profit for this event it would be ok. A liability waiver would have to be signed and a \$150.00 deposit would be required, and then returned afterwards if all cleaned as required. Darrel Dengel made a motion to grant there would be no rental fee, only a deposit fee of \$150.00 and liability waiver signed, motion 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 4-0.

Discussion on Final Audit of 2022. Kay Tautges reported there were no findings. The final audit was not received until after the agenda packets were mailed out to the supervisors, it was decided to have the supervisors look the audit over and discuss again at the December meeting.

Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the Town for the election machine. There are 3 MOU's that need to be looked over and approved, the supervisors will look those over and will discuss again at the December meeting.

Discussion on adopting Lincoln Counties mailbox policy. Their policy is the face of the mailbox is even to the shoulder of the road, not the edge of the blacktop. This would not be done until next year, after further discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion on what to put on the back of the tax letter. Mitzi will get in contact with Republic Services who pick's up our recyclables to try and get a new print out on what can be recycled as a reminder to everyone, and to also remind everyone that absolutely no garbage is to be put in the recyclable bins. Also put a note in the letter stating that the snowplowing is being done by Dewar, any questions or problems to call the office or Mike Hass.

We received a letter from the Lincoln County Administration Department that as of Jan. 1st, 2024 the Lincoln County Government Buildings, with the exception of the Sheriff's Office and Courthouse, will be closing on Friday's at 1:00 p.m. Also stated the Holidays and mandated training dates the offices will be closed; Jan. 1, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 29, May 27, July 4 & 5, Sept. 2, Nov. 28 & 29, Dec. 24 & 25, and Dec. 31.

We received a letter from the Merrill Chamber of Commerce about putting an ad in the Merrill Area Visitors Guide. We are not a member of the Chamber, and it is very expensive and not necessary for us to advertise.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bo Bennish asking about the snowplowing, Mike explained how we got the numbers, which was correct. This has already been bid out to Dewar, we will have to wait and see how it all turns out after the winter.

Scott Streich asked about Prairie Rd, where did the County get the pulverized blacktop? On the turn around the DNR and County wanted to put gravel down there.

Kathy Pophal had concerns about the website. Mitzi is also having trouble with some areas and will be looking into it.

ADJOURN

Darrel Dengel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Cutler Nowak; motion carried 4-0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk