

TOWN OF GALE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 20, 2023

The regular board meeting for the Town of Gale was held on February 20, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were Paul Halderson, Mike Oslie, Sharon Spahr, Kevin Duch and Matt Andersen. Also, present were Joel Halderson, Sarah Halderson, Joe Baardseth, Jim Stetzer, Jamie Stetzer, Randy Mickelson, Bruce Brovold and Sue Henderson.

Paul Halderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The open meeting law requirements had been met by posting and publication.

Sharon Spahr made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Baardseth appeared regarding plowing of Hill Lane. Joe is asking why the Town of Gale plows all the way to the back of the end of Hill Lane since the town road ends before the end of Hill Lane and the last section is a private driveway. The Town of Gale board does not feel that the turn around that exists is a safe place to turn around and it is safer to turn around back by Justin Jenson. There are times when the section of the road that is a private driveway is already plowed by the person that Justin Jenson has hired to do it and there are times that we plow it. Joe Baardseth talked about misuse of funds for plowing a private driveway. This section is a little less than 2 tenths of a mile. Joe Baardseth constructed a turn around on land owned by Bob Smikrud. Again, the town board feels that it is safer to turn around in Justin Jenson's yard. The safety of the driver and the safety of a truck is important and Bruce Brovold stated that is legal to turn around where we have been turning around. Joe Baardseth asked if we were going to put rock on the section that is a private driveway and the town has no intention to do so and have also not been asked to do this.

Under citizen appearances there were none

Under the machinery report it was reported that Randy Mickelson's truck has been worked on at Universal.

Under the road report it was discussed that the crew has been plowing and sanding as well as cutting trees. Bump signs have also been put out.

The correspondence was next on the agenda.

There were no building permits to report on.

The TRIP money on North Ridge was discussed and will be put out on bids by advertisement.

The next item on the agenda was the possible approval of a truck to replace the one-ton snowplow truck. A Ford diesel has been looked at with a base price of \$51,000 and a final price of \$90,000 to \$100,000 to be fully equipped. The value of our current truck is \$70-75,000. There was discussion on selling the truck out right instead of trading it in. Live hydraulics, a different plow and a tailgate sander were discussed. Matt Andersen made a motion to continue pursuing the purchase of a Ford 450. Mike Oslie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sharon Spahr gave an update on the WTA county unit meeting.

Matt Andersen made a motion to approve the monthly financial report. Sharon Spahr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Oslie made a motion to approve #26831 through #26895. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The February meeting will be held on Monday, February 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Matt Andersen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Duch seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Sue Henderson Clerk-Treasurer Town of Gale