

TOWN OF GALE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2023

The regular board meeting for the Town of Gale was held on December 12, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Board members present were Paul Halderson, Mike Oslie, Sharon Spahr, Kevin Duch and Matt Andersen. Also, present were Jim Stetzer and Jamie Stetzer, Kevin Evenson, Sue Henderson, Clayton McNamara and Randy Mickelson

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

Matt Andersen made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clayton McNamara spoke under public comments in regards to the zoning updates to coincide with the comprehensive plan recommendations. Clayton asked about why it had not been done before.

Under specific matters for discussion which was agenda item four:

Zoning map amendment proposed changes based on comprehensive plan recommendations. Sue had sent out thirty letters based on a list that was received from the county land management office to correct the zoning on these parcels to reflect their actual use. Three people had called and asked questions out of the thirty people to better understand the letter. Matt Andersen made a motion to switch the zoning on the selected properties that Sue sent a letter to in October. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The budget amendment was presented to the 2023 budget. Matt Andersen made a motion to approve the resolution to amend the 2023 budget by transferring money from ARPA for \$99,171.89 and the transmission line money market for \$33,353.53 to the Public Works portion of the budget. Mike Oslie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kevin Duch made a motion to approve a holiday bonus for the employees to result in a net of \$300 after taxes. The motion died due to a lack of a second. Mike Oslie made a motion to approve a \$271 bonus for Kevin Evenson, Randy Mickelson and Sue Henderson that results in a net of \$250 for a bonus. Matt Andersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The 2024 caucus will be held at 7:30 on January 9, 2024.

The election inspector appointment was done for a two- year term. Matt Andersen made a motion to approve the list as read by Sue. Kevin Duch seconded the motion. Motion carried with Mike Oslie abstaining.

Mike Oslie gave an ARPA update.

Under citizen appearances there were none.

Under the machinery report it was reported that truck #1 had a bad hose. The plow cylinder was taken off of truck #2 and taken to Ronco. Radios will be installed this weekend.

Under the road report it was discussed that wash outs were fixed from the rain as well as pot holes. Dead trees have been cut and the sander is in the new pick up and the plow is on. Plowing and sanding has been done as needed.

Correspondence was presented as listed. The board will look into what the money can be used on from the check that was received from the Department of Administration additional environmental impact fee.

Building permits were issued to Dawn Bender, April Clements and also a driveway permit to Hunter and Carter Kopp.

Paul Halderson gave an update on the Lake District meeting. It was pretty quiet

A fire board meeting update was given. Most of the discussion at the fire board meeting centered around the full-time fire chief position that is being proposed. This was brought up to late in the year to approve for 2024. It will be brought back up next summer before the budget for 2025.

Matt Andersen made a motion to approve the monthly financial report. Mike Oslie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sharon Spahr made a motion to approve #27235 through #27278 Matt Andersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Matt Andersen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Duch seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Sue Henderson Clerk-Treasurer Town of Gale

