

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE TOWN OF STURGIS HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Sturgis was held at 6:00 o'clock on the 5th Day of December 2023 at the Town Hall, the aforesaid being the time and place for the meeting of the officers present: Leah Brown, Mayor; Jerry Bean, Susie McClelland, Lori Ann Carpenter, Amanda Ware, Aldermen; Laura Smith, Mayor Pro Tem; Keeli Pigg, Attorney; Mandy Page, Town Clerk; Doug Hamilton, Police Chief; Cameron Nowacki, Water Maintenance.

Absent: Caroline Commer, Attorney

The meeting was duly opened and called to order by Mayor, Leah Brown.

Opening prayer by Leah Brown.

ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion made by Amanda Ware and seconded by Laura Smith. The board approved the minutes for November 2023.

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| Jerry Bean ---Yea | Laura Smith ---Yea |
| Amanda Ware---Yea | Susie McClelland---Yea |
| Lori Ann Carpenter--- Yea | |

ORDER – DOCKETT CLAIMS

Upon motion made by Susie McClelland and seconded by Amanda Ware. Unanimously carried. The board approved to pay the listed bills for November 2023.

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| Jerry Bean --Yea | Laura Smith ---Yea |
| Amanda Ware---Yea | Susie McClelland---Yea |
| Lori Ann Carpenter--- Yea | |

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*Police & Water Reports were given.

*Email read from Jeff Foster (new water operator) due to Ricky Vowell's retirement and Cameron is working under Jeff's supervision.

*Presentation from Holly Hawkins of Belinda Stewart Architects with the updates of study conducted of the Sturgis Presbyterian Church. The study included information on the foundation and structure of the church with estimated cost of repairs to be completed in phases. Provided also was the recommendation to apply for grant funding.

*Discussion on the creation of a non-profit organization for the Town. The discussion for approval was tabled to next board meeting. The town attorney will look into a possible agreement and grant-funding for a non-profit before the next meeting.

ORDER- ELEVATED TANK INSPECTION REPORT

Discussion on inspection report conducted by Sim Inspection on the elevated tank. Upon motion made by Jerry Bean and seconded by Amanda Ware. Unanimously carried. The board voted to forward the inspection report to town engineer Stanley Spradling. This report included recommendations for maintenance & painting of tank.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

*Update on Town Ordinance and Town storm shelter will be given at January meeting.

ORDER- EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Jerry Bean and seconded by Susie McClelland. Unanimously carried. The board voted to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

ORDER- END EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Jerry Bean and seconded by Susie McClelland. Unanimously carried. The board voted to end executive session and return to open meeting.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

ORDER- HOURLY INCREASE

After board discussion was held. Upon motion made by Jerry Bean and seconded by Susie McClelland. Unanimously carried. The board voted to raise Chief of Police salary to \$20 an hour taking effect on 01/01/2024.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

ORDER-ADJOURN

Upon motion made by Amanda Ware and seconded by Laura Smith. Unanimously carried. The board voted to adjourn with no further business.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

ATTEST:



MANDY JONES PAGE

TOWN CLERK



LEAH BROWN

MAYOR