TOWN OF MIDLAND

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2014

The Town Board of the Town of Midland met in regular session on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall with the following members present: Diana Baeza, Jared Fosheim, Rock Gillaspie, Finance Officer Michelle Meinzer and Utilities Operator Lawrence Stroppel.

Also present: Lola Roseth, Haakon County Emergency Manager, Ken Standiford and Angie Doolittle

Minutes from the June 10 and June 23, 2014 meetings were approved as published.

Roseth met with the Board to discuss her role as Emergency Manager. We discussed recent disasters in SD and the role that the Emergency Manager takes in this event. Roseth recommended that the Town of Midland choose a public information officer (PIO). This person would be the one who would represent the Board and talk to the media in case of an emergency. Baeza was chosen as the PIO for the Town of Midland.

Discussed city well. The Town of Midland received a $ 10,000.00 project assistance grant from West River Water Development District (WRWDD) as well as $ 515,000.00 of Urgent Need Funding from the Community Development Block Grant program. The SD Community Foundation – Midland Community also awarded the Town with a grant in the amount of $ 3,000.00. The plugging of the well will be put up for bid and the monies awarded will be used for engineering costs as well as the actual plugging.

Deposits made for the hot water heat will be refunded at our next regular meeting.

A motion was made by Fosheim, second by Gillaspie to approve the following resolution.

RESOLUTION # 2014-09

RESOLUTION ASSURING FAIR HOUSING

Whereas, it is the Town of Midland’s firm belief that discrimination in housing not only threatens the rights and privileges of the citizens of the municipality but also menaces the institutions and foundations of free and democratic society; and

Whereas, this body desires to give meaning to the guarantees of equal rights contained in the Constitution and laws of this State and the United States and to encourage and bring about mutual self-respect and understanding among all citizens and groups in the Town of Midland and,

Whereas, under the federal fair housing, (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968), it is illegal to deny housing to any person because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin; and,

Therefore, be it resolved the Town of Midland, South Dakota, makes a firm commitment to do all within its power to eliminate prejudice, intolerance, disorder and discrimination in housing.

Therefore, be it also resolved that the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity logo will be displayed at the Midland Municipal Building, Midland, SD.

Therefore, be it also resolved that the following procedures will be used to accomplish the purpose of the aforementioned resolution:

1. The Town of Midland shall inform all municipality employees of the municipality’s commitment to equal housing.

2. The Town of Midland shall direct all employees to forward immediately to the Town Board President any reports they receive of housing discrimination.

3. The Town Board President shall forward such complaints to the South Dakota Division of Human Rights within 10 days of receipt to said complaint.

Adopted this 8th day of July, 2014.

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Diana Baeza, Town Board President

Town of Midland

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 Michelle Meinzer, Finance Officer

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Fosheim made a motion, second by Gillaspie to adopt the following which are on file for viewing in the Finance Office. 1. Equal Opportunity Policy Statement 2. Relocation, Displacement, and Acquisition Plan

3. Certification Regarding Restrictions on Lobbying 4. Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

5. Excessive Force Policy 6. O & M Plan (Operation and Maintenance Plan) 7. Code of Conduct Policy. All plans and agreements were adopted unanimously. Motions carried.

Discussed the water hookup for Performance Seed. Easements are needed in order to move forward with this project.

Stroppel gave his Utility operator report. Topics discussed were drainage at the park, designated truck route needing additional signs, culvert repair finished, street repairs – gravel received, televising and vacuuming of sewer line results, and spraying for mosquitoes.

 A motion was made by Gillaspie, second by Fosheim to transfer $ 30,000.00 from the General fund to the Water fund.

Discussed dogs running loose and disturbing the peace. Letters will be sent out reminding residents of Town Ordinance on this matter.

A motion was made by Gillaspie, second by Fosheim to approve the following claims:

BankWest Insurance Bond Renewal $ 600.00

Lawrence Stroppel Wages/insurance/vehicle/phone 3177.71

Michelle Meinzer Wages/ phone/mileage/deeds/postage 809.36

Electronic Federal Tax Payment System Employee Tax 1376.42

Ernie’s Supplies 610.29

Golden West Phone/Internet 157.57

Heartland Waste Refuse Service 1260.00

Jerry’s Blade Service Gravel 407.78

Mid-American Research Chemical Supplies 962.71

Midland Food & Fuel Fuel 490.08

O’Connell Construction Gravel 255.04

Pioneer Review Publications 160.14

Postmaster Stamps 98.00

SD Dept. of Revenue Lab fees 393.00

SD Retirement System Retirement 493.44

SD State Treasurer Sales Tax 92.40

USA BlueBook Supplies 237.69

WR/LJ Rural Water Water Supply 1218.75

G & A Trenching Repairs 720.00

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

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Michelle Meinzer, Finance Officer Diana Baeza, President

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