

TRIMONT COUNCIL MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular meeting was duly held at the Trimont Community Building, and also remotely via Zoom, on the 16th day of August, 2021 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Troy Schmidtke, Council Member Bruce Borntrager, Council Member JoAnn Russenberger, Council Member Thomas Hage, and Council Member Brian Krumwiede.

Mayor Troy Schmidtke presided over the meeting.

No comments were made during the Community Comment period.

Police Chief Ross Wiggin reviewed the department report. Items discussed included a list of properties that have vehicles, campers and other equipment parked on the grass, and the considerable number of homes do not have house numbers on them like they should.

Public Works Supervisor Mike Paulson reviewed the department report. The PLC at the wastewater plant is failing and needs to be replaced. A cost estimate is pending. Various concrete repair work also needs to be done. A decision is needed regarding land for the proposed sewer ponds so some of these maintenance costs might be rolled into funding for that project. Mayor Schmidtke advised that the land purchase related to the pond project is in the hands of lawyers and will be finalized shortly. Council asked about the status of the report from last year's sewer televising project. Paulson will contact SEH on the matter.

Fire Chief Ryan Kuehl provided a department report. An estimate from Baha Gutter was provided for some of the repair work on the fire hall that was advised from the recent LMC inspection. Further discussion will take place as part of the 2022 budget review.

The tax forfeiture list from Martin County was considered for approval. It was a consensus of the council that both listed properties be purchased for economic development. One of the properties has an outstanding IRS lien attached, so the county auditor will be contacted to discuss that claim prior to offering to purchase the property. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger and carried to adopt the following resolution**

Resolution 2021-18

Resolution approving tax forfeited property

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and carried to approve the following resolution

Resolution 2021-16

Resolution to accept the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act

The proposed 2022 budget was reviewed. Discussion took place regarding the need to continue the sealcoating program or if it can be taken out of the budget for now. The proposed levy will be discussed further at the September 20th council meeting.

Two estimates were reviewed for repair or replacement of the front door and window on the fire hall. Fairmont Glass bid \$12,432, and Kendell bid \$9,214 but that bid does not include full replacement. **Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member Bruce Borntrager and carried to accept the bid from Fairmont Glass.** It was decided to have the building committee look at the fire hall before any decisions are made on the repair work listed on the Baha Gutter estimate reviewed earlier.

In old business, it was decided to have a couple of council members meet with area health care providers regarding leasing the clinic building. Discussion of parking regulations was held over for an upcoming meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Bruce Borntrager, seconded by Council Member Brian Krumwiede and carried to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of minutes from the July 19, 2021 meeting as printed.

Approval of zoning permit applications from: Jimmy Lorenz, Jessica Samstad, Deb Seckinger, and Michael Andrews (contingent on meeting all setbacks).

Approval to pay the following bills:

American Welding	\$ 35.88	Beemer Co.	\$ 5166.95
Bevcomm	\$ 93.40	Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 2927.66
Bound Tree Medical	\$ 24.58	Borntrager Auto	\$ 56.06
Cardmember Service	\$ 5.98	Delta Dental	\$ 74.70
Diamond Vogel Paint	\$ 780.55	Expert Billing	\$ 150.00
Farmers State Bank	\$ 513.70	Fleet & Farm	\$ 1099.99
Frontier Communications	\$ 629.84	Generator System Services	\$ 225.00
Gopher State One Call	\$ 33.75	Hawkins	\$ 15.00
Hometown Sanitation	\$ 4369.40	Indoff	\$ 80.52
Itron	\$ 422.48	Kuehl's Electric	\$ 1019.89
Lacey Schmidtke	\$ 80.00	Martin County Star	\$ 81.20
MESRB	\$ 750.00	Midwest IT Systems	\$ 300.00
MN Dept. of Health	\$ 823.00	Minnesota Energy	\$ 222.81
Moore & Ace	\$ 245.04	M.R. Paving	\$101953.56
Paulson Heating & Cooling	\$ 1507.50	Petty Cash-Ambulance	\$ 30.00
Postmaster	\$ 178.48	Pritt's Electric Motor	\$ 68.00
Quill	\$ 14.99	River Bend Business	\$ 23.05
Ross Wiggin	\$ 375.00	South Central Electric	\$ 5365.50
Town Center Super Valu	\$ 16.61	Triumph State Bank	\$ 513.70
UC Laboratory	\$ 687.00	USABLE Life	\$ 5.60
Verizon	\$ 387.58	Wex Bank	\$ 894.05

In other business, Mayor Schmidtke provided details from meetings held with area officials to discuss adding a trail along the highway that could connect to trails in adjacent counties. MnDot is proposing a walking and biking trail on the shoulder of the highway.

Motion made by Council Member Thomas Hage, seconded by Council Member JoAnn Russenberger and carried to adjourn.

Signed, Troy Schmidtke, Mayor

Attest: Melissa Sirovy, City Clerk