Town of Evergreen January 15, 2025 Caucus and Regular Town Board Meeting

The January 15, 2025 Town Caucus was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Tim Kessler at the Evergreen Town Hall, W8896 Carlton Rd, Spooner. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Those present were Tim Kessler, Gary Scalzo, Tim Wallace, Mary Smith, Randy Melton, Larry Bascombe, Brad Kildow, Char Hedlund, Brian & Mavis Melton, Suzanne LaPorte, Glen Melton, Jan Rath, Rozanne Livingston, Ricky & Caroline Skaggs, Ed Meister and Julie Kessler.

Nominations for Treasurer: Mary Smith nominated Rozanne Livingston, second by Char Hedlund. Brian Melton nominated Mary Smith. Mary Smith declined. Motion by Brian Melton, second by Suzanne LaPorte, to close nominations. Motion Carried

Nominations for Clerk: Motion by Brian Melton to nominate Julie Kessler. Julie Kessler declined. No other nominations were made.

Nominations for Supervisors: Motion by Caroline Skaggs, to nominate Ricky Skaggs. Motion by Suzanne LaPorte, second by Brad Kildow, for Brian Melton. Motion by Brian Melton, second by Char Hedlund for Gary Scalzo. No other nominations were made.

Nominations for Chair: Motion by Brian Melton, second by Ricky Skaggs, for Tim Kessler. Tim Kessler declined. Motion was repeated twice with much gratitude for the job Tim has done. Tim accepted.

Chair closed caucus at 6:42 pm.

Chair Kessler called the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board to order at 6:48 pm.

Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried

Motion by Wallace, second by Scalzo, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2024 Town Board meeting. Motion Carried

Clerk Kessler reported on completing W-2's and 1099's and filed them with the state and federal governments and getting ready to send out ballots for the February primary election. Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace, to approve the Clerk's report as presented. Motion Carried

Treasurer Smith gave her monthly report and answered questions. She will be accepting taxes again in person on January 25. Motion by Wallace, second by Scalzo, to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion Carried

Randy Melton reported that he plowed and sanded and the Western Star truck broke down and is in the shop. Stop signs have been stole again and he has been brushing. Chair Kessler reported that a road plan needs to be put together. Costs are about \$200,000 a mile to start and we do have LRIP fund of \$14,000 to use.

Plow truck bids: Chair Kessler reported on costs slightly cheaper than last month by not going with a stainless steel box. Truck & Chassis are \$150,661.19 and the body and attachments are \$111.890 for a total cost of \$262,551.19. Motion by Wallace, second by Scalzo, to purchase the plow truck from Ascendance and Monroe with the mild steel for a total cost of \$262,551.19. Motion Carried

Chair Kessler reported on one quote for heating the town storage building. Will hopefully get another and have this one the agenda next month.

No correspondence.

Citizens Comments: Brad Kildow asked if the grader problem was fixed. Chair Kessler explained what they believe it was and that hopefully it is fixed. Brian Melton thanked everyone for stepping up and serving. Ricky Skaggs questioned the 35 mph zone by his house.

Motion by Scalzo, second by Wallace, to review and approve the bills. Motion Carried

Motion by Wallace, second by Scalzo, to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried

Submitted by Julie Kessler, Clerk