

**Town of Big Flats**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**August 8, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. All board members present.

The Pledge was recited.

**Approval of Bills:** Motion by Supervisor Kipfer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Clark to pay the bills. **Motion Carried**

**Approval of Previous Months Minutes:** Motion by Supervisor Kipfer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Clark to approve the minutes from the previous month's minutes.

**Treasure's Report:** Treasurer Reed read balances for all accounts. There were no questions. Chairman Reed asked for the reports to be filed for audit.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Meyers reported there were 2 accidents, 9 medical assist calls, 4 wildland fires, 7 mutual aid calls for MABAS, 2 mutual aid calls from MABAS and 1 false alarm.

The department participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and Arkdale Days. \$7,200 has been raised so far with the mailings. The Town of Rome donated a pump.

\$33,278.00 has been deposited from the street dance. The total income made has not been figured out yet.

Chief asked if the money from the insurance company had been paid for the October 2022 incident. The town clerk will look into it.

**Purchase of used fire truck:** The Fire department would like to take out a loan to purchase a 1996 International Truck. It's a very clean truck and runs

nicely. This truck would make it possible to use only 1 truck for MABAS calls. As of now they have to take 2 trucks which leaves the town without an emergency vehicle here. This truck will replace the 1979 GMC truck that was purchased new by the department.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kipfer to purchase the 1996 truck with a down payment of \$5000.00 and finance the amount of \$25,000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Clark.

### **Motion Carried**

Chairman Reed asked for the board to make a motion to have Clerk Horacek sign for the loan at the bank. A Motion was made by Supervisor Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Kipfer to approve of the town clerk to sign for the loan. **Motion Carried**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Zoning:** Jay Jochan listed off the approved land use applications. He stated that in the last 3 months there have been 30 applications for garages. He has had a few issues that he would like to get the town's attorney to take care of.

Adams-Columbia Electric plans to put a substation in on the north/west corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Bighorn Ave. It has been decided to have a public meeting with them in October at a Planning Commission meeting.

Pam Marquardt stated that she received a letter from the IRS stating that the Friends of The Big Flats Fire House is now a 501C.

**Nuisance:** Kris Cruise stated he plans to have a meeting. It was brought up about garbage on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. The sheriff's department has been brought in and has given a citation.

10 Dr. & Buttercup, someone asked if the town would be able to help with cleaning up. Chairman Reed asked her to get with Kris Cruise on the issue. The person dumping the garbage lives about 15 miles south of Big Flats.

**Land Division & Re-zoning:** A motion was made by Supervisor Kipfer to approve the dividing of land at 1398 Buttercup Ave. and changing it from AG to R-2, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Clark. **Motion Carried**

**Resolution 2023-03:** A motion was made by Supervisor Kipfer to approve the Adams County Forestry purchasing of 358 acres in the Town of Big Flats, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Clark. **Motion Carried**

**Noise Ordinance:** There has been an issue with someone shooting after dark. Chairman Reed has talked to the town's attorney. The chairman stated that we have an agreement with the Town of Rome Police Dept. They will enforce the town's ordinances. The court is also located in the Town of Rome. It has been decided to table this until the next meeting.

**Transfer Site:** There will be another sign being put up to remind everyone that passes are required. Chairman Reed also stated that the Adams County Solid Waste Department has informed the town of price increases. The town is looking at an increase of \$11,000 next year if we have the same tonnage.

**Rabbit Rock:** Chairman would like the open/close sign moved. Supervisor Clark will take care of that.

**Road Repairs:** Supervisor Kipfer still has not heard from Scott's Construction on when they plan to do road work for the town. Chairman Reed asked to be added in on any emails with them.

**Fire Wise Brush Pickup Mailings:** Clerk Horacek will take care of getting everything printed for the mailings. The date has been set for stuffing envelopes of September 6, 2023, at 5:00 PM.

**Planning Commission Meeting:** Date has been set for October 17, 2023, at 6:00 PM

**Public Hearing:** September 12, 2023, at 6:00 PM with the regular town meeting to follow.

**Mowing of Park & Cemetery:** Supervisor Clark will make sure mowing is taken care of before the Labor Day weekend.

**Associated Appraisal Contract:** A motion was made by Supervisor Kipfer to except the 2024 contract with Associated Appraisal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Clark.

**Motion Carried**

**Town Mowing:** Chairman Reed asked Supervisor Kipfer to make sure all roads are also mowed for the Labor Day Weekend. He stated they will be taken care of.

**Scraping of old mowers:** A Motion was made by Supervisor Kipfer to scrape the old mowers and other metal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Clark. **Motion Carried**

**Correspondence:** None

**Citizen Input:** Supervisor Clark asked if the noisy ceiling fan could be fixed. Chairman Reed took care of it.

**Announcements:** Next monthly meeting September 12, 2023 at 6:30 following the public hearing.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Supervisor Clark to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Kipfer. **Motion Carried**

*Terri L. Horacek*

*Town of Big Flats Clerk*