**MINUTES**.

The Board of Trustees, Town of Harrold, met in regular session January 11, 2021 at City Hall. President Becker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Dean Becker, Marty Winckler, and Mike Bartels, Trustees, and Sarah Rheinbolt, Finance Officer in attendance.

NOTE: All motions are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

**MOTION** by Bartels to approve the Agenda for the January 11th meeting. Second by Winckler. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Winckler to approve the minutes of the December 14th, 2020 meeting. Second by Bartels. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Becker to set First Dakota National Bank, Pierre, as the town depository, and the Highmore Herald as the official newspaper; second by Bartels. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Bartels to keep the mileage reimbursement rate at $.50 per mile; second by Winckler. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Bartels that all wages remain the same: Finance Officer $600 per month; trustees at $100 per month and $75 per special meeting; all other employees will be paid at the state minimum wage rate in effect at the time of payment, second by Winckler. Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Winckler to set the municipal election date to be April 13, 2021; second by Becker. Motion carried.

Extensive discussion was held on the current sewer rates and the need to increase them to offset the large increase in service and labor fees. A town-wide audit of sewer services being used needs to be conducted to be certain that businesses and residences are being charged appropriately. Board will request further clarification on the billing increases from Mid Dakota before taking additional action.

**MOTION** by Bartels to approve the building permit submitted by Danny Schmautz for a 14x24 building near their home. Second by Winckler. Motion carried.

The board tabled the Loss Control survey until the regular February meeting.

**MOTION** by Bartels to approve the quotes submitted for installing camera systems at the gym and on Wyman Avenue. Second by Winckler. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on repairing the blade. Board also discussed that there have been no new quotes for the hail damage on the bus sheds.

Board discussed no longer sending the minutes out to the residents of Harrold, as they are available online and in the town’s official newspaper.

Reviewing the Loss Control survey was tabled until the next meeting.

The following bills were submitted and approved for payment: Dakota Pump and Control (service agreement) $560.00; Martin Winckler (quarterly wages) $277.05; Venture Communications (phone and internet) $162.17; Northwestern Energy (school electric) $935.74; Northwestern Energy (street lights) $496.80; Sarah Rheinbolt (December wages) $526.10; Dean Becker (quarterly wages) $277.05; Mike Bartels (quarterly wages) $277.05; Poppe Enterprises (pest control) $64.00; Envirotech (waste services) $51.25; Caps Trail Service (diesel supplement) $19.72; Mid Dakota Water (school water) $67.00; Mid Dakota Water (lift station water) $42.00; Highmore Herald (publishing) $23.67; Hoffman Oil (blade fuel) $141.27; Northwest Pipe Fittings (manhole inserts) $877.30; Department of Environment and Natural Resources (2021 fee) $50.00; United States Treasury (4th quarter payroll taxes) $680.52.

Notice of Vacancy: Martin Winckler’s three-year term is up for election due to the expiration of the term. Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 29, 2021. Petitions may be filed in the office of the finance officer located at 206 S Nixon, Harrold, South Dakota between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Central Time, and not later than 5:00 p.m., February 26, 2021. To acquire a nomination petition please contact Sarah Rheinbolt, Finance Officer. Petitions can also be found on the Town website and must be printed front and back on a single sheet.

President Becker declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm. The next regular meeting will be the second Monday of the month, February 8, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

Sarah Rheinbolt, Finance Officer