MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE TOWN OF STURGIS HELD ON THE 4th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Sturgis was held at 6:00 o'clock on the 4th Day of February 2025 at the Town Hall, the aforesaid being the time and place for the meeting of the officers present: Leah Brown, Mayor; Jerry Bean, Lori Ann Carpenter, Susie McClelland, Laura Smith, Mayor Pro Tem; Mandy Page, Town Clerk; Doug Hamilton, Police Chief.

Absent: Amanda Ware, Aldermen, Caroline Commer, Attorney; Jeff Foster, Water Operator

The meeting was duly opened and called to order by Mayor, Leah Brown. Opening prayer by Leah Brown.

ORDER - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion made by Laura Smith and seconded by Susie McClelland. The board approved the minutes for January 2025.

Jerry Bean --- Yea

Laura Smith --- Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter--- Yea

ORDER - DOCKETT CLAIMS

Upon motion made by Susie McClelland and seconded by Jerry Bean. Unanimously carried. The board approved to pay the listed bills for January 2025.

Jerry Bean -- Yea

Laura Smith --- Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter--- Yea

^{*}Police Report given.

^{*}Water Report given by Mayor. Bradley Water check for \$225,000 sent to Water dept. with another check to come after Bradley water bank account is closed. Bradley Water CD in the amount of \$57,000 will mature in April & a new CD will

be established at CB&S bank. Lights on the elevated water tank will be replaced within the week. Lagoon repair complete & discussion on fence removal.

*Fire Dept. Updates (given by Justin Collins, SVFD Chief)- County Fire Reports were provided. Sturgis Volunteer Fire Dept. handled 24 fire calls, 103 medical calls, 3 hazard calls, 2 public service calls, and 6 false calls. Totally 141 calls which is a record for Sturgis Fire. Volunteer Fireman Jerry Bean answered the most calls. Longview Fire does assist Sturgis when needed. Also, the new skid unit for the rescue truck will be added this month. Discussion of equipment & vehicles with present rescue truck and the county fire truck being housed @ Craig Springs Fire Dept. building and new rescue truck to be housed at Sturgis Fire Dept. Fire Chief Collins is attending EMT classes (National Registered). Possible replacement of fire hydrants with assistance from GTPDD for funding.

ORDER - VETERANS MEMORIAL & FLAGPOLE

Presentation by Mr. Aubrey Ray for a Veterans Memorial with the selling of bricks & purchase of a flagpole to be added to the park. The discussion was held on working with Columbus Brick & Marble to sell bricks with 3 lines on each brick to be sold for \$30 each. These bricks will be added as well as a flagpole & light fixture in memory of veterans. Bricks will be advertised for sale. Motion made to proceed with the Veterans' flagpole & bricks. Upon motion made by Lori Ann Carpenter and seconded by Jerry Bean. Unanimously carried. Design & construction will be at future board meetings.

Jerry Bean -- Yea

Laura Smith --- Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter--- Yea

ORDER - K&M PORTABLES PROPOSAL

Proposal from K&M Portables for permission to use the Sturgis lagoon as a disposal area for septic waste. A fee for each gallon on their truck to be disposed of at the lagoon. Each gallon would be \$0.10 fee paid by K&M Portables up to 50,000 gallons a month. The Sturgis Water Operator okayed this amount. Upon motion made by Jerry Bean and seconded by Susie McClelland. Unanimously carried. The board voted to accept proposal from K&M Portables by the Town.

Jerry Bean -- Yea

Laura Smith --- Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter--- Yea

*Discussion on baseball field signs paid for by donations. Contacting Coca Cola for the purchase of these signs.

ORDER - PITNEY BOWES STAMP MACHINE

Discussion was held on the increase in bills going out & the contract of a stamping machine from Pitney Bowes. The contract would be for 5 years @ \$155.30 a month. Upon motion made by Susie McClelland and seconded by Lori Ann Carpenter. The board voted to accept the contract with Pitney Bowes.

Jerry Bean --- Yea

Laura Smith --- Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter--- Yea

*Comments:

-Rally Board Meeting will be Thursday night.

-Election Candidates & possible poll workers

ORDER - ADJOURN

Upon motion made by Laura Smith and seconded by Susie McClelland. Unanimously carried. The board voted to adjourn with no further business.

Jerry Bean --- Yea

Laura Smith --- Yea

Amanda Ware---

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter--- Yea

ATTEST:

LEAH BROWN

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK