************BOARD MEMBERS WERE SWORN IN BY MAYOR JACK FIELDS************

MINUTES FROM THE 235TH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING. THIS WAS HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2025.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR JACK FIELDS.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE MAYOR JACK FIELDS BY PHONE, KARL LOWRY, HAROLD JAMES, NICK LOWRY AND SHAWNA BOWEN. MEMBER ABSENT WAS JIMMY ATTEBURY. ATTORNEY JUSTIN HURST AND A MEMBER FROM THE COMMUNITY WAS ALSO PRESENT.

THE MINUTES WERE HANDED OUT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY NICK LOWRY TO ACCEPT THEM AS WRITTEN AND IT WAS 2ND BY HAROLD JAMES ALL WERE IN FAVOR NONE OPPOSED.

THE FINANCIAL TOTALS WERE GIVEN OUT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY HAROLD JAMES AND 2ND BY NICK LOWRY TO ACCEPT THEM AS WRITTEN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. NONE OPPOSED.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE: 6 MONTH AND 12 MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT WAS HANDED OUT.

ROAD COMMITTEE: TIM JACKSON AND NICK LOWRY CLEARED THE TOWN ROADS OF SNOW.

OLD BUSINESS:

MAYOR JACK FIELDS ASKED ATTORNEY JUSTIN HURST TO SPEAK. ABOUT THE GATE AT THE ENTRANCE OF ELK MEADOWS AND HE STATED THAT HE SENT A MEMO OUT TO THE BOARD MEMBERS ON WHAT HIS THOUGHTS OF WHAT POSITION THE TOWN WOULD BE IN LEGALLY IF THE GATE STAYED CLOSED AT ANY PORTION OF THE DAY THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR TROUBLE SINCE IT IS NOT A PRIVATE ROAD BUT A COUNTY ROAD AND THE TOWN SPENT A LOT OF MONEY ON THE ROADS. SO, TO KEEP THE TOWN FROM ANY LEGAL LIABILITY OR LAW SUIT UNFORTUNATELY MY LEGAL OPINION IS THAT THE GATE CAN NOT BE OPENED MOST OF THE TIME BUT WILL HAVE TO BE OPEN 24 HOURS PER DAY 365 DAYS A YEAR.

CLERK/TREASURER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT MR. RIGSBY WAS IN ATTENDANCE AT TONIGHTS BOARD MEETING.

MAYOR JACK FIELDS INFORMED MR. HURST TO DRAW UP A LETTER AND SEND A COPY TO THE BOARD MEMBERS AND TO MR. RIGSBY GIVING MR, RIGSBY A 60 DAY NOTICE TO TAKE THE GATE DOWN IF MR. RIGSBY DOES NOT WANT TO TAKE THE GATE DOWN THE TOWN WILL TAKE IT DOWN AND SEND MR. RIGBSY THE BILL. MAYOR JACK FIELDS STATED THAT HE KNOWS THIS IS A BIG DEAL BUT IF WE DON'T TAKE IT DOWN THE REQUEST MADE BY THE MAYOR FOR ROAD WORK IN THAT SUB-DIVISON WILL BE DENIED BY THE ENGINEER THAT WILL BE LOOKING AT THOSE ROADS AND WILL HE WILL NOT ALLOW ANY MONEY TO BE SPENT IN THE SUB-DIVISION THAT IS GATED BY LAW. IF SOMEONE GETS IN THERE AND STARTS HARASSING PEOPLE WE WILL JUST HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT WHEN IT HAPPENS.

MR. HURST SAYS THERE IS NO OTHER WAY AROUND IT. I THINK WE ALL TRIED TO HAVE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO TRY AND RESOLVE THIS.

MR. RIGSBY STATED HE WILL NOT TAKE THE GATE DOWN. THAT IT'S A GATED COMMUNITY AND IT HAS BEEN SINCE DAY ONE AND EVERYBODY KNEW IT SO WERE NOT GOING TO NOT HAVE A GATED COMMUNITY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY NICK LOWRY AND 2ND BY SHAWNA BOWEN TO ADJOURN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR NONE OPPOSED.

MAYOR JACK FIELDS

TRACIE TAYLOR/ CLERK-TREASURER

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