Clearmont Town Council

**Regular Meeting**

# December 22, 2022

# 5:00 P.M.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Clearmont Town Council met for a regular meeting at the Clearmont Town Hall, December 22, 2022. Mayor Chris Schock called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Councilor present were as follows: Mayor Schock, Councilman Poppenga, Councilwoman Switzer, Councilman Buhr, and Councilwoman Betz. Also present were Vivian Ramsay, Town Clerk/Treasurer, and Pete Bassett Town Maintenance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

**APPROVAL OF CURRENT AGENDA**

Councilwoman Switzer moved to approve the Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilman Poppenga. Motion carried 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Poppenga moved to approve the November 21, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Switzer. Motion carried 5-0.

**REPORT OF TREASURER AND APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Beginning balance for November was $462,126.55 with $23,817.52 in checks, $85,793.75 in deposits and an ending balance of $524,102.78.

Councilman Buhr moved to approve the report for the Treasurer and approve the bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Switzer. Discussion was held. Councilwoman Betz strongly recommended all elected officials should use the Town’s email because of the expense and transparency. The Council said they will contact Trinity Lewis and set up their email. Motion carried 5-0.

**REPORTS OF MAYOR, COUNCIL, CLERK, and MAINTENANCE**

Mayor: Mayor Schock reported that the Town is most likely going to need a new pickup truck due to several issues had occurred and getting new blade for the Kubota. Discussion was held. The Council tabled this subject until more research is done.

Mayor Schock stated that that Town will resubmit the ARPA W&S Application.

Mayor Schock reported that Well #3 won’t be completed until Spring 2023 because of frozen ground and Powder River Energy needs to replace two transformers and heavier wires at the water house.

Council: Councilman Poppenga and Councilman Buhr reported there might be a water leak around town. Discussion was held.

Councilwoman Betz mentioned the water loss. Discussion was held.

Clerk: Vivian Ramsay reported that the Town’s audit is going to be delayed because of the sudden and major reduction of staff at Cloud Peak Accountant. She said Cloud Peak has acquired more staff and audit should be completed in mid to late February. She also stated that state auditor and state loan agencies have been notified about the delay.

Mrs. Ramsay stated that she will be off from December 26, 2022 to January 2, 2023 except December 30, 2022. Town hall hours has been posted in the library and town hall.

Maintenance: Pete Bassett stated that he will contact Kubota about the blade.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Switzer moved to approve the submission of Resolution 2022-4. A resolution authorizing submission of an application to the State Loan and Investment Board for a grant through Water and Sewer ARPA grant program funding on behalf of the governing body for the town of Clearmont. Motion seconded by Councilman Buhr. Motion carried 5-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**EXECUTIVE**

**NEXT MEETING**

Work Session, January 16, 2023 @ 5 P.M.

Regular Meeting, January 16, 2023 @ 6 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Switzer moved to adjourn at 5:45 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Betz. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor, Chris Schock Town Clerk, Vivian Ramsay