

**Town of Sullivan**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 4, 2025 at 6:30pm**  
**Town Hall-N3866 West Street, Sullivan**

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Barry Boos
- II. **Roll Call:** Chairman Barry Boos, Supervisor John Kannard, Supervisor Paul Goeglein, Treasurer Stacy Riedl, and Clerk Dawn Bauer were all present.
- III. **Verification of Proper Notice:** The meeting notice/agenda was published on the Town website, Town Facebook page, and on the board outside the Town Hall, by Clerk Dawn Bauer.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Supervisor Kannard and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Goeglein to approve minutes from the Regular February meeting. **MOTION CARRIED 3-0**
- V. **Reports & Correspondence:**

- A. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Stacy Riedl read the Treasurer's report. The monthly revenues and invoices were reviewed by the Board members. A motion was made by Supervisor Goeglein and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Kannard to approve the report and payment of the bills. **MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

| <u>Account Balances</u>          |            |
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| (*021) General Acct              | 56,504.91  |
| (*798) Tax Income Acct           | 362511.62  |
| (*315) Capital Expenditure       | 115,135.27 |
| (*937) Park Fund                 | 8,311.37   |
| (*541) Tax Collections Acct      | 6,119.69   |
| (*912) Cemetery Perpetual Care   | 28050.00   |
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| Cemetery CD #695 (4.07% 7/8/25)  | 9,837.85   |
| Cemetery CD #495 (4.46% 3/5/25)  | 16,503.59  |
| Cemetery CD #975 (4.46% 3/24/25) | 10,601.60  |
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| General CD #591 (4.90% 2/4/25)   | 25,529.84  |
| General CD #599 (4.90% 2/4/25)   | 25,529.84  |
| General CD #607 (4.90% 2/4/25)   | 25,529.84  |
| General CD #615 (4.90% 2/4/25)   | 25,529.84  |
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**B. Guest Speakers:**

1. Judge Timothy Kay from Lake Country Municipal Court was there and gave a report about the Court.
2. Sherrif Deputy Jared Brandenburg was present and asked citizens if there are any problems with anything in Town that they want the Sherrif's Department to look into. A few residents stated there are several places where people are not abiding by the posted speed limits, and he said he would report back to the department about those areas. He also stated that they will soon be getting an electronic board which flashes the drivers' speed limit as they pass it.

- C. **Fire District Report:** Chief Adam Werni was not present to give a report, but Supervisor Goeglein said that Chief Werni is in need of the 2% dues figure because they are having an audit. Clerk Bauer will get the number to Fire District Clerk, Heidi Hargan.

**D. Road Report:**

- 1) Denny said they're still waiting on a replacement for the controller for the International truck. The current one we have is obsolete. He got prices from Monroe and Casper.
- 2) The boiler was inspected and found to be in good working condition.
- 3) The roof was shoveled off and gutters cleaned.
- 4) Women's bathroom was painted, and a new stall was put in. A sink is on backorder.
- 5) Culverts have been gone through and cleaned out around the Town, as well as cleaning up brush/trees/branches from various storm events.

**E. Clerk Correspondence: NONE**

**F. Chairman Correspondence:**

- 1) Chairman Boos wanted to address the citizens that were in attendance due to the "Solar Farm" ordinance on the agenda. He stated that at this time, there is NO plans to have a Solar Farm in the Town of Sullivan. He said that the Planning Committee looked over the proposed ordinance from the County, and decided they did not like how things were worded, and therefore would NOT recommend approval from the Town.

**G. Cemetery Report:** No one was present to give a report.

**VI. Hearing from Citizens:**

- A. Dan Barnes-Lundt Road-he is against a solar farm anywhere. He believes it's an eye sore. He said he was concerned about what would happen if that company went out of business and then it's bought up by someone else.
- B. Jim Christensen-Hwy 106-opposed to the solar farms and is concerned about the possibility of a tornado or other natural disaster taking out the whole thing at once.
- C. Bridget Nelson-County Road P-she gave a very thorough report and stated several facts about solar farms and what they impact in small communities. She is also against one being built.
- D. Kerry & Paul Leist-Grunnert Lane-They are against the solar farms. They are concerned about the inflation reduction act and stated there are over 100 solar farms that have gone bankrupt. She feels that there needs to be more restrictions on big solar companies to comply. They also stated there are hundreds of fires on Solar Farms and they are concerned about our Fire Fighters going into them.
- E. Nate Meyer-Bente Rd-asked about specifics in regards to putting energy back to the grid, and the Board explained that with the new ordinance, this would be illegal to do anymore.
- F. RaeAnn Sherr-Meyer Ct-she stated that she started conversations on Facebook to get more information about this. She said that anything under 100 megawatts would be up to the County/Municipalities to police. She was also concerned about a tornado to take out the whole farm and the solar company would not be responsible for cleaning it up.
- G. Dennis & Rosemary Osburn-County Road E-they stated they were glad the citizens posted things on Facebook so that she could see what was developing.

**VII. New Business:**

- A. **Discussion & possible action on purchasing a motorized post-pounder with the Village of Sullivan:** Denny has talked to the Mark Flood from the Village and is recommending that the cost be split between the two and they can share the use of it. After discussion, Supervisor Kannard made a motion and Supervisor Goeglein 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the purchase along with the Village of Sullivan. **MOTION CARRIED 3-0**
- B. **Discussion & possible action on Staude Road bridge project:** Chairman Boos stated we got a grant and it will be fully-funded by the State.
- C. **Discussion & possible action on work at the Mill:** Randy from the Mill stated that he forwarded plans to Supervisors Kannard and Goeglein to look at what needs to be done. This will be an ongoing project and most likely on the agenda for the next several months with updates.
- D. **Discussion & possible action on donating to the Historical Society's Memorial Day Program:** After discussion, Supervisor Kannard made a motion and Supervisor Goeglein 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve a donation of \$350.00 to the Historical Society. **MOTION CARRIED 3-0**
- E. **Discussion & possible action on Rome Raiders Park:** Kent Hoffman was present and stated they would like to build a 12x16 building on the North side of the bathrooms. There will be a floating slab poured for approximately \$6000. Kent is asking that the Town pay \$4000 and the Rome Raiders will pay the remaining \$2000. He said the building is also going to be built by an Amish contractor, and the price will be approximately \$7000 and about \$500 for the electrical. Chairman Boos said the Town has money in the Park Fund and he would propose to use the money in there to pay for upgrades at the Rome Raiders' Park. Supervisor Kannard made a motion and Supervisor Goeglein 2<sup>nd</sup> to take \$4000 out of the Park Fund to pay for the upgrades. **MOTION CARRIED 3-0**

**VIII. Old Business:**

- A. **Discussion & possible action on funding a new roof for Historical Society:** Dale Tietz from the Historical Society stated he and Chairman Boos met with the Amish contractor Bontrager Carpentry, and after measuring, and discussion, he gave a price of \$45,000. The Historical Society has \$12,000 saved and several fundraisers coming up. After discussion, Supervisor Goeglein made a motion and Supervisor Kannard 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Town to pay ½ of the total cost, and also pay the \$1000.00 down payment up front. The remainder is due upon completion. **MOTION CARRIED 3-0**

**B. Discussion & possible action on approving text amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance to allow for regulations of Solar Development:** This item was on the agenda for the Planning Committee, and after they looked it over in detail, they do NOT recommend approval. Therefore, after discussion by the Town Board, Supervisor Kannard made a motion and Supervisor Goeglein 2<sup>nd</sup> to NOT approve the Ordinance amendments. ***MOTION CARRIED 3-0***

- IX. Non-Action Items:** Annual Meeting-Clerk Bauer stated that the Annual Meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in April which will be on April 15<sup>th</sup> this year at 6:30pm.
- X. Set next Town meeting:** the April meeting will be on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm due to the Election being on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- XI. Adjourn:** Supervisor Goeglein made a motion and Supervisor Kannard 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn at 7:34 pm ***MOTION CARRIED 3-0***

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn Bauer, Clerk