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to look into the usage from televising and confirm the water used.

Justin motioned to approve the building permit for Matt Brunner and Gloria seconded. All ayes.

Street: Mark noticed a couple driveways that need to be maintained. Mark will let Terry know which residents and she will send a letter out.

Econ Dev/Finance: Gloria informed the board that the museum building was purchased by Braddock Threshers. They are interested in the back building but moving is too costly for them to move the main building. Braddock Threshers has not made a decision whether they will tear the building down or not.

Old Business:

New yard cleanup notices ~ no update

Moore Engineering sewer projects ~ next construction meeting on April 15.

351 Main St ~ no update

Culverts on old school property ~ no update

WSI grant ~ Terry provided the board with the items that Scott and Terry will submit for the grant.

New Business:

Mall loan update. This loan is paid off. Terry will do some research on how to handle the city sales tax payments and requirements going forward.

Tax equalization w/ Christina Seppanen. Terry asked Christina to verify some information and procedures. A person requesting a change or abatement needs to first go to the city board. The next step would be to go to the county. The county can reject the change even if the city approved it. They cannot go to the state unless they have approached the city and county. Abatement would happen if they have already paid for the taxes to get a refund. If the city board approves the request, they let the county know. The county can still deny it if it puts the sales table out of whack. Josh motioned to approve the 5 Homestead accounts and Gloria seconded. All ayes. Justin motioned to approve the 4 Veterans accounts and Mark seconded. All ayes. The sales ratio for Hazelton 75% threshold and the state requires 90%. Christina included Hazelton with the county to get us to the required threshold. Hazelton has a threshold of 91% for residential and 89.7% for commercial. Derrick Beastron questioned the value of his bulk plant compared to one in similar size at a lesser value. Christina took Derrick's information and will look into why there is such a discrepancy. Tim Renz inquired why his taxes continue to increase every year. Christina looked into his property

tax and explained that he fell into the group that in 2019 the home values were lowered in the system. They have not figured out why this happened, but now those values are increasing to make up for the decrease. Justin motioned to approve the appraisals, excluding 51-0007-00245-000 until further notice and Mark seconded. All ayes.

Prairie dog projects. The board will be moving forward with the purchase of a shed/out building to hold the generator. Shed/out building prices will be brought to a future meeting. Magrum Excavating submitted a quote of \$8450.00 to pull and replace the pipe and pump in the east wellhouse. Jack's Electric submitted a quote of \$7600.15 to rewire the east well house and add connections for a generator. Justin motioned to approve both quotes and that the prairie dog funds will be used for these projects. Sweeney Controls submitted a quote of \$19700.00 for a new alert system for well and water tower issues; this includes discharge pressure transducers at both wells. Mark motioned to approve this quote and that the prairie dog funds will be used for this project and Justin seconded. All ayes.

Coop with county on engineering costs. The board held discussion on this and they feel that it would not be beneficial for Hazelton at this time.

Cemetery. Dean Weiss provided meeting minutes from the recent cemetery board meeting. The cemetery board consists of Dean Weiss, Torchy Weiss, Jared Vander Wal, Arlene Davis and Lance Weiser. The property that the cemetery is on is City of Hazelton property.

City of Hazelton utility rate discussion. Terry asked if the board would like to form a committee or bring the billing accounts to a meeting and go through them. Justin and Gloria volunteered for the committee. Their rate suggestions will be brought to the next meeting. The board held discussion regarding the \$800 request from Trash LLC for their monthly contracted rate. The \$800 would increase the monthly rate to \$3800. Mark motioned to approve the increase of \$800 and Justin seconded. The effective date for this increase will be May 2025.

Gaming site application. Hazelton Legion gaming submitted a request for gaming site authorization at 83 Diner. Justin motioned to approve the application and Brady seconded. All ayes.

Landfill burn permit. In hopes that we get some moisture, we are submitting another burn permit request to the state.

Next meeting: Monday May 5, 2025

Justin motioned to adjourn at 8:51pm cst and Brady seconded. All ayes.

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# 4-H'ers participate in annual communication arts contest

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Emmons County 4-H hosted its annual communication arts contest April 21 at the Emmons County Courthouse in Linton and seven members participated.



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Each of the 4-H'ers qualified for the district communication arts contest set for May 28 in Bismarck. Emmons County 4-H countywide leader Dorinda Rutschke judged the event.

Cloverbud recitations included Ambree Deis "4-H Pledge," Nicholas Schmitcke "Pledge of Allegiance" and Elijah Barnhart "Pledge of Allegiance."

Three members delivered junior interpretive readings: Johnathan Schmitcke "Definitely Do Not Open This Book"; Alisha Schmitcke "David and the Giant"; and Elsie Barnhart poems from "Walk a Little Slower" by Tanner Olson.

Julia Barnhart presented an excerpt from "Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins in the senior interpretive reading category.

The 4-H Communication Arts program helps participants:

- Develop communication



skills that are useful throughout a lifetime;

- Provides participants an opportunity to practice their skills before a group;
- Provides participants an opportunity to gather and organize information, equipment and props for public presentation;
- Develops participants' confidence in making public presentations;
- Evaluates and enhances communication skills.

For more information about Emmons County 4-H, call (701) 254-4811.



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