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GT Robotics has teams in the championship matches of all three tournament so far this year!

G.A.T. Wrenches and G-Force of GT Robotics allied against a Vermillion and Harrisburg alliance for the tournament championship at the 5th Annual Harrisburg Qualifying VEX Robotics Tournament. Unfortunately, their robots were showing the stress of fourteen matches without being able return to their pits for more thorough maintenance, motor cooling and battery charging and were not able score enough to win the matches.

Rankings of the GT Robotics teams at the Harrisburg Tourney at the end of the qualifying rounds were: G.A.T. Wrenches in 3rd place, G-Force in 8th, Galaxy in 16th, Gear Heads in 17th, and Geek Squad in 20th. The tournament had 22 teams competing in the VEX EDR division (middle and high school). The teams came from Mitchell, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Canton, Vermillion and Groton.

G.A.T. Wrenches was hoping to win back to back championships after being tournament champions at the previous tournament in Mitchell. G.A.T. Wrenches also earned the Excellence Award and Robot Skills (scoring by yourself in one minute). GT Robotics qualifying round rankings at the Mitchell tourney were: G.A.T. Wrenches 1st Place, Galaxy 6th, Geek Squad 10th, Gear Heads 11th and G-Force 12th place.

The entire GT Robotics club was honored with the Sportsmanship Award because of our robotists willingness to help other teams with expertise and parts.

At our tourney in Groton October 21, G-Force allied with a Mitchell team and ended up battling another Mitchell team that was allied with a Harrisburg team for the championship, however, they came up short in two very close matches. Rankings of GT Robotics teams after the qualifying rounds were: Galaxy in 4th, Geek Squad 5th, G.A.T. Wrenches 7th, G-Force 10th and Gear Heads in 13th place of 15.

That is the stats of GT Robotics, but that is only the facts. That is not the good part of robotics. The good stuff is watching Jacob of Geek Squad working hard to figure out why his robot is not working and taking on repairs and scrambling to get them done in the minutes between matches, when he is the only regular member of his team at the tourney, but he has a clubmate, Tanner, who became a Geek for a day to help him. Or watching Hunter, after he was so discouraged with his team's robot performance, ask to work on his robot immediately after our return from the Mitchell tourney. To see the work ethic, the resilience, the determination of these young robotists is the good stuff. The right stuff!

- by Jim Lane



G-Force: Steven Paulson, Tanner McGannon, Lee Iverson, Hunter Monson.

(Courtesy photo)



Galaxy: Travis Townsend, River Pardick, Alex Dutchuk

(Courtesy photo)



Geek Squad: Andrew Marzahn, Isaac Smith, Dragr Monson, Jacob Lewandowski.

(Courtesy photo)



Gear Heads: Bryson Wambach, Jackson Dinger, Dan Feist, Ethan Clark.

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G.A.T. Wrenches: Noah Tullis, Tyler Iverson, Adrian Knutson.

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Friendly Fellows and Daisies

The Friendly Fellows and Daisies 4-H club met on Nov 12 at the Claremont Methodist Church. The meeting was called to order by Collin Frey.

The American Pledge was led by Braden Boe and the 4-H Pledge by Mallory Miller. There were 24 members present who answered roll call, which was Thanksgiving food.

The Treasurer's Report was approved by Hanna Miller and 2nd by Clay Crawford.

The Secretary Report was approved by Dylan Frey and 2nd by Austin Crawford.

Old business was discussion on recognition event and Record books

For new business Leader Mike Frey read the newshound and discussed the Christmas Party plans.

The meeting was adjourned by Braden Boe and 2nd by Kamryn Fliehs

Talks and Demonstrations were given by Logan Warrington- How to Frame a Puzzle, Ashlyn Warrington- Proper Plate Setting and Jordan Zoellner- Rifle Deer Hunting.

Lunch was served by Hanna, Mallory and Tucker Miller

Submitted by Kamryn Fliehs, Club Reporter

Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Cheetahs 11, Coyotes 9, Shih Tzus 8, Jackelopes 7, Foxes 7, Chipmunks 6

Men's High Games: Roger Spaner 246, 223, Brad Waage 220, 214, Brad Larson 213, 202

Women's High Games: Vicki Walter 198, Dar Larson 194, Sue Stanley 180

Men's High Series: Roger Spanier 672, Brad Waage 626, Brad Larson 607

Women's High Series: Sue Stanley 487, Vicki Walter 476, Nicole Kassube 447

Groton is bustling with activity

Business owners downtown has been bustling with renewed activity. Jamie Simon has opened her photography studio in the upstairs part of Olde Bank Floral 'N More. GDI Living Heart Fitness has moved to the former Cozy Cafe area at 13 N Main while Rachel Crank is now renting the area vacated by the fitness center. Crank will be opening up her Project Fitness and has been busy painting and sanding the floor in anticipation of her open house later this week. Topper Tastad has been working on the overhang of Dakota Brush after the wind had torn the canopy.

It is nice to see activity downtown.

Even the churches around town are seeing new faces. After a long vacancy, Emmanuel Lutheran Church will be getting a new pastor. Pastor Young will be coming to Groton in the near future. The Christian Mission & Alliance Church has Josh Jetto serving that congregation after Pastor Bill Duncan served that church for a long time. Duncan's son, Doug, has served as interm pastor. Pastor Craig Grams has announced his retirement next summer and the call committee has been activated at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings have plenty to be thankful this season, and beating the Detroit Lions on Thanksgiving Day and essentially locking up the NFC North is the most recent. With the Vikings heading to Detroit with a 2-game lead in the division, this game was a must-win for the Lions. Detroit had confidence heading into the game, after sweeping the Vikings last season and going into Minnesota and beating the Vikings on their home turf. However, it was the Vikings who prevailed on Thursday – and they now have a commanding 3-game lead in the NFC North with only five games left to play this year.

The Vikings, led once again by Case Keenum, started out hot. The Lions got the ball to start the game, but they were forced into a three-and-out. The Vikings took their first drive 80-yards over the course of 14 plays to score a touchdown to make the score 6-0 (the extra point was missed). The Lions fumbled on the second play of their second drive, which led to a three-play, 39-yard touchdown drive by the Vikings. Before the Lions knew what hit them, the Vikings were up by 13 points. The end score was 30-23, but it was a much more lopsided game than the score would indicate. There were a few questionable calls that went the Lions' way and kept them in the game, but the Vikings were mentally tough enough to overcome and put the Lions away for good with a game-sealing interception by Xavier Rhodes.

Keenum completed 21 of 30 passes for 282 yards and two touchdowns, no interceptions, while also adding seven rushes for 20 yards and another touchdown. He has certainly earned the right to be Minnesota's starting quarterback for now, but he's on a short leash and will likely be pulled in favor of Teddy Bridgewater at the first sign of regression. Latavius Murray carried the ball 20 times for 84 yards and a touchdown, and the Vikings ran for 136-yards as a team. Kyle Rudolph was the recipient of Keenum's first touchdown toss, and he went back for seconds at the end of the first half to grab his second touchdown of the day.

The Vikings defense had perhaps their worse game of the season against Detroit, but they still held Matthew Stafford to 250 passing yards and closed the game out with the Xavier Rhodes interception. Speaking of Rhodes, he seems to have taken a step back as the season has worn on. He was primarily assigned to Marvin Jones, and Jones finished the game with six catches for 109 yards and two touchdowns. The Lions were unable to get anything going on the ground, but that was likely a combination of the Vikings run defense and the Lions ineptitude at running the ball (they are 30th in the league with only 78.3 yards per game).

Everson Griffen was the player of the game for the Vikings defense. He had four tackles, two sacks, two tackles for a loss, and three quarterback hits. Griffen also watched his son's birth via video chat while warming up for the game in Detroit. He then wrote "I just had a baby boy. What should we name him?" on his shirt below his jersey – which he displayed after his first sack. He will likely be fined for the act, but I'm sure it was well worth it!

Looking ahead, the Vikings travel to Atlanta to battle the Falcons. After losing the Superbowl last year, the Falcons started this season off slowly before turning things around recently – they started out 3-3, but have won four of their last five games. The Falcons are slight favorites, but I'm not sure why – The Vikings score more points per game, have more yards per game, while also allowing less points and yards per game on defense. If Xavier Rhodes can shake this funk he's going through, he'll be able to shut down Julio Jones and the Falcons offense will be one dimensional. If the Vikings can do that, they will likely win. Skol!

If you have any questions or comments, reach out to me on Facebook (facebook.com/SkolJWright) or on Twitter (@SkolJWright)





By Richard P. Holm M.D.

The Arrogant Physician

A friend gave me feedback a few days ago, "Some people say you are arrogant, but I tell them 'No—he is just self-confident.'" He followed, "We need that in a doctor, but, you know, there is a fine line between those two characteristics."

Uff da! That threw me for a bit. After thinking about it, I took it as an honest comment and a chance for me to improve myself. A physician/philosopher once said: "A true friend will help you grow by pointing out your warts. Instead of getting angry, one should take it as an opportunity to get better."

What is arrogance? The dictionary's definition is harsh: "An offensive display of superiority or self-importance; overbearing pride." I see it in people who treat others poorly, especially those who are lower on some hierarchal level. Examples would include an employer who expects sexual favors of some kind, a prison guard who harasses a prisoner hatefully, a teacher or parent who supervises a student or child unjustly, or, to make the point, a doctor who treats a nurse or patient poorly. I believe nothing indicates the true color of an individual more than how he/she treats someone who may be lower on the totem pole.

I have seen examples of physicians acting this way: when a surgeon threw a scalpel across the room; when a specialist spoke negatively to the patient about a primary care physician; and when a surgical resident treated a young inner-city woman, infected by gonorrhea, with disdain and contempt. I am not proud that my profession probably deserves some of its reputation for being arrogant. On the other hand, part of the value provided by a physician comes from the sense that she or he is competent and knowledgeable. A humble physician is one thing, but an unsure and uncertain doctor is another.

Perhaps sometimes I have come off as a know-it-all. I need to work on that because I do not know it all. In fact, it seems the more I do know, the more I realize my inadequacies. My folks came from humble backgrounds, and I was drilled on the Golden Rule. The last thing I want to do is to portray myself as a physician who thinks he is more important than anyone else. Rather, I would like to be known as someone who is both competent and cares.

Three from Groton named to All-NEC VB Team

The Northeast Conference All-Conference Team for 2017 has been released. Groton Area, Aberdeen Roncalli and Redfield-Doland, the tri-conference champions, each had three players named to the team. They are Jennie Doeden, Gia Gengerke and Payton Maine from Groton Area; Jami Ewart, Megan Streier and Mariah Winegar from Roncalli; and Kennedy Fast, Rylie Gall and Olivia Shantz from Redfield-Doland.

Others named to the team are Jaecy Engebretson and Molly Rick from Milbank Area, Faith Leiseth and Lexi Wadsworth from Hamlin, Brianna Beck from Britton-Hecla, Abbie Bratland from Clark/Willow Lake, Aubree Bearheart from Tiospa Zina and Olivia Breske from Webster Area.

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Brown County November 21

Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 21, 2017 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Kippley at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Sutton, Fischbach and Fjeldheim. Commissioner Kippley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the General Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following claims:

Professional Fees: Bantz, Goshch & Cremer \$1,295.68; Certified Languages \$699.60; Dependable Sanitation \$28,855.86; Dohrer Law Office \$1,081.00; Michelle Gaikowski \$13.60; William Gerdes \$1,800.00; Kuck Law Office \$6,620.05; Language Line Services \$711.23; Jerald McNeary \$5,564.99; NE Mental Health Center \$1,924.00; Richardson, Wylly, Wise & Sauck \$1,814.20; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$235.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$3,179.16; US Bank \$1,032.00.

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Other: Valerie Cleveland \$30.05; JRWD \$77,837.16; Safe Harbor \$1,256.00.

Machinery & Equip: Van Diest Supply \$12,595.00.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve the following Commission Assistant/HR Office Report, includes the following personnel changes:

- Approve hiring Tonya Peterson as full-time States Attorney Legal Secretary 1, effective December 11, 2017 at \$15.03 per hour.

- Approve hiring Thersia Cox as full-time Dispatcher, effective November 27, 2017 at \$16.14 per hour.

- Approve employee status change for Linda Marcuson from full-time Jail Correctional Officer to full-time Deputy Sheriff, effective December 3, 2017 at \$19.93 per hour; and approve request to fill vacancy in Jail.

- Acknowledge resignation of Correctional Officer Merrell Ness, effective November 17, 2017 and approve request to fill vacancy.

- Acknowledge resignation of Vaughn Ayala, part-time Home Detention effective November 14, 2017.

- Acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of October: Kendell Titze- 126 @ \$67.41, Dirk Rogers- 684 @ \$365.94, Mike Scott- 200 @ \$107.00, Gary Vetter- 125 @ \$66.88.

- Approve moving Rachel Wilson full-time Sheriff Administrative employee from Step 1 (\$15.04 per hour) to Step 3 @ \$15.70.

Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-nay, Kippley-nay. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT B-PRO SOFTWARE: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign Agreement with B-Pro Inc. for license to install and use BPro Software (ePollbook Software) for the 2018-2019 Election Cycle in amount of \$300.00 per ePollbook per election. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following October 2017 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following applications for renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses to operate outside of the Municipality: **PACKAGE (OFF-SALE) LIQUOR:** Venus & Kit Donley DBA Mansfield Bar & Grill, (Lots 11-14, Block 4, Mansfield, 32-121-64). Marge Frohling DBA The Connection (Lots 13, 14, & 15, Block 2, Houghton, 31-127-61). Roderic L Hanson DBA Ferney Farmers Bar (Lots 4 & 5, Block 5, Ferney, 31-122-60). **RETAIL (ON-SALE) AND SUNDAY LIQUOR:** Venus & Kit Donley DBA Mansfield Bar & Grill (Lots 11-14, Block 4, Mansfield 32-121-64). Roderic L Hanson DBA Ferney Farmers Bar (Lots 4 & 5, Block 5, Ferney, 31-122-60). Moccasin Creek Country Club Inc (Prairiewood Village OL 7, 33-124-63). Travis Swenson DBA Elm Lake Resort (Lot 1 Elm Lake Subdivision in the SE ¼ of 8-128-65). Stacy Gossman DBA Big Fella's (Lot 1B Gossman 1st Addn S ½ of 15-123-63). Dennis O Jones DBA Dakota River Ranch/Tacoma Park Place (5 acres in NE corner of NW ¼ of 23-124N-62W). PZA Inc DBA Anchors Away Lodge & Resort (Palmer's Richmond Resort Subd Lt 1, Subd OL 1 Richmond OL 1 & 2). **RETAIL (ON-OFF-SALE) WINE:** ARR LCC DBA Flatland Flyways Lodge (Russo's OL 1 NW ¼ 1-127-62). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign documentation to assign claim against an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MEMORANDUM SDSU 4-H: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Memorandum of Understanding between SDSU Extension to provide guidance and active assistance to the 4-H Advisor; and further that Brown County reimburse SDSU \$19,436.00 for cost share of 4-H Advisor 2018 salary. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 111: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to adopt Ordinance #111, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 – Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 (AG-P) Agricultural Preservation District to Chapter 4.07 (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District: Lots 1-4, J-H Bahr Addition in the NW ¼ of Sec 29-T124N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (40703 128th Street). Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Ordinance adopted.

RELEASE OF PROPERTY: Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION #79-17. WHEREAS,** Brown County has filed a Poor Relief Lien in total amount of \$7,495.42, and **WHEREAS,** Brown County has determined it to be in the best interest of

the taxpayers to release certain property from the effect of said lien, upon payment of \$3,747.71 upon completion of pending sale of the property. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the following real property in Brown County, SD, which is described as follows: Lots 13, 14 and 15, Block 7, Original Plat, Groton, Brown County, SD according to the plat thereof of record is hereby released from the effect and force of said lien in amount of \$3,747.71 (net amount of lien after pending sale complete). Dated this 21st day of November 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

E30 FUEL: Moved by Sutton to use E30 fuel in county vehicles for a six month trial period and obtain a tank for highway. Motion withdrawn until meeting of affected departments to discuss number of additional fuel tanks needed.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fischbach to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:05 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Ord. 111

Amend Title 4

ORDINANCE #111

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by James Bahr is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG), said property described as follows:

Lots 1-4, J-H Bahr Addition in the NW ¼ of Sec 29-T124N-R60W of the 5th P.M., ... Brown County, SD (40703 128th Street)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Notice of Hearing: November 1 & 8, 2017

Passed First Reading: November 14, 2017

Passed Second Reading: November 21, 2017

Adopted: November 21, 2017

Published: November 29, 2017

Effective Date: December 19, 2017

Rachel Kippley, Chair

Brown County Commission

ATTEST:

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Groton City November 20

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2017

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 pm at the Community Center for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Opp, Blackmun, Babcock, McGannon, Glover and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Hope Block, Attorney Drew Johnson, Paul Kosel, Kathy Sundermeyer, and Stacy Mayou.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Opp, and seconded by Babcock. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

Payroll, \$19,613.46, Employee salaries; Executive; Administrative, \$2,932.31; Public Safety, \$7,740.29; Public Works, \$8,940.86; Culture & Recreation; First State Bank, \$7,861.38, SS and WH; Consolidated Fed Credit Union, \$2,300.00, Employee savings; SD State Treasurer, \$11,495.98, Sales tax 10/17; City of Groton,

\$689.87, Utility deposit refunds, transit utilities, postage; Jim Gerdes, \$584.56, Health insurance premium refund; Groton Ford, \$110.65, Wiper blades, oil filter & change, rotate tires; Jelen Lukas, \$224.06, Deposit refund; Kelly Kjelden, \$61.17, Overpayment refund; Jackie Krueger, \$170.09, Deposit refund; Jake McKiver, \$213.65, Deposit refund; MJs Sinclair, \$599.05, Gas, car wash; Ruden Estate, \$50.56, Deposit refund; US Postal Service, \$200.83, Utility bill postage; Web Water, \$12,138.42, Water 2,967,100 gal 10/17; Tim Yeaton, \$474.35, Overpayment refund; Troy Zimmerman, \$155.22, Deposit refund; Groton Baseball Foundation, \$6,557.06, Half gate fees from 2017 season; Aflac, \$356.62, Employee insurance; April Abeln, \$36.02, Med Flex; CarQuest, \$247.94, Oil, filters, parts; Guardian, \$258.53, Employee insurance; Heartland Consumer Power, \$48,303.93, Power 10/17; Heartland Waste, \$6,630.66, Garbage hauling; James Valley, \$171.29, Phone and internet; Paul Kosel, \$250.00, Med Flex; SD Retirement, \$530.00, Employee retirement; Western Area Power, \$22,776.62, Power 10/17.

Mayou spoke about the new tires for the patrol vehicle, and he also explained that the batteries for the speed trailer will be taken care of over the winter to ensure their extended life.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Babcock to approve October's finance report. All members present voted aye.

The council was made aware that the invitation to bid for gravel for 2018 has been published, and sealed bids will be opened at the council meeting December 4, 2017.

Council was also reminded that there is \$6,512.50 left from the Safe Routes to School Grant. Members decided to reach out to school officials to decide how to spend the funds.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Babcock to increase Finance Officer's hourly wage by \$1.80 after the six month probation period ending December 5, 2017. All members present voted aye.

Babcock expressed her interest in organizing a Christmas party for the city employees. Babcock offered to donate the space at her business, the Base Camp Lodge, for the employee Christmas party. A date was set for December 16, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Glover to adjust bulk water prices to \$5.00/1000 gallons and add the charge of \$40 for side dumps for commercial trees at the rubble site. All other fees and charges stay the same. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to approve the first reading of Ordinance #715 to amend utility billing dates. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Babcock to adjourn into executive session for personnel items 1-25-2 (1) at 7:35pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:10 pm.

Moved by Glover and seconded by McGannon to approve first reading of the 2018 Salary Ordinance # 716 giving all employees a \$0.50 raise. This motion also includes the employee's individual premium health insurance coverage plus \$260 towards dependent coverage under the renewal plan or the HSA option. If an employee chooses the HSA option, the city will contribute \$2 dollars for every \$1 dollar the employee contributes up to \$1000 to their HSA account in 2018. City HSA contributions will be in increments up to \$250 starting on January 1, 2018 and continue throughout the year in June, September and December if the employee contributes their commitment. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Hope Block, Finance Officer

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Claremont Town Nov. 14

Meeting Minutes

The board of trustees for the Town of Claremont met on 11-14-17 at 8:00 pm in City Hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Spencer and Rasmussen present. Also present Andrew Murray. The minutes of the October meeting were read and on a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer were approved as read. On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants were allowed: General: Charla Rye, ink for printer, 42.57; SDML, dues, 511.00; James Valley, phone and internet, 65.57; NWE, lights, 334.68; SDML dues, 151.89; SD Government Finance Officers, dues, 40.00; SD Human Resources, dues, 25.00; SD Municipal Street maintenance, dues, 35.00; Shane Johnson, road grader (gavel)208.00; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; WSSW: BDM, water used, 840.90; Dept of Revenue, lead testing, 180.00; NWE, water, sewer, 123.86; Melinda Spencer, meter reading, 138.52; Rural Development, loan payment, 576.00; The liquor on-off sale and package application and the application for the Matt Bev. On -off sale and package was placed on its 1st reading. The hearing will be held at the next regular meeting of the board on December 12th. The petition presented by Richard and Charla Pahl on vacating the alley on Dinsmore 1st addition borders by lots 1-6 on the NE and lots 19-24 on the NW. A public hearing will be held on December 12, 2017 following the regular meeting of the board. There are a few cleanup issues for the board to address: the gates at the dump site need to be repaired. The no truck signs (full or empty) need to be flagged on 6th Ave and 6th St. As the signs are being disregarded. The Christmas lights will be hung the first week of December. With no further business before the board a motion was made by Spencer to adjourn seconded by Rasmussen.

CRye F.O.

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Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club met at Groton Health and Rehab Center with Eunice McCollister and Elda Stange hosting. Vice present, Marg Overacker opened the meeting following supper. The pledges were recited in union and roll call was answered by 9 members with a special Thanksgiving experience. Eunice McCollister, Pat Larson and Beverly Sombke went to the elementary school to explain the Smokey Bear- Woodsey Owl poster contest to grades 1-5. The group Christmas party will be held at Linda Gengerke's home, December 18, at 6:00 pm for a potluck supper. Each member is to bring a Christmas reading and \$5 to be donated to "Table Talks". Eunice McCollister gave the program on poinsettias, their care and the many varieties. They aren't just red anymore.



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Pictured in the middle is the new Sully County Deputy Tonya Mayou and her father, Groton Chief of Police Stacy Mayou (left) presenting her certificate with AG Jackley (right).

Attorney General's Law Enforcement Training Division Graduates 47 Officers

The South Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy graduated 43 officers from across the state. Tonya Mayou of the Sully County Sheriff's Office was among the graduating class and is pictured with South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley. All graduates of the basic course must complete a 13-week program. The basic certification course is overseen by the South Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy under the Office of the Attorney General.

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