

WANATAH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
April 7, 2022
6:30 pm

PRESENT: President Newburn, Councilman Mayo, Councilman Oehmen, Councilman LaFoone, Councilman Cook, Clerk/Treasurer Ebert

GUESTS: Charles Mack, Charles Jonas, Roxie Propeck, Attorney Shoffner, Gabrielle from Commonwealth, Don Parker, Marlee Wise, Fred Matuszak, Marlene Mitzner

Call To Order:

President Newburn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

Roll Call:

President Newburn-Here, Councilman Oehmen-Here, Councilman Cook-Here, Councilman Mayo-Here, Councilman LaFoone-Here. A quorum is present.

Correspondence

Mediacom-a rate increase of \$.17

Appointment Needed

President Newburn requests assistance in filling positions.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of March 3, 2022 Public Hearing Meeting. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Minutes were approved as presented.

Motion by Councilman Oehmen; Second by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of March 3, 2022 Regular Meeting. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Minutes were approved as presented.

Motion by Councilman Oehmen; Second by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of March 7, 2022 Special Meeting for ARP Planning. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Minutes were approved as presented.

Officer's Reports

- Plan Commission – No Report
- BZA – No Report
- Traffic Commission – No Report
- Park Board – President Newburn reports a meeting will be held quarterly. Meeting in May due to early voting for primary.
- Animal Control – No Report.
- Building Commissioner –Fred reports 2 fences, 2 driveways, 1 accessory building, 2 sign/variance, 3 demolitions, 1 electrical upgrade, 2 contractor registration and 1 remodel permit. Totaling \$815. Fred states he is working on the Casey's permit for the building. Chuck Mack has not received prints he needs yet.

Clerk's Office Reports

- Personnel Committee – No Report
- Facilities Coordinator – No Report
- NIRPC – No Report
- Other –No Report

Public Works

Charles Mack was present. Charles Mack states we were able to negotiate and get a warranty for the Vactor so it was purchased. Training is coming next week. The sweeper is planning to come the week of the 18th to get striping downtown is coming the week after. The state will be working on the ditches on 30 so cleaning has been done on the Towns part at the intersection. Tree trimmer is out in Herrold Subdivision. A directional

boring company hit a water line out on 30 so it is set for repair tomorrow. Locates have been coming in for NIPSCO doing repairs at houses. Power outage last time had issues with the tower mixer restarting and has been in since the mixer was installed. Larry Cook has suggested along with the manufacturer to get a new mixer and trade the old one. The new PAX mixer will be \$5475 with a lead time of roughly 6-8 weeks. The installation will be extra. A motion by Councilman Cook; Second by Councilman Mayo to approve the purchase of the PAX mixer for the water tower. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Councilman Cook states if the contractor is able to do a tower inspection while he is here to install the mixer. Clean outs, sump pumps, and leakages of man holes have been evaluated. Clean outs have been an issue so lids have been replaced and sealed on 12 of the 15 that have been inspected. So clean out investigation will continue. Pollardwater/Ferguson quote has the tools and pieces needed to fix 25 manholes and inner chimney seals totaling about \$13,200. Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by Councilman Cook to purchase the manhole equipment presented along with paying for these items from ARP money due to this would prevent catastrophic events in the future. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Charles Mack states Speedway has garbage everywhere. Can the Town help? Attorney Shoffner will look into how to handle the garbage issue. Building inspector Fred and Charles Mack can draft a letter to control the Green belt issue. Councilman Cook suggests to update the permit and fee schedule to update for especially boring companies to do work. So these boring companies can be held accountable for any damage. Attorney Shoffner will look into the legal side of accountability for locates & permit requirements for contractors.

Old Business

- Commonwealth – Gabrielle presented a draft of the water loss audit to Charles Mack tonight at the meeting. A review meeting will be scheduled at a later date. A draft of the PER is in final review so once completed a copy will be given to Charles Mack to review in the next week or so.

New Business

- R5-2022-ARP Plan- Attorney Shoffner states he revised the plan to make it broad for water, sewer, and storm drain. This plan can be amended as time progresses. Motion by Councilman Cook; Second by Councilman Mayo to read by title only and approve R5-2022 ARP Plan. Roll Call vote was taken. All Ayes.

Financial Report and Claims Approval

Motion by Councilman Oehmen; Second by Councilman Mayo to approve the claims as presented. Vote was taken. All Ayes.

Any Other Business to come before the Council

Councilman Mayo is questioning if a dual truck lane at slower speed could be option for the highway. Discussion was held. Attorney Shoffner will look into options.

Public Comment

Attorney Shoffner has researched the concern of leasing office space Suite J to the Library at a reduced fee. Research has stated this can be done as long as the Town does a resolution and the Library Board does a matching resolution. Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by Councilman Cook to amend the lease to add an additional room J at no cost. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Marlene Mitzner wanted to clarify if the remodel of Library was approved last month. Per the Council yes remodel at the Library's cost is allowed as long as the Library works with Fred for any permits or inspections.

Koselke Concrete Proposal-Roxie Propeck at 106 N Main Street has brought a quote to complete a sidewalk repair in front of her house due to people getting hurt and tripping. The sidewalk keeps getting worse due to water and snow. Security cameras are being installed soon also. Roxie is requesting the Town assist pay half of the concrete replacement. Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by Councilman Cook to pay half of the sidewalk quote of \$2545 presented. Vote was taken. All Ayes.

Adjournment

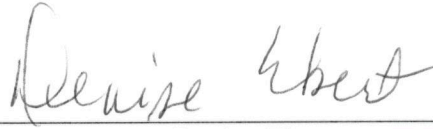
President Newburn asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Councilman Oehmen; Second by Councilman Cook. A vote was taken.

All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm

ATTEST:



Denise Ebert
Clerk-Treasurer

