

WANATAH TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022  
6:30 pm

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

GUESTS: Charles Mack, Charles Jonas, Attorney Shoffner, Fred Matuszak and Dwayne Tate.

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-Absent, Councilman Cook-Here,  
Councilman Mayo-Absent, Councilman LaFoone-Here. A quorum is present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Councilman LaFoone; Second by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of May 5, 2022 Regular Meeting. 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 on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Animal Control – No Report.
- Building Commissioner – Fred reports 1 Porch, 1 Pool, 2 Fences and 1 Contractor Registration. Totaling \$190.00.
  - He has the prints from the Chavas Taco Building
  - Still needs the first set of drawings for the new place that is taking over the Moore & Moore place
  - The issue with the resident regarding the pool and the fence, he has turned it over to Attorney Shoffner.

Clerk's Office Reports

- Personnel Committee – CT reported that we will be meeting this month to go over the Salary Ordinance.
- Facilities Coordinator – CT Ebert reported that Right of Way rented out Suite “H” from the 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> of May 2022.
  - Also, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Right of Way is going to be leasing out Suite H & I from the Library for \$540.00 a month.
- NIRPC –No Report.
- Other –Larry Tippin completed out Capital Assets for the Town of Wanatah and his charges fell below the \$3,000 dollar financial agreement. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 he was paid \$2,850 dollars.

Public Works

- Chuck Mack asked Commonwealth not to attend this meeting as he has not had time to look over the PER Form. Clerk Treasurer Ebert and Chuck Mack will schedule a date to meet with them once the PER Form has been reviewed. Then Commonwealth will present it at the next council meeting for their approval
- Dixon tank will be installing the mixer, just waiting for a date of installation. ROV (remotely operated vehicle) will be handling the inspection of the tank
- Received a price from James Mandon for the specification regarding the construction of streets water/sewer. We also have an example of Kouts Ordinance that they use in relationship with the Boring issue so we have a better way to approach Contactors when they are in town. The quote was \$660.00 from James Mandon to create this. There might be some additional charges due to meetings to review the draft, final

review it, etc. James Mandon prepared the ordinance for Kouts so he wouldn't have to recreate it, he just has to update the specs. Once we get this approved, Chuck Mack feels that this will replace the Subdivision Control Ordinance. We will need assistance from Attorney Shoffner to see this through and once this is approved by Attorney Shoffner, it will shift some financial burden from the town to the Boring Company or the entities that are hiring the boring companies. Chuck would also like to establish numbered Permits that will associate with certain contactors that need locates to do their work with an explanation that we can't locate our stuff because of the lack of tracer wire. So based off of that, we will give you the best direction that we can, but if you hit anything, the financial burden falls on the Boring Company. We did receive payment from Hoosier from the last issue. Chuck is also requesting a review from the council before this gets completed.

- Motion was made by Councilman LaFoone, Second was made by Councilman Cook for James Mandon not to exceed \$1,000 dollars, but would revisit it if he needed more.
- IDEM permit is due for a renewal this year. Working with them to make sure we get the testing done the way we want it. Sent notification down to them and hoping to get the new permit.
- Green Belt with Speedway-haven't been able to address that due to busy schedules but intend to patch pot holes on Cross Street and Wanatah road.
- Trying to work with Indot regarding damaged pipe on US Hwy #30 which is the main drain pipe from #421 to JMar acres.

#### New Business

- Motion by Councilman LaFoone and second by Councilman Cook to approve R8-2022 Resolution to Transfer within General Fund

#### Unfinished Business

- Motion was made by Councilman Cook and second by Councilman LaFoone to approve a "Quick Calculation" for the House Enrolled Act 1002.

#### Financial Report and Claims Approval

- Attorney Shoffner informed the councilmen that due to a conflict of interest on Councilman Larry Cooks part, that we will only be voting on the dollar amount of \$158,789.04 which is minus Mr. Cook's portion. Those invoices are (22-112-12, & 22-112-13). That they would be voting on those invoices at the next Council meeting held on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Motion by Councilman LaFoone; Second by Councilman Cook to approve the claims as presented. Vote was taken. All Ayes.

#### Any Other Business to come before the Council

- Chuck Jonas reported that he received word from the LaPorte Co. Health Department that they did not want him to remove the fluoride from the water treatment. A discussion was held and the Councilmen would like the fluoride removed from the water treatment. Chuck Jonas would also like it notated on the next water bill (July) to notify the residents.

#### Public Comment

- N/A

#### Adjournment

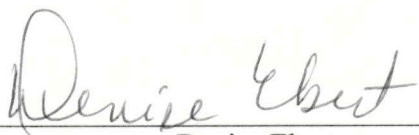
President Newburn asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm

ATTEST:



Denise Ebert  
Clerk-Treasurer

