

WANATAH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
January 5, 2023
6:30 pm

PRESENT: Councilman Newburn, Councilman Mayo, Councilman Cook, Councilman LaFoone, Clerk/Treasurer Ebert & Attorney Shoffner.

ABSENT: Councilman Oehmen

GUESTS: Jeff Crandall, Chuck Jonas, Justin Higgerson, Fred Matuszak, Dwayne Tate and Kathy Hutchinson.

Call To Order:

Clerk Treasurer Ebert called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

Roll Call:

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

Election of Officers

Councilman Cook nominated Councilman Newburn for 2023 Council President. Councilman Newburn has accepted. No other interested parties. Motion by Councilman Cook; Second by Councilman Mayo to approve Councilman Newburn as the 2023 President. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Councilman Newburn is now the 2023 Council President.

Councilman Cook nominated Councilman Mayo for Vice President of Council 2022. Councilman Mayo accepts. Motion by Councilman Cook; Second by Councilman Newburn to approve Councilman Mayo as the Vice President 2023. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Councilman Mayo is now 2023 Vice President for Town Council.

Appointments Needed

- Town Attorney - Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by Councilman LaFoone to accept 2023 Contract as submitted by Attorney Shoffner. Roll Call vote was taken. All Ayes.
- Animal Control - reappointed Adam Medley.
- Building Inspector - reappointed Fred Matuszak.
- Planning Commission – reappointed Justin Higgerson and Anthony Erickson.
- BZA – reappointed Gary Cauley, Jason Lord and Sharon Sulich.
- Traffic Commission- reappointed Wade Wallace and Nicholas Mayo
- Library Board-reappointed Donna Travelbee as the Trustee
- NIRPC Commissioner-reappointed Clerk Treasurer Ebert
- Newspaper - Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by Councilman Cook to reappoint The Regional News. Vote was taken. All Ayes.

Correspondence

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by Councilman LaFoone to approve the minutes of December 1, 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 – Will meet this month for an election of officials.
- Animal Control – No Report.
- Building Commissioner – Fred Matuszak reported 15 Contractor Registration for \$1,125 and 1 Electrical Upgrade for \$55.00 totaling \$1,180.00. He also stated that Casey's is moving right along and should be open by February. He also reported on the new Taco Place that he inspected the plumbing but nothing further had been done. He heard the father was ill so he assumed that was the reason.

Clerk's Office Reports

- Personnel Committee – No report
- Facilities Coordinator – Clerk Ebert reported that she will be working on the 2023 lease contracts for Right of Way and the United Steel Workers.
- NIRPC – Clerk Treasurer Ebert reported that she attended a Full Commission meeting held on December 8th, 2022.
- Other – Motion by Councilman Cook; Second by Councilman LaFoone to write off outstanding check #12652 for Heather Ligda for \$10.04 and check #12819 for Nipsco for \$54.64. They are deposit reimbursements that the resident didn't cash. Vote was taken. All Ayes. December tax settlement was received for \$148,783.77

Public Works

- Public Works Department reported that they had 5 frozen meters during this last cold spell and Natalie will bill for new meters to those residents.

New Business

- R1-2023 Transfer within ARP Fund – Clerk Treasurer Ebert read R1-2023 in its entirety. Motion by Councilman LaFoone; second by Councilman Mayo to approve R1-2023. Vote was taken. All Ayes.
- R2-2023 Community Crossings Grant Authorization – Clerk Treasurer Ebert read R1-2023 in its entirety. Motion by Councilman LaFoone; second by Councilman Cook to approve R1-2023. Vote was taken. All Ayes.
- "Notice to Bidders" was read all ayes. Motion by Councilman LaFoone, Second by Councilman Mayo to approve this for publishing in the Regional Newspaper.
- Hatfield's Pest Control- Motion by Councilman LaFoone and Second by Councilman Cook to prepay for the year in exchange for a 5% discount.

Unfinished Business

- None

Financial Report and Claims Approval

Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by LaFoone to approve the claims as presented. Councilman Cook has abstained. Vote was taken. All Ayes.

Any Other Business to come before the CouncilPublic Comment

Kathy Hutchinson is requesting that the Town puts speed bumps for the alley that she lives on to help slow down the traffic or someone including animals would get hurt. Councilman Cook told her that speed bumps could ruin the snow plows but stated that he would call Wade Wallace to patrol that area.

Dwayne Tate from the Cass-Clinton Fire Department gave us his yearly report

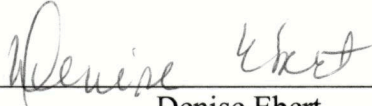
Adjournment

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President Newburn asked for a motion to adjourn.
Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by Councilman Cook. A vote was taken.
All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm

ATTEST:



Denise Ebert
Clerk-Treasurer

