

WANATAH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
April 6th, 2023
6:30 pm

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

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Chuck Jonas, Justin Higerson, Dwayne Tate, Fred Matuszak, .Kaylan Toone, Sydney Spears, Charles Woodmaster, Stacey Gregory and Jackson Spears.

Call To Order:

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

Roll Call:

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

Appointments Needed

- None

Correspondence

- State Board of Accounts Quarterly Bulletin was given to the Council for their viewing.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Councilman LaFoone; Second by Councilman Mayo to approve the minutes of March 2nd, 2023 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 reported that they will meet at their regular meeting time in June.
- Animal Control – No Report.
- Building Commissioner – Fred Matuszak reported 1 Fence, 1 Contractor Registration and 1 Sign/Variance totaling \$105.00. He also reported that Casey's has an opening date of April 20th, 2023. Also that Delta 3 will be helping with their Water/Sewer lines. The Mexican restaurant is getting closer to their opening, the Father had been sick in the hospital.

Clerk's Office Reports

- Personnel Committee – No report
- Facilities Coordinator – No report
- NIRPC – No report
- Other –Clerk Treasurer Ebert reminded Councilmen LaFoone and Councilman Cook about the Fire Dept meeting on 4.10.23 at 5:00 PM to discuss their contract. She also reported of her attendance at the ILMCT Conference on March 19th-23rd, 2023.

- Clerk Treasurer Ebert addressed the Council on behalf of Don Parker with the Library. They are requesting a stencil on the front window of the Library building that resembles “Books in a Basket” as a way to celebrate their century anniversary. Tim Guse of Signature Graphics will be developing this stencil. They will present this stencil at the May Council meeting for the Councils approval.

Public Works

- Chuck Jonas reported that Peerless Midwest performed a testing on Well 1, 2 and 3. Upon installation, there has been no reported work on these Wells. They are advising that the Pump for Well #2 be replaced with a cost of \$23,415, deducting \$2,400 if the Town would like to be responsible if we would do both Wells. Motion by Councilman LaFoone, Second by Councilman Cook to replace the pump for Well #2.
- Chuck Jonas reported that there was a Filter Inspection report on all the Wells, and everything is working fine as of now, they will continue to watch it for now. To replace all 5 Cells it would cost the Town 60,000 to 80,000 dollars.
- Chuck Jonas addressed the Council with an estimate to replace the other garage door costing \$11,675. Motion by Councilman LaFoone, Second by Councilman Cook to replace the door.
- Chuck Jonas addressed the Council to purchase 48 new Holiday Banners, one for each season including Spring, 4th of July, Fall and Christmas. The ones we currently have are tattered and torn. Motion by Councilman LaFoone, Second by Councilman Cook to table this for now.

New Business

- Motion by Councilman LaFoone; second by Councilman Oehmen to approve the new five-year lease for Wabash Valley Tower.

Unfinished Business

- Attorney Shoffner discussed with council that if Trent Chamness would like to tie into the water/sewer system he would have to petition the town for annexation on his property. Discussion was also held on behalf of Speedway from Attorney Shoffner that he has not received any correspondence from them regarding the letter he sent to them 30+ days ago about their trash/debris issues. Motion by Councilman LaFoone, Second by Councilman Cook to have Attorney Shoffner to take care of this matter. Attorney Shoffner said that he would bill the town for this issue outside of his normal monthly retainer.

Financial Report and Claims Approval

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

Any Other Business to come before the Council

- None

Public Comment

- Charles Woodmaster addressed the Town Council about the snow plow incident on April 4th, 2023. He claimed that when Chuck Jonas was driving the snowplow that he scooped up gravel/rocks that hit his nieces (Stacey Gregory) car doing damages to it. They also discussed that they have yet to receive a payment from the town regarding the repairs to his niece’s car Stacey Gregory. Clerk Treasurer Ebert let them know that this had been
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turned into our insurance company and was told by the Claims adjuster that he was cutting you a check and no further action on my part was necessary. A heated discussion was held between the Council and Charles Woodmaster so Attorney Shoffner intervened to remind the Council that the "Public Comment" section was strictly for comments only, and that no conversation need to be held in exchange. President Newburn ended the conversation but let Charles Woodmaster know that we would follow up with the insurance company.

Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm

ATTEST:


Denise Ebert
Clerk-Treasurer

