

WANATAH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
May 10th, 2023
6:30 pm

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

ABSENT: Councilman Mayo, Councilman LaFoone

GUESTS: Chuck Jonas, Fred Matuszak, Deanna Grieger, Lilly Grieger, Chuck Mack, Kurt Iseminger. Todd Martin and Nick Reyes.

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-Absent, Councilman LaFoone-Absent. A quorum is present.

Appointments Needed

- None

Correspondence

- None

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Councilman Oehmen; Second by Councilman Cook to approve the minutes of April 6th, 2023 Regular Meeting. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Minutes were approved as presented.

Officer's Reports

- Plan Commission – President Newburn reported that the minutes for the April 27th, 2023 meeting were in their packet for their viewing. Casey's proposed the merger of their two parcels together.
- 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 3 Fences, 5 Contractor Registrations, 2 Accessory Buildings and 1 Demolition totaling \$520.00. He also reported on the Fence issue on 101 N Illinois St. That the resident (Shannon Lyons) has been working with him to try and rectify the issue and has been trying to get a hold of a Surveyor but one isn't available until June or July of 2023.

Clerk's Office Reports

- Personnel Committee – No report
 - Facilities Coordinator – Clerk Treasurer Ebert reported that Kurtis Iseminger from Modern Woodman showed an interest in renting out the Historical Society room. He was quoted a rental price of \$225.00 but she realized later that she had under quoted him based off the square footage of that space. She let Mr. Iseminger know that she would have to increase his rent, but he unfortunately would not be able to pay that amount. He asked to be able to come before the council to introduce himself and his business to them and explain why that increase would

- be a financial hardship. The Council thanked him for his presentation.
- NIRPC – Clerk Treasurer Ebert reported that she attended the Full Commission meeting held on Thursday April 20th, 2023.
- Other –Clerk Treasurer Ebert reported that she mailed the “Notice to Proceed” with Reith-Riley on May 3rd, 2023, they received it on Monday May 7th, 2023 and will begin their work on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023.

Public Works

- .Chuck Mack reported that for the Community Crossing project, the grinding was all done and the paving would be complete on Thursday.
- Chuck & Jeff worked on the Water valve replacement at Cross Street & Park. Want to get this project complete before they start paving that area.
- Working on the two Storm Drain Projects on Illinois St. south of the Maintenance building putting in a secondary discharge. The other is putting in a drain structure from 2nd Street to 1st Street and then to Ekert ditch which will probably be complete at the end of summer.
- Manhole Rehabilitation-there are 17 manholes that should be completed in a few days and coming out of the ARP funds.
- Casey’s-the water was finally turned on today after receiving two consecutive hydro-static tests, but the sewer is not in as of yet. The casings didn’t line up correctly so they have a problem with that. They are thinking about putting up a temporary self-contained septic system. The liquid would be extracted from another company. Any additional permits they might need would have to come from the Health Department.

New Business

- Motion by Councilman Oehmen; Second by Councilman Cook to approve the Frontier Boring Application.
- Motion by Councilman Cook; Second by President Newburn to approve the Cass-Clinton Fire Department contract.
- Motion by Councilman Cook; Second by Councilman Oehmen to approve the new Server for Buchertech.

Unfinished Business

- None

Financial Report and Claims Approval

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

Any Other Business to come before the Council

- Clerk Treasurer Ebert asked if they could finish the Modern Woodmen topic due to the fact that he was scheduled to start his rental agreement June 1st2023. Due to the fact that he is a “Not for Profit” organization, and that the room hadn’t been drawing any revenue for so long, they honored the first quote given to him of \$225.00. She also asked the Council about how they can advertise for their business. Council agreed that they didn’t want anything on the ground at the Town Hall but would except a window decal.

Public Comment

- Nick Reyes-Lives at 505 S. Main St. and wants to know if the Council would approve to vacate his easement behind his house giving him more property. Councilman Cook asked if we could table this issue so they could have additional conversations with our attorney and the Public Works department. Nick agreed and would attend the June meeting for their response.

- Deanna Grieger-Representative for the Historical Society, wants the Walnut tree removed that is located by the Caboose because the squirrels are finding a way to get in the Caboose and cause damages. Chuck Mack said that the town doesn't have the equipment to cut the tree down, so President Newburn asked Chuck Mack to get estimates on how much it would cost to cut the tree down. They are also going to put the tree on the "Tree Trimming" list as well.

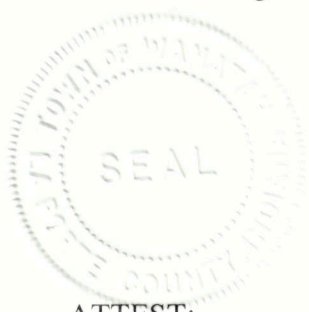
Adjournment

President Newburn asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm



ATTEST:

Denise Ebert
Clerk-Treasurer