

WANATAH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
September 7th, 2023
6:30 pm

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

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Chuck Jonas, Chuck Mack, Justin Kiel,
Students: Bradley Ferreal, Cole Nealon, Jacobson Bees, Charlie Smoker and Zach Hanchar.

Call To Order:

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

Roll Call:

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

Appointments Needed

- None

Correspondence

- None

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by Councilman Oehmen to approve the minutes of August 3rd, 2023 Regular Meeting. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Minutes were approved as presented.
- Motion by Councilman Oehmen; Second by Councilman Mayo to approve the minutes of August 10th, 2023 Special 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 in October.
- Animal Control – No Report.
- Building Commissioner –President Newburn reported 1 Driveway, 4 Contractor Registrations, and 1 Sign/Variance totaling \$340.00

Clerk's Office Reports

- Personnel Committee –No Report
- Facilities Coordinator – No Report
- NIRPC –No Report
- Other –Clerk Treasurer Ebert reported that the LaPorte County Recycling will be having their yearly bag exchange on Saturday, November 18th, 2023 from 10-2 PM here at the Town Hall.

- Also that the website for the Town of Wanatah is being updated. Pictures and Videos were taken by her husband on Labor Day of all businesses, Churches, etc. She will let everyone know when they are able to view the updated version of the town's website.
- She also reported that the SBOA will be conducting their audit on the town beginning September 12th, 2023.

Public Works

- Chuck Mack reported that Peerless Midwest will be doing a routine maintenance on the well this Monday and believes that the motor will have to be replaced. Tuesday, they will be completing the drain work on Ohio Street that was started earlier in the spring but had to stop due to the paving.
- Councilman Cook inquired about Commonwealth and where we were at with Funding for the Wastewater project. Discussion was held, and Clerk Treasurer Ebert was asked to invite Commonwealth to our October Council meeting held on October 5th, 2023 to talk about the funding and financing. Chuck Mack also asked the CT to resend the PER form to the Council.

New Business

- Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by Councilman Oehmen to have the first reading of Ordinance 03-2023 Budget. Roll Call was taken, All Ayes.

Unfinished Business

- None

Financial Report and Claims Approval

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

Any Other Business to come before the Council

- Councilman Cook reported that in Ward #1, he noticed that the Fireworks store had a storage container located on their property. He was unable to find a town Ordinance that said they were not allowed to have a storage container. He confirmed with our Building Inspector that he approved it, and Fred Matuszak said yes he did. He is concerned that other residents and business owners might follow suit. Attorney Shoffner said he would speak to the Building Inspector to gather further clarification.

Public Comment

- None

Adjournment

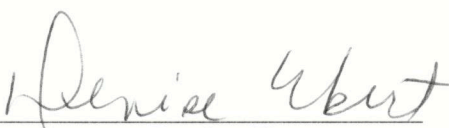
President Newburn asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM




 Denise Ebert
 Clerk-Treasurer