

WANATAH TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6:30 pm

- PRESENT: Councilman Cook, President Newburn, Councilman Oehmen, Clerk/Treasurer Ebert & Attorney Shoffner.
- ABSENT: Councilman LaFoone, Vice President Mayo
- GUESTS: Chuck Jonas, Justin Higgerson, Dwayne Tate, Chuck Mack, Bryan Spears, James Marlow, Jamie Marlow & daughter and Silas Tuesberg.  
Public Comment Guest was Rodney Peters

Call To Order:

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

Roll Call:

- Councilman LaFoone-Absent, Councilman Cook-Here, President Newburn –Here, Councilman Oehmen - Here, Vice President Mayo-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 February 1, 2024 Regular Meeting. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Minutes were approved as presented.
- Motion by Councilman Cook; Second by Councilman Oehmen to approve the minutes of February 22, 2024. Public Meeting. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Minutes were approved as presented.

Officer's Reports

- Plan Commission – No Report
- BZA – Clerk Treasurer Ebert reported that there will be a meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 PM for a Variance.
- Traffic Commission – No Report
- Park Board – President Newburn reported that there will not be a meeting this month.
- Animal Control – Our Officer Bryan Spears reported three responses. One from an anonymous caller stating that a dog on Ohio Street was left out in the cold. The second response was from Ashlee Winter who lost her 16 year old Shiatzu, but later found her dog deceased. The third issue was a cat problem that a resident is having. Approximately 8-9 cats were roaming around their home, making their yard their litter box. Complaints of the smell and odor from resident. Council suggested that Bryan contact some local farmer to see if he trapped the cats would the farmer want them.
- Building Commissioner – President Newburn reported 3 Contractor Registrations for \$225.00, 2 Demolitions for \$510.00 and 1 Electrical Upgrade for \$55.00 totaling \$790.00.

### Clerk's Office Reports

- Personnel Committee –No Report
- Facilities Coordinator – No Report
- NIRPC –No Report
  - Other –Clerk Treasurer reported that she gave the council a document showing the breakdown of the yearly distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds. The breakdown are as follows:
    - Unrestricted Shares-\$457.36
    - For the Walgreens Settlement-\$29.91 in unrestricted shares.
    - Total amount is \$487.27
    - YTD we have a total of \$2,715.88 in Opioid funds to be used whenever we come up with a plan on how we want to spend it.

### Public Works

- Chuck Mack reported that we purchased a 2024 white Chevy Silverado Town Truck in the amount of \$56,000 dollars along with ordering the plow and sander. Once those parts are in they will take the truck to have those items installed. The truck also has the town logo in it. His department has been working on the Storm Sewer project (from last year) as a secondary drop off Storm Sewer line and hopefully will alleviate the high waters when we get a heavy rain. Weston Excavating has been assisting them on this project. Since they already had the materials from last year, we will only have the expense of paying for their labor. Chuck also reported that he met with Lou with Triad. He took a lot of pictures for the Wastewater Plant project, looked over everything and said that he would be in touch.

### New Business

- None

### Unfinished Business

- Motion by Council Oehmen; Second by Councilman Cook to adopt Ordinance 02-2024 Open Burning. Vote was taken; All Ayes.
- Motion by Council Oehmen; Second by Councilman Cook to adopt Ordinance 03-2024 Trash and Debris. Vote was taken; All Ayes.

### Financial Report and Claims Approval

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

### Any Other Business to come before the Council

- James Marlow addressed the Council requesting that the town allow residents to have Chickens on their property. Discussion was held on both sides about the pro's and cons to this. Clerk Treasurer Ebert reported on behalf of Fred Matuszak stating that the resident would need a chicken coop, chicken run, etc. not allowing it to cover more than 25% of their property. The smell of having Chicken would cause a lot of smell, therefore causing a lot of nuisance complaints from other residents. Also he wanted to know where the residents would dispose of their bedding and wood shavings from their coops? After further discussion, the Council asked this to be added to the April meeting's agenda so they could take the necessary time to research this request.

### Public Comment

- Rodney Peters addressed the Council to let them know that the Salem Church had been vandalized along with graffiti on their walls. The Council of the church asked Mr. Peters to share this information with the Town to make us aware of this situation. Surf Air was going to be installing cable for internet so they could now have cameras in their church to increase safety levels. A security officer has been hired for 90 days to attend all services

Adjournment

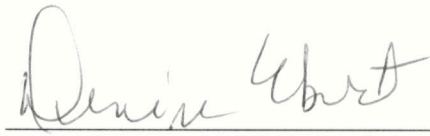
President Newburn asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

ATTEST:

  
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Denise Ebert  
Clerk-Treasurer

