

WANATAH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
April 11th, 2024
6:30 pm

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

ABSENT: Councilman LaFoone,

GUESTS: Chuck Jonas, Jeremy Lawless, Andie Coudray, Chuck Mack, Fred Matuszak, Bryan Spears, Cody Marlow & Jamie Marlow.

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-Here, 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 March 7th, 2024 Regular Meeting. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Minutes were approved as presented.

Officer's Reports

- Plan Commission – No Report
 - BZA – Clerk Treasurer Ebert reported that the BZA Met March 20th for a new construction variance that was approved for Kelly & Brian Bos. Also on April 17th, 2024 the BZA will have a meeting for a variance approval for JMAR for their new sign and Bill Brown for square footage overage for a garage he wants to put up.
- Traffic Commission – No Report
- Park Board – No Report per President Newburn
- Animal Control –
 - Control Officer Bryan Spears reported on the complaint against Jeremy Lawless with a continual dog barking at their residence. After investigation, he reported that the dog was let out to go to the bathroom and within 15 minutes, the homeowner would let the dog back in. The animal is up to date on its shots, always enclosed in their fenced in back yard and doesn't feel that any action is necessary to take place. That it was simply a neighbor to neighbor dispute.
 - Bryan Spears also reported on the multiple cat situation. A Vance Stuteville requested that he would take a few cats off his hand as he has a mice and squirrel situation. Vance said that he would get them spayed and neutered at his cost. Bryan also made a post on social media regarding this problem. He also found an organization that would take the cats if they were not full and get them spayed and neutered as well.

- Building Commissioner –Fred Matuszak reported 2 Fences, 1 Addition and 1 Deck for a total amount of \$218.90.

Clerk's Office Reports

- Personnel Committee –No Report
- Facilities Coordinator – No Report
- NIRPC –Clerk Treasurer Ebert reported that she would be attending a Full Commissions meeting on Thursday April, 18th, 2024.
- Other –Clerk Treasurer Ebert reported that we received our Community Crossings Grant in the amount of \$122,340.00. She also reminded the Council about the Early Voting that was being held in the Council Chambers.

Public Works

- Chuck Mack reported that there was an emergency boil order between Eart and Condon Street due to a fire hydrant being dislodged from the main. D&M brought in their Vactor to help with the repairs. 31 homes were affected from this and service was shut off to them. They need to order 2 fire hydrants costing anywhere from 4,000 to-5,000 each and D&M will do the installation. Chuck believes that Surf Air was the one that did damage to this when they were boring last year. Attorney Shoffner highly suggested for them to take lots of pictures during this project if they were going to forward the payment of this project to Surf Air.
- There will be a hydrant flushing from May 6th thru May 10th.
- With the Council's approval, Chuck would like to order Storz nozzles for all 65 of the fire hydrants. He received a quote costing \$15,745.00 and will use the LIT Public Safety fund to pay for them. Councilman Cook mentioned that he would like to install them. Motion by Councilman Cook; Second by Councilman Mayo not to exceed \$20,000 to purchase these nozzles.
- James Mandon to do the bids for our Community Crossings.
- The REMC building is in need of some roof repairs. Chuck will have a quote for the May 2024 meeting.
- Lou from Triad would like to meet with the Council and give his presentation for the Wastewater treatment plant. Motion by Councilman Mayo; Second by Councilman Oehmen to schedule a Special Meeting for Thursday, April 18th, 2024 at 6:30 PM.
- Chuck Mack would like to hire summer help so his department can have more time to dedicate to other projects. The hourly wage would be \$10.60 an hour for a total of no more than 300 hours.
- Councilman Cook mentioned that Well Pump #3 needs fixed. After discussion, Chuck Mack asked if they could table it until later in the year.

New Business

- None

Unfinished Business

- Discussion was held on whether or not the Council would allow homeowners to have chickens on their property. Councilman Mayo requested to have one more month to do his research regarding this matter since he was absent from the March 7th Council Meeting. This subject will be tabled until the May 2nd, 2024 Council meeting.

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

- President Newburn added to the Animal Control's conversation stating that he too sat by Jeremy Lawless home and found no discrepancy regarding his barking dog. That this was a neighbor issue that needed to be taken care of in that way. He said that he would reach out to James Ryan who made the initial complaint that no action would be taken on behalf of the Council.

Public Comment

- None

Adjournment

President Newburn asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm



ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Ebert".

Denise Ebert
Clerk-Treasurer