

WANATAH TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
6:30 pm

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

ABSENT: Councilman Howell

GUESTS: Lou Savaka, Jackie Cooke, Maddie Wellensies, Fred Matuszak, Chuck Mack & Justin Higginson.

Call To Order:

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

Roll Call:

- Councilman Howell-Absent, Councilman Higgins-Here, President Mayo –Here, Councilman Sutton - Here, Vice President Newburn-Here, A quorum is present.

Appointments Needed

- Planning Commission needs a replacement for Philip LaFoone

Correspondence

- None

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Motion by Councilman Higgins; Second by Councilman Sutton to approve the minutes of January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Regular Meeting. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Minutes were approved as presented.
- Motion by Councilman Sutton; Second by Councilman Higgins to approve the minutes of January 2<sup>3rd</sup>, 2025 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 on this coming Monday.
- Animal Control – No Report.
- Building Commissioner –Fred Matuszak reported 8 Contractor Registrations and 1 Gas Upgrade totaling \$605.00.

Clerk's Office Reports

- Personnel Committee –No Report
- Facilities Coordinator – CT Ebert reported that Tonn & Blank are almost complete with repairing the damage on the REMC Building, they are basically waiting to install the window.
- NIRPC –CT Ebert reported that she attended a Leadership & Full Commissions meeting held on 1.16.25

- Other —CT Ebert told the Council that there should be updated lists for Town Meeting notices and Commissions & Boards in your packet. Still waiting on the Library to give me their updates. Asked the Council to review for any corrections.
- CT Ebert let the Council know that she will be working on the new Garbage contract and will start the process in April with the “Notice to Bidders” in the Regional newspaper for a deadline to get contracts in by 4PM on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 which is the day of our Town Council meeting.

#### Public Works

- Chuck Mack is concerned about the Tower in the REMC building since it hasn't been inspected for many years and thought it was time to get an inspection. The Council asked him to get a few quotes and they would make an approval at the March Council meeting.

#### New Business

- Discussion was had about the 5 Boring applications from Frontier that needed approval. Chuck Mack stated that it would cost the town a lot of money for the locates and that he would have to have one of his employees spend a week doing nothing but locates and no work for the town. Councilman Higgins asked Attorney Shoffner if we could revise the Boring application to show that the company applying for the application have to pay for the locates, and the answer was yes. Approval for these Boring applications would be tabled until the March Council meeting.
- Motion by Councilman Higgins; Second by Councilman Sutton to approve Project #119176946 for 104 W Cross St.
- Motion by Councilman Higgins; Second by Councilman Sutton to approve the quote from Buchertech in the amount of \$5,477.00 to provide equipment for the town to start Livestreaming our Town Meetings effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
- Approval was denied for SC Building Solutions to repair the women's bathroom ceiling. Councilman Higgins volunteered to do the job himself in order to cut cost for the town. Public Works department stated that they would help in the demo portion of this project.

#### Unfinished Business

- Propel #30-Discussion was held but the only new topic that was brought up was announcing the reschedule of the meeting at the Hana Fire department to 2/12/25 from 3-6 PM.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant-Lou Savka addressed the Council letting them know that Triad had merged with VS Engineering. The only concerns that the Council had was if the cost would remain the same and if Lou Savka would continue to be the lead person for this project and the answer to both questions was yes.
- ARP Funding-CT Ebert requested help and assistance from the Council regarding the retrieval of the funds from LaPorte County totaling \$500,000. Attorney Shoffner stated that he would reach out to the new attorney at LaPorte County and Councilman Higgins stated that he would reach out to Matt Reardon again.

#### Financial Report and Claims Approval

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

#### Any Other Business to come before the Council

- None

#### Public Comment

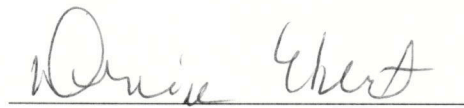
- None

Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM

ATTEST:



Denise Ebert  
Clerk-Treasurer

