

WANATAH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
April 3rd, 2025
6:30 pm

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

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Fred Matuszak, Chuck Jonas, Jeff Crandall, Lou Savka from VS Engineering, Darin Garrett from VS Engineering, Valerie Horne, Sofia Marr, Larry Cook, Chuck Mack & Dwayne Tate

Call To Order:

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

Roll Call:

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

Correspondence

- None

Appointments Needed

- Planning Commission-Replacement for Philip LaFoone is still needed.
- Traffic Commission-Replacement for Philip LaFoone is still needed
 - President Mayo has asked the Council to get some replacement ideas for both positions

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Motion by Councilman Higgins; Second by Councilman Howell to approve the minutes of March 6th, 2025 Regular Meeting with the correction of calling the non-emergency number instead of 911 in regards to the semi complaint on Williams & Earl Street. Vote was taken. All Ayes. Minutes were approved as presented.

Officer's Reports

- Plan Commission – March meeting was attempted but a quorum was not there. A zoning change and discussion is needed for the Christian Church that is for sale. Councilman Howell will get with Attorney Shoffner with some questions.
- BZA – No Report
- Traffic Commission – No Report
- Park Board – President Newburn reported that they will meet in April to discuss the replacement of the Bridge.
- Animal Control – In Officer Spears absence Deputy Clerk Treasurer Moore reported for him directly Monday, March 31 Hannah Howell called about two large dogs roaming behind Dewey's. I found out they had escaped from their fenced in backyard and were caught by the neighbor. She called the owners and they picked them up after work.
- Building Commissioner –Fred Matuszak reported that we had 3 Contractor Registration and 1 accessory building totaling \$270.00.

Clerk's Office Reports

- Personnel Committee –No Report

- Facilities Coordinator –Tonn & Blank completed the repairs at the REMC Building. Total cost was \$16,697.69 which was \$5,202.31 lower than the original quote of \$21,900.00
- NIRPC –Clerk Treasurer Ebert reported that she attended the Leadership Committee meeting held on 3/11/25.
- Other-
 - Community Crossings Grant- bids are accepted until April 23 @ 2 pm; plan on awarding at May 1st Council Meeting
 - Garbage Bids will be due May 1st @ 4; opening at May 1st Council meeting

Public Works

- Chuck Mack reported tree work is complete for now from C & J; the park got 5 done with 2 left in the creek for when the ground gets harder; the Town got an extra 3 cut down and 2 trimmed along with 3 extra stumps
- The Radar signs are more of a permanent structure not movable. So Councilman Higgins will get with Chuck Mack to brainstorm ways to handle them and where to put them
- Councilman Higgins inquired about the mini hoe quotes. Chuck Mack reports his research is showing that the rental amount vs the buying & upkeep amount are about the same so at this time we will continue to rent when needed.
- Reed bed excavation & clean out cost was quoted very high due to the landfill cost and the amount of liquid in the reed beds. So at this time we will try to hold off until it dries out. So Johnson will continue to remove sludge as needed. Which with the new plant the geo bags will assist in this process.
- Public Works will look into the bushes encroaching on the road on 1st street

New Business

- O3-2025 Amendment to Animal Waste Ordinance Deputy Clerk Treasurer Moore read by title only.

Unfinished Business

- Motion by Councilman Higgins; Second by Councilman Newburn to amend the to account of R1-2025 that was approved at the March 6, 2025 meeting. Vote was taken. All Ayes.

Financial Report and Claims Approval

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

Any Other Business to come before the Council

- Discussion with Council & Triad/VS Engineering: Discussion was held about the new 10/10 limits and the process to meet those limits; the cost of the new plant in regards to the new limits; the material of the tank; the rehab of the old tank 5 or so years ago; the use of the current tank; electrical concerns; the cost effectiveness of using current/new/reuse items; how far complete the design stage is; PER from Commonwealth; the use of General Contractors and bidding other so there isn't a markup for the Town. Conclusion was Councilman Howell will get a meeting with Jim Pressell to discuss the new limits and the wastewater plant needs a new tank. Motion by Councilman Higgins; Second by Councilman Sutton to move forward with the design with Lou from VS Engineering. Vote was taken. All Ayes.
- President Mayo brought up the need to amend O6-87 Parking of Commercial Vehicles in town. A discussion was held about the GVRW of 20K which would eliminate the semis but allow tow trucks and bigger work trucks on the roads. Attorney Shoffner will look into this amendment of vehicle size and fine.

Public Comment

- None

Adjournment

President Newburn asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Councilman Higgins; Second by Councilman Howell. A vote was taken.

All Ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

ATTEST:



Natalie Moore
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

