



Town Council Meeting
November 15th, 2023

Attendees: MacKenzie Taylor, Dean Smith, Austin Turner, Jim Winkler, Larry Randolph, Dana Rutter, Ray Rodriguez, Vernon Miller, Avery Ferguson, Robert Roa, Haley Hurst.

Dean Called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Dean made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 25, 2023. Jim seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Water: Avery started by telling the council, (Avery and MacKenzie) met with the representative from Utility Supply Company to go over the new meter reads. We found the old belt reader and they have cancelled the \$6,000 check since we are using the old one. We did have to order a new battery for it and that cost is \$200. While we were reading meters, we discovered about half of the meters are really old. Avery said, he'll need to form a plan to get these meters all changed out. With these old meters we're still using, we are potentially losing money. Avery said, he would like to order a pallet of meters sometime soon. Jim asked, how many are on a pallet? Avery said, I'm not positive but I will find out and let you know.

Avery told the council last week he went to a couple of trainings. The State is going to make us complete the lead line survey. It's mandatory for all municipalities that have utilities. This will be due in October of 2024, so we need to start planning on how we are going to complete this. The ~~Town~~ Homeowner → is responsible from the curb stop to the house. It was asked about grants for this major project. There are still rules coming out about this, so it'll be a waiting game.

Wastewater: Avery has been working really hard on maintaining the plants and equipment. Avery told the council he received a call yesterday in regard to one of the lift stations. When Ben was here, he had a pump being rebuilt or ordered a new pump. That cost was a little over \$9,000. Unfortunately, I don't have much of a say because it's something we need. Middlebury Electric completed this project for us. Middlebury has always been good to the Town and has helped us with our scata system and major repairs. The council members all approved this \$9,000 pump repair/fix. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved by Jim and Dean. Austin abstained because he works for Middlebury Electric. Larry Randolph asked if this could expense could be paid for by the TIF. MacKenzie said she wasn't positive since it's not in the direct TIF area.

Avery said he is still working on getting a service plan agreement through Hawk. It's important to have our machinery calibrated. With this, if one of our testing equipment pieces goes down, they will give us a loaner and we'd still be able to perform the tests. I am asking for permission to move forward with this service agreement therefore we can get more adequate tests. Dean made a motion to approve the service agreement. Jim seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to move forward with the service agreement.

Avery still has a lot of comp time he hasn't been able to use and is acquiring a bit more from call outs. MacKenzie will write up a resolution to pay him out for his comp time at the December 6th meeting.

Maintenance: Matt called everyone today to tell them he has COVID. He will not be attending the meeting.

A resident was supposed to attend the meeting tonight to discuss the leaf pick up. He never showed up.

MacKenzie suggested to Matt to start looking for a new leaf vac and use Sourcewell for the best price.

Marshal: Ray said there have been some complaints about leaf burning. I was notified of a resident that was burning leaves. I went to his house and told him if he does this again, he will get a fine. He admitted to this and said he wouldn't do it again.

Park: Vernon presented the council with three different quotes for a stump grinder. Vernon is currently working on removing some dead trees at the park. To have someone grind the stumps would be \$100.00 per tree. Vernon has 18 trees and has a few others in mind he would like to remove. It would be more cost effective if the Town could just invest in one. MacKenzie suggested, then maybe if a resident has one, they need taken down, we could charge them X amount of dollars. Vernon told the council he likes the \$2,500 model best, it's the Woodmax. The council looked over the different quotes and took into consideration Vernon's notes on the different stump grinders. Dean made a motion to purchase the Woodmax (\$2,500) model for the park. Jim seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved for Vernon to buy the stump grinder. Jim told Vernon; Peg really appreciates you getting rid of those dead trees. Vernon told the council he would like to get rid of that structure by the volleyball courts. It used to be a concession stand for volleyball. The council said they would be fine with not having that structure there any longer.

The bathrooms have been winterized and are closed.

Vernon told the council he plans on getting the new score board up tomorrow.

Clerk Treasurer: MacKenzie gave the council members an amended salary ordinance. MacKenzie explained, when she met with SBOA, they looked at park/community room rentals and said for employees to be able to use the facilities for free, it needs to be in the handbook or salary ordinance. This is the only section that has been amended. Dean made a motion to approve the amended salary ordinance. Jim seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the amended salary ordinance was unanimously approved.

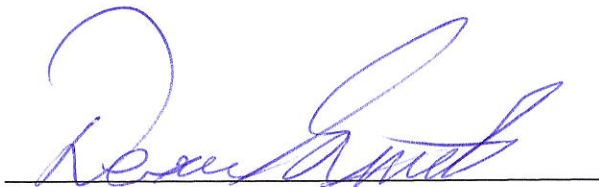
New Business: The next council meeting will be December 6th at 5:00pm.

Reminder, Santa will be coming on December 2nd from 9am-11am.

After this meeting concludes, we are meeting with other members of the community to discuss collaboration and exchange contact information. All are welcome to stay afterwards.

Dean made a motion to pay bills. Austin seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to pay bills.

Dean made a motion to adjourn. Jim seconded the motion to adjourn. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to adjourn.



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