

August 6, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

**Council Present:** Mayor- Anna LeDuc, Council-Marvin Garding, Betsy Huegelmann, Kyle Cirincione, Sharon Briggs

**Minutes:** Minutes read by the clerk Leslie Hottinger. Motion to approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Kyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Betsy. All in favor.

**Claims:** Claims discussed in the amount of \$142,367.06. Motion to approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Kyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon, All in Favor

**Water:** Paul Montgomery not in attendance. Engineer's Memorandum provided. Paul was available via phone if necessary.

\* Mayor LeDuc – Bashore is not an issue anymore. Pat and Tim Anglin now own property. STO being resolved.

\* Contractor, RLC has requested an extra 60 calendar days of contract time. Added \$40.K in inspection costs. Motion to approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Sharon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyle. All in Favor

Overall Status:

- Agreement with RLC by the Mayor, Anna LeDuc and Town Clerk, Leslie Hottinger.
- Pre-construction conference held August 1, 2024; minutes provided by Paul Montgomery.
- The Land deal between Eric Bashore and Pat Anglin has been resolved. Bashore is out of the picture.
- Construction to begin August 26, 2024.

**Water/Sewer:**

Charlie – Concerned with Frenchtown Fire drawing off our fire hydrants when the Bible Lane fire happened. Would like to get in touch with Chief Calhan and speak regarding emergencies. Our well is not automated and requires to be manually turned on and off. Charlie gave a thank you to Marvin and Kyle for their help when the town's power went out. The Lift Station does not have a generator to keep going when the power goes out. Town needs a generator located at the Lift Station. Had to manually pump out sewage and put it in the old tank. Put a call into Superior Septic to have pumped out and they could not arrive until later that day. Marvin and Charlie transferred raw sewage to an old tank to make room. Charlie would like to draw up an emergency plan for when the entire power grid goes out. Mowed the lagoon area for the start of the new construction of the Water Project. Will have weekly meetings with RLC for updates on project. RLC to disinfect the water when they start. Charlie asked about where to put the disinfectant water. Project to start on Railroad Ave.

Town would like to purchase a generator for both locations. Need to put in the budget.

**Maintenance:**

Weeds are green. Gave update on the donated train to the town. Many repairs to keep going. Would like to take the motor out and maybe put it in the park as a decoration or get rid of. Also questioned on

where to store the train. Kyle stated sounds like a money pit. Marvin stated he will work on storing it at the lagoon.

**Quarterly Reports**

Fire Department – Not in attendance

County Planner – Not in attendance

County Attorney – Not in attendance.

Sheriff - Ethan Atkin in attendance. 66.50 hours of patrol. In the process of hiring a deputy to fill a vacancy. We had a officer involved shooting which took out two deputies for a week. Asked if the Local Agreement was ready. The clerk stated it was sent out already. The sheriff's department is currently taking application for employment. Marvin stated he is concerned about people speeding through town. Does the sheriff's department still have the dummy car we could park in the middle of town? Ethan to investigate the matter.

**Old Business:**

Government review – Citizens can look at the Mt. Secretary of State's site.

Allen/Angove – Still investigating.

Bear Aware – Sharon Briggs gave update. Survey was given out on Railroad Days. Some residents said they would like to join Bear Aware. Bob Summerfield is still talking with Republic Services regarding the trash cans. Possible fund account with Bear Aware to pay the difference of Bear Proof trashcan. Bob would still like to put up signs. Kim Garding asked where is the closet Grizzly around Alberton? She heard it was across the highway a few years ago.

Attorney – Town could not get meeting locked down for consultation. Had one appointment and they canceled. Marvin stated that last Februarys council meeting new attorney was tabled for next month and wasn't brought back up for another five months. Mayor stated we need to be better at following the agenda and items that are tabled. Betsy asked when we can get a new attorney. Anna stated it will be a year. We will take this year to look for a new attorney.

**New Business:**

House Bill 355 – Approval was given to move forward with the application. Town is to receive \$37,999.00 with a 25% match. The clerk mentioned the ADA ramp outside the town office. Marvin stated the ADA ramp he could get done for \$5,000.00. Charlie mentioned a Pole Barn at the lagoon. Anna mentioned it must be a public land, road, or building, could not do pole barn. The council voted to proceed with House Bill 355 and decide later what project to do. Motion to agree. 1<sup>st</sup> Marvin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyle. All in favor

Bobcat Attachment – Surplus item. Motion to approve. 1<sup>st</sup> Kyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marvin. All in favor.

Temporary Assistant Clerk Position – Chelsea gave her resignation. The clerk stated that there is not enough hours to warrant the position. Betsy asked if the position needs to be in the future is that okay. Mayor stated yes. Motion to approve. 1<sup>st</sup> Betsy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyle, Marvin abstains.

COLA increase – 3.0% employee raise for 2024. Motion to approve raise. 1<sup>st</sup> Kyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favor.

Clerk Notes: Preliminary Budget set for September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at 6:00pm.

**Public Comment:**

Marvin started in on how Chelsea collected \$40,00.00 on back revenue. Starting in on the clerk. Kim Garding speaking out of turn. So, on so on.

Being no further business, Motion to Adjourn@ 8:20pm. 1<sup>st</sup>, Betsy, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sharon. All in favor.

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Town Clerk

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Mayor