

May 7, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

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

**Minutes:** Minutes read by Chelsea Gring (Clerk at Conference). Motion to approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Sharon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Betsy. All in favor.

**Claims:** Claims discussed in the amount of \$20,067.53. A motion to approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Marvin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon, All in favor.

**Water:**

Paul Montgomery discussed amended budget due to shifting money around in ARPA to account for necessary changes. Paul will be submitting Amendment #4 highlighting those changes present to council and in the Engineer's Memorandum.

A STAG grant of \$1 million cannot be added into this current project due to timeline. AMCE completed the application and submittal on behalf of the town. If the town is unable to meet financial match we can pull out of the process.

4 Bidders submitted on April 23, 2024, for the re-bid. RLC Enterprise was the lowest with Razz Construction as the second lowest. Razz Construction has come forward with complaint of a perceived failure on behalf of RLC to disclose information on the required date. Paul found this complaint to be without merit and disclosed the details to Wally Congdon in case Razz pursues litigation. It is Paul's intent not to reject RLC's bid and will wait until this situation is resolved prior to offering the contract to anyone.

STO (Site Title Opinion) are still ongoing but finishing. Eric Bashore is still on edge to sign, but Tim Anglin was due to close this month which would remove Bashore from the situation.

WET has requested the town to open the altitude value to max flow to allow for them to run data to justify the max flow right. This could result in possible flooding of nearby structures; Paul is going to reach out to WET to see about other options.

Lead Service Line report is due 10/6/24 to qualify for the 5k LSL TA Funding. Paul requested the past sample data be sent to him when located. Charlie reiterated that more funding is available after the 5k. That 5k will be used to help with the cost of inventorying the Lead Service Lines. Charlie highlighted several Act that prohibit the use of Lead Lines to spotlight the need to inventory them correctly and rectify the situation if they exist.

**Water/Sewer:**

Charlie reported on 3 situations that occurred since the last Town Council meeting.

Sanitary/Sewer overflow was located on west end. Superior Septic was hired to jet the line and it was determined that tree roots had caused the structural issue that led to the overflow. The pipe is approximately 18" down so the fix should be reasonable.

A leak was located near the Lagoon. Charlie/Troy were able to track the cause to the lift station located across the freeway. When the lift station is operating a leak occurs. This was reported to the DEQ.

A Parkway resident had a pump go out on their system. This home is one of three that appears to have a dual system. None of the maps show how those three homes tie into the town system, but it's believed that they tie into one pipe and then into the system. The resident was advised to contact a contractor if she wished to connect to the sewer system. Resident has Superior Septic coming to evaluate the situation and will let town hall know of their findings.

#### **Maintenance:**

Marvin is holding off on purchasing fertilizer due to the construction of Hank Roat project and the recent weather. Would like to know the protocol of selling off surplus equipment. Informed those in attendance of newly placed dog waste bag holders in the park; hope this encourages people to clean up after their dogs.

#### **Quarterly Reports**

Fire, County Planner, and County Attorney – Not in attendance.

Sheriff – Officer Atkin reported 90 hrs. of patrol with 52 calls ranging from truancy to VIN inspections. Reported that the office is having one officer relocating and another possible officer leaving. These changes may lead to a shortage of staff this summer.

**Old Business: Town Clean-Up** – April 22 – 28<sup>th</sup> was a success and Chelsea read off the results from the Town Newsletter and encouraged any suggestions for the future.

#### **New Business:**

Marvin motioned to appoint Sharon Briggs to Mineral County Planning Board; Sharon accepted the nomination. Motion to approve, 1<sup>st</sup> Marvin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Betsy. All in favor.

Jenn Fredette presented on Railroad Days. Jenn would like to work closely with Marvin on allowing vendors to drive up to where they will be having their booth to unload items, as well as possibly being able to host the car show in the park. It was suggested to use a side-by-side to minimize damage for unloading of vendor supplies. Jenn/Marvin will meet 2 weeks prior to the event to flag all sprinkler heads and map out vendor spots. The goal is to minimize damage to the park and its sprinklers.

LaPierre's attended to discuss the ongoing issue of run-off from the spring. They are located at 114 Railroad and have been documenting the issue for some time. Paul was able to correlate the overflow of the spring from Dec. 29, 2023, to late January 2024 was due to the broken overflow valve, which has been repaired. Charlie has been in contact with LaPierre's and is trying to figure out a way to mitigate

the issue. Charlie further explained the runoff situation and what he sees as a significant water accumulation. Paul discussed the drainage system and will investigate the overflow issue.

**Clerk Notes:** Chelsea presented the need for clarification on Burn Permits for the town versus Mineral County. Expressed ease of using Mineral County's online form for Burn Permits and who would be monitoring burn permits for Alberton due to office hours. Anna suggested contacting Frenchtown Fire to see what they suggest.

Town Newsletter was presented and discussed circulation.

**Public Comment:**

Steve Delisle notified those in attendance that House District 90 will be holding an event in the Alberton Community Church on May 17, 2024 @ 6pm.

Devon Jackson was present and is running for Senator; available for questions following the meeting.

Jenn Fredette requested volunteers for Railroad Days.

Question posed on whether soil around the Lead Service Lines would be contaminated, and Paul confirmed it would not be.

Being no further business, Motion to Adjourn@ 8:27pm. 1<sup>st</sup>, Marvin, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sharon. All in favor.

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Town Clerk

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Mayor