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January Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Mentor Town Hall
N3049 King Street

Chairman Gile called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board members Tim Gile and Will Scholze were present.

Board member Carol Johnson was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Verification of posting in 3 places

The previous month's minutes were read. Supervisor 2, Will Scholze made a motion to accept the December 2023 minutes with the minor correction at DACTP. Chairman Gile 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.

The treasurer's report was read. Chairman Gile made a motion to accept this month's bills starting with check number 16266 through number 16296, including all E-Pays, and excluding check number 16265. Supervisor 2, Will Scholze 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.

Reports & Correspondence from Officers:

- Chairman Gile is signed up for Emergency Management training on February 1st to learn about new computer systems.
- Clark County Highway Department approved payment for the 2 square road culverts installed over the summer.
- Forestry and Parks approved \$6250 submitted for the gravel placed on Countyline and Walkers rd.
- Xcel Energy sent a notice that Street lighting costs will increase approximately 3.5%.
- The Town received correspondence from the Clark County Victim Witness Coordinator indicating that there were no criminal charges filed in the recent vandalism incident because the minors received a citation.
- The Neillsville Police coverage will increase from 10hrs a month to 15hrs a month starting this year. Annual costs will be \$9,540.

Agenda items:

- a) Officer Guyer – Officer Guyer introduced himself to the board and the 13 attendees. He thanked the Town of Mentor for contracting with the

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Neillsville Police Department. Officer Guyer provided a summary of police activities for the year 2023:

- 126.5 total hours
- 27 ordinance citations issues
- 44 traffic stops: 36 warnings and 24 traffic citations.
- 24 calls for service

- b) Gate Quotes – There was discussion regarding installing gates in the alley way to resolve issues prompted by resident complaints and last year’s expenses for repairs. Officers have suggested “Authorized Vehicles Only” signs and gates. Chairman Gile made a motion to purchase 16’ gates and the posts needed for \$700. Supervisor 2, Will Scholze 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.
- c) Humbird Funday – Jessica Adam presented fundraising efforts to reinstate 501C status that will cost around \$200 to \$600. She requested the use of Town Hall for fundraising activities, which the board approved at no cost. She also asked for volunteers to help on a committee.
- d) Security Cameras – Discussion regarding security cameras for the Town Hall and Town Shop. Chairman Gile made a motion to purchase 2 – 4 camera systems in the amount of \$2596, which also includes installation. Supervisor Will Scholze 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.
- e) Mobile Home Ordinance – This agenda item is tabled and moved to the February agenda.
- f) Personal Property Write Off – Chairman Gile made a motion to write off \$712.99 of uncollectable personal property tax. Supervisor 2, Will Scholze 2nd the motion. Motion was carried.
- g) Plow Quote – This agenda item is tabled and moved to the February agenda. Board would like to see alternative repair quotes. Shop Foreman James Brandt to obtain from other vendors.
- h) Livestock Ordinance – This topic was discussed with the Town attorney and the Town has authority to implement this type of ordinance as well as others. The Town will continue consulting with the attorney for language to be used in the ordinance. The Town will seek public input at the Town’s annual meeting on April 20, 2024. Chairman Gile will have several ordinance options to present at the meeting.
- i) 4th Quarter Financial Review – This agenda item is tabled and moved to the February agenda.

Open discussion:

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General discussion took place about replacing sidewalks and shared costs with property owners. The Town is getting bids now and will send letters to property owners when ready.

Resident Gwen Halverson suggested a trail camera be installed to monitor the ball field parking lot. Supervisor 2 Will Scholze indicated this might be a good idea because there have been some suspicious activities over there. Chairman Gile ask this item to get add to the February Meeting Agenda.

Concerns over the condition of Dean Prindle property on Hwy 12 were brought up along with the dogs a large. What can be done about it. Officer Guyer provided an update regarding the legal actions taken already. Chairman Gile also noted the Town has consulted the attorney and continues to take action to remedy the situation.

Chairman Gile adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Dated this 10th day of January 2024, Jack Ikhtiari Sr, Clerk /Treasurer