

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2022

PRESENT: Supervisor Chad Rivers  
Councilmen Howard Goodrow, Nicholas Lansing  
Cynthia Durant, James Brockway

TOWNSPEOPLE PRESENT: Lawrence Cheney, Tom Baker, Don Debiew, Cory Haynes, Don Keen, Randy Morris, Ralph LaPage, Michael Alt and Colleen Anderson.

Motion to open meeting at 6:30 pm was made by Cynthia Durant and seconded by Howard Goodrow. All in favor were Nicholas Lansing, James Brockway and Chad Rivers.

Pledge said.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting as written was made by Howard Goodrow and seconded by Nicholas Lansing. All in favor were Cynthia Durant, James Brockway and Chad Rivers.

Supervisor's report:

Monthly Bills: No questions... Chad said that the fuel cost are down this year compared to last year in spite of the rising cost.

Chad said that the AUD is finally done. This years was supposed to be done by March 31<sup>st</sup>, but Gray & Gray said that they will put in for a 30 day extension and it should be done by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

February's Trash Report: Chad explained that there was another significant loss in February. The total loss was \$1,586.93 bringing the total loss to \$4,387.84. Chad has received several calls at his home regarding the closing. Some people are very upset and others are happy with their change. One person said that they are doubling up with someone else and will split the monthly cost so it will be cheaper for them in the long run. Chad explained that Cory has handled a lot of this and wants to commend him for all that he does. Casella will be picking up their final trash bins next week then he along with some of the highway crew will be going up there and cleaning everything up. Then Jack will go in there and level everything out. There will still be a metal bin up there so that we will all be able to

take our metal up there to get rid of it. The town makes a little money on that.

Don Debiew came here tonight to let everyone know that the Adult Center will be opening again for meals. This Wednesday they will be having a spaghetti lunch for the public and you have to register for the meal by Wednesday. Don explained that they are working on getting our cooks back here within the next couple of months. For now the meals will continue to come from Brushton.

Don explained that there are new micro grants coming out for anywhere between \$500 and \$1,500. He said we need to apply as soon as we can.

Michael asked Don about Senior/Disability Exemption for our taxes. Chad explained that our cutoff is \$13,000 and Franklin County has a \$17,000 cutoff. Therefore Chad said that we need to raise ours in order to be even with the County. Chad also explained that we will be doing a re-val within the next couple of years. Michael is very concerned about this and said that he would like the town to stay right on this so that everyone that is eligible for it will be able to get it. Chad explained that he also needs to find out how we will be reimbursed for the loss this will cause. He is all for the exemption, but we need to recoup it from somewhere.

Chad said that we need to advertise for our mowing contract. He will get the specks ready for tomorrow morning. He will also be redoing the map. He will make it in two maps instead of one so everyone will be able to see all of the areas better. Cory asked that they add a small portion down near the museum. In between the two buildings needs to be done and the little section from the museum to the road.

Motion to advertise the mowing contract was made by Cynthia Durant and seconded by Howard Goodrow. All in favor were Nicholas Lansing, James Brockway and Chad Rivers.

Chad spoke to Fred from J&F Trash about putting a dumpster down to the campground for the campground and town use. Chad said that it will have to be fenced in with a lock and key. So Fred will be putting a 10 yard dumpster and will pick it up once a week at a cost of \$200 per month. That comes to \$5.00 per yard where Casella's was \$55 per yard.

Motion to go with J&F Trash at \$200 per month was made by Nicholas Lansing and seconded by James Brockway. All in favor were Cynthia Durant, Howard Goodrow and Chad Rivers.

Colleen talked about the closing of the dump and said that she was never notified of this closing. She also explained that no one will come down there road to pick up their trash. Chad explained that we put it in the Free Trader and had it on Facebook. She asked how they go about getting a refund for the recycling and their tickets and Chad explained that the town put an announcement out there that there would be no refunds. Any tickets would have to be used up by the 26<sup>th</sup> of March. He also told Colleen to get a hold of Fred and maybe they could work something out.

Electrical Quotes: Chad is trying to get 3 different quotes for the work in the Fire Station and the Bus Garage Pit. He hopes to have all 3 by the next meeting. He also explained that there are some live wires in the basement of the library that have to be taken care of immediately. There are also some heating problems in the Courtroom and the Town Office that he would like addressed.

Nicked asked about the problem that we had with the roof at the Fire Station. Chad said that it's just a small area that's bad and thinks it's where the 2 buildings meet. Chad said he heard that they may have problems with their back up power.

Nick asked how things are looking for campsite reservations. Cory explained about a lot of the reservations he has had so far, and said January to date he has a total of \$11,000 which is a little bit above average.

Public Comments: Don Keen said that they received money from Franklin County to help feed Vets. He said last Thursday they delivered 64 meals. They receive 2 boxes per veteran.

Randy explained that the American Legion will be hosting a car show this summer. They also hope to get a few vendors here. The Legion will be selling hotdogs and hamburgers.

Ralph said that he looked at the roof 3 years ago and it was in disarray back then. He asked if it wouldn't be a good idea to fix the roof problem before they fix the wiring. Nick explained that there are live wires in the pit and that is very important to take care of too. Much discussion regarding this.

Colleen asked about having a Farmer's Market and Chad explained that we use to have one twice in the summer down at the campsite, then Covid hit and we haven't had anything since. Colleen asked if certification is required and Chad said yes. Any vendor wanting to sell baked goods would have to show certification.

Lawrence asked if we have thought about hiring data collectors. Chad explained that we are in hopes to have Cory and Bruce do it, but nothing has been finalized. Chad hopes to have Dave Burl here next month.

Lawrence talked about the water line project and said that the earlier we apply for grants the better off we are going to be. Chad explained that he has talked to Tisdell's and Billy Jones regarding this. Chad said if we could get at least 50% of the total cost, we would be able to go ahead with it. Chad explained that they hope to put the new water line under the sidewalk instead of the road.

Lawrence talked about getting LED street lights and said that we could get any brightness. He said that there are grants out there to replace our lighting and if we went with LED it would save the town a lot of money. Lawrence suggested having one of the board members check into these grants.

Chad said that Cory rides around every couple of night and reports any lights that are out.

Cindy asked Chad if he has heard anything on the grant from Billy Jones and Chad said that Billy hopes to have it done by the end of April.

Cory said that Tina asked about the sidewalk and her steps going into the library. Chad said that Jack hopes to have that done this year.

Tim Baker went over what he has done with the website.

Motion to close meeting at 7:47 pm was made by Nicholas Lansing and seconded by Howard Goodrow. All in favor were Cynthia Durant, James Brockway and Chad Rivers.

Respectfully submitted:  
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Town Clerk  
Town of Waverly