

Regular Town Board Meeting

May 8, 2023 7:00pm

Minutes

Board Members Present: Steve Becker, Steve Seidl, Noah Raab, Jan Kaiser, Taylor Gotz

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Becker. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call noted.
2. Minutes from the April 10, 2023 Board meeting were read with no additions or corrections. Motion by SSeidl, second N Raab to accept the minutes as read, motion carried. (Seidl-Yes,Raab-Yes,Becker-Yes)
3. May invoices were approved for payment.
4. Rural Insurance Representative Ian Pierce attended the meeting to update the Town regarding renewal of insurance policies. The Company's requirement regarding the coverage of the Fire Department being dependent upon writing the Town or Village insurance remains in place. Rural Insurance does not write Village insurance therefore must depend on writing the Town insurance. Motion by SSeidl, second N Raab to approve the renewal of Rural Insurance Business Owner and Workman Compensation policy at a cost of \$7,112.00, motion carried. (Seidl-Yes,Raab-Yes,Becker-Yes)
5. Road Work
 - Highway updates given by JBreu
 - The Clerk will forward last year's bid request for Pleasant Hill Road to the Board.
 - Culvert Washout on Day Road
 - Culverts on Mill Creek, Pleasant Hill and Shady Rd were discussed
 - Dust Control on Gravel Roads discussed
6. Fire Department
 - At the 04/03/2023 Joint Fire Department/Town/Village meeting it was decided that the Fire Department will be placed on both Town and Village monthly agendas. Fire Department minutes will be sent on a monthly basis from the FD Secretary Rachel Malinowski to the Village and Town Clerk. Rather than reading these minutes at the meeting on a monthly basis they will be forwarded to the Town Board for review and members can bring questions at the regular meeting as needed. There will be an annual audit of the Joint Fire Department books scheduled. The Clerks from the Town and Village will facilitate this and report results back to the Boards.
 - The Chair shared information on the purchase of a new vehicle. He met with the Fire Department independently to acquire this information and shared it with the Board.
7. Recycling
 - Monthly recycling costs have increased from \$378.00 to \$448.76 for three eight-yard dumpsters. The Chair will follow up with Waste Management if needed.
 - Randy Kaiser will continue as recycling attendant.
 - Recycling Grant is being submitted by the Treasurer
8. Website/Facebook – Creation of a website and/or a Facebook page for the Town of Auburndale was discussed. Board members felt a website would be more beneficial than Facebook. Quotes for creating and maintaining a website will be researched. Motion by SSeidl, second N Raab to approve a website for the Town of Auburndale, motion carried. (Seidl-Yes,Raab-Yes,Becker-Yes)

9. Zoning Ordinance – Discussion regarding updates needed to the zoning ordinance took place. Subjects addressed include solar farms, wind turbines, green burials, approval of the zoning map and updating fees. A meeting of the Zoning Board will be scheduled as soon as possible.
10. Dog Licensing – Discussion was held regarding dog licensing within the municipality. Compliance with licensing has historically been low. No action taken.
11. Town Treasurer Report – the monthly report was shared by the Treasurer. The Clerk explained the Treasurer's report and answered questions. The Treasurer's Report will be a standing agenda item with discussion as needed.
12. Communications and petitions by Town Clerk – no discussion or action.
 - Open Book 5/4/2023 4:00-6:00pm/BOR 5/18/2023 6:00-8:00pm
 - Protecting Town Road Right of Way Meeting
 - Hamus/Berg BNI Request
 - Tri City Furnace Quote
 - Wood County Unit Meeting Minutes
 - Shared Revenue
13. Public Input - There was public input regarding road work, fire department, insurance, zoning and town finances.
14. Next meeting date June 12, 2023, 7:00pm
15. Motion by SSeild, second NRAab to adjourn at 8:45pm, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Kaiser, Clerk

Others Present: Arnie Lueck, Gary Hilgart, Ian Pierce, Shelly Becker, Ken Becker, Todd Bores, Russ Bauer