A Special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Williamsport was held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at the Warren County Learning Center with the following officers present – Mike Hutchison, Council President and Council members Traci Latoz and Jim Lanham. Also present were Bill Lucas, Clerk-Treasurer, Amy Cushman, Mark Hutson, Kevin Strickler, Randy Wurtsbaugh, Wade Armes, Brian Jordan, Melinda Story, Ted Latoz, and Zoe Latoz.

The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss year-end business.

Mike Hutchison called the meeting to order.

Mike Hutchison made a motion to approve the December 3, 2020 disconnect hearing minutes. Traci Latoz seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Traci Latoz made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2020 monthly meeting. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Kevin Strickler discussed INDOT discrepancies.

Kevin Strickler asked how much money was available for street paving.

Bill Lucas stated there is $212,000.00 available for street paving.

Wade Armes discussed the purchase and acquisition of the Town’s new Fire Truck.

Wade Armes discussed the delay on some of the firefighter gear the fire department has ordered.

Bill Lucas presented the Council with the 2021 council meeting schedule and holiday schedule for the Town. Neither schedule changed from the current year.

Bill Lucas discussed three outstanding checks for the Town. All three checks are now over two years old. One check is a payroll check for a lifeguard in the amount of $59.19. And the other two checks will be returned to the electric fund, one in the amount of $38.59 and the other in the amount of $5.49.

Mike Hutchison stated he believed that the payroll check should go to the state as unclaimed property. Bill Lucas stated he will have to look into this.

Mike Hutchison made a motion to approve the $38.59 and $5.49 checks be returned to the electric fund. Traci Latoz seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Bill Lucas discussed the following appropriations:

Transfer from Park and Recreation Repairs $2,600.00 to Park and Recreation Wages

Transfer from Park and Recreation Repairs $170.00 to Park and Recreation Social

Security/Medicare

Mike Hutchison made a motion to approve the transfers within the Park and Rec fund as discussed by Bill Lucas. Traci Latoz seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Bill Lucas stated a decision needs to be made to continue with the Anthem Health Insurance Plan for the employees with the Warren Agency.

Traci Latoz made a motion to continue with the Anthem plan with the Warren Agency for 2021, on a month-to-month basis. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Bill Lucas presented the council with nepotism and “no contract with relatives” agreements that need to be signed for 2021.

Bill Lucas stated the Council needs to set wages for 2021.

Jim Lanham stated the Council gave more than sufficient raises for 2020 and that he has concerns regarding the Health Insurance for the Town, so he proposed a quarter raise for all hourly employees for 2021.

Traci Latoz proposed a forty to fifty cent raise per hour for hourly employees.

Jim Lanham made a motion to raise hourly employee’s wages a quarter an hour. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. Traci Latoz opposed the motion. Voted and passed by majority.

Council discussed all other Town paid positions, including salaried positions. Council agreed to raise salaried positions the equivalent of a quarter an hour as well. All other wages will remain the same as 2020 wages.

Mike Hutchison made a motion to approve wages as discussed. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Traci Latoz abstained due to a potential conflict of interest. Voted and passed by majority.

Mike Hutchison presented a pay application in the amount of $175,070.94 Midwest Mole.

Traci Latoz made a motion to approve the pay application for Midwest Mole in the amount of $175,070.94. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Mike Hutchison presented a second pay application for Midwest Mole in the amount of $32,981.86.

Mike Hutchison made a motion to approve the pay application for Midwest Mole in the amount of $32,981.86. Traci Latoz seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Mike Hutchison presented a pay application in the amount of $6,902.00 for Graves Construction.

Mark Hutson stated he is opposed to paying the pay application for Graves Construction until a few issues are resolved at the sewer plant.

The Council will not approve the pay application for Graves Construction at this time.

Mike Hutchison presented Traci Latoz with a plaque from the Town for her years of service on the Council.

Melinda Story discussed presenting the library with some sort of appreciation for use of the Learning Center for Town Meetings.

Traci Latoz made a motion to donate $300.00 to the Learning Center. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Mike Hutchison stated he has been appointed as clerk-treasurer by the republican party at the end of Bill’s term in February 2021.

Mike Hutchison made a motion to adjourn. Traci Latoz seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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