

A meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Williamsport was held at 7:30PM November 1st 2017 at the Town Hall with the following officers present – Dave Banta, President, Dick Briles and Traci Latoz, also present, Nancy Litzenberger-Town Attorney and William Lucas – Clerk Treasurer, Kevin Strickler, Eric Smith, HWC Engineering, Dustin Whalen, HWC Engineering, Shawn Cain, KIRPC, Ted Latoz, Mark Hutson, Jarred Meeks, Reporter, Review Republican, Donna Van Leer, Craig Greenwood, Melinda Bradbury, Greg Taylor and Gloria Marlatt.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Shawn Cain, KIRPC said the public meeting on the Master Utility Plan is now open. Eric Smith and Dustin Whalen of HWC spoke about the Master Utility Plan study. They looked at Water, Wastewater and Storm Water.

Eric Smith discussed the Water system first. There is no problem with the quality of the Water. Eric said there are some problem's in the distribution system. Dustin Whalen said there are five problem areas in the distribution system.

#1- 2 & 5	Phase 1
#4	Phase 2 plus the Water Tank

Total cost is \$1,213,800.00 for Phase 1  
Total cost is \$ 998,600.00 for Phase 2

Eric then went on to the Sewer Plant (Wastewater Treatment Plant). He spoke about lift stations, there are 7 life stations. The Treatment plant is not in bad shape. The problems are the sewer lines getting storm water in them and sending that water along to the Treatment Plant. Dustin discussed the problem areas that need to be addressed. There are three areas that need fixed. Dustin did say there are some minor issues with the Treatment Plant.

The cost for this is \$1,375,800.00

Eric then discussed storm water problems. HWC had sent out a survey asking if storm water was a problem for residents. This is part of the study to tell HWC where problems are. The cost for this construction would be \$2,086,900.00. This could be done in three phases also. Phase two would cost \$966,100.00.

The Town can only get one grant at a time and only work on one problem at a time. First is Wastewater improvements, second is the Water System Improvement (Phase 1) and then Storm Water System Improvement (Phase 1) this will require matching and a grant for each step. Nancy Litzenberger asked who does the financial analysis. Eric gave some suggestions.

Traci Latoz asked how long the sewer lines would last if lined. Eric said from 50 to 70 years.

Shawn Cain asked the Council to close the public hearing. Dick Briles made a motion to close the public hearing. Traci Latoz seconded. Voted and passed.

Dave Banta then opened the regular council meeting. Shawn Cain then explained the local Resolution 2017-6 approving the Master Utility Plan. Traci Latoz made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-6. Dick Briles seconded. Voted and passed.

Dave Banta asked about the match. We can expect 10 to 20% match.

Eric Smith said our utility rates are too low to get much help.

Dave Banta said the Town Insurance rating got lowered because of the fire hydrants. This will cost all homeowners.

Kevin Strickler spoke about the digger truck and the electric truck needed repaired.

Kevin Strickler said the light at the Library is up and running.

Kevin Strickler said the line at John Deere/Laundry Mat needs replaced. He is trying to get a price.

Kevin Strickler said AHW has not hooked up yet. TMF is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>. Must be done on Saturday.

Kevin Strickler spoke about the front door that needs replaced. Lafayette Glass' estimate is \$2,197.80 which they will give us a credit for the lock they put in, plus \$186.00 for Insulated glass. Gilhams' quote is \$2,474.00.

Traci Latoz made a motion to approve Lafayette, Glass for \$2,197.80 plus \$186.00 for Insulated glass in the door.

Kevin Strickler has the Railroad Ties here and has been working on the new park equipment.

Kevin Strickler said he has not done anything at the Pavilion to replace the posts. He could run into some extra work on the building.

Kevin Strickler said IDEM did not need any more information on the water line.

Kevin Strickler said the Community Crossing Grant will be advertised:

November 9<sup>th</sup>  
November 15<sup>th</sup>  
December 4<sup>th</sup>                      Public Hearing

Kevin Strickler spoke about salt for the streets. He will order for January 2018 delivery.

Dave Banta asked about Colonial Life wanting to sell insurance. Traci Latoz said she thought this would be like AFLAC. Kevin will see what the employees want.

Dave Banta said Steve Talbert now will not want to move the MacVan to Oak Street.

Mark Hutson spoke about the Sewer Plant sludge hauling. The invoice was very high, about \$17,000.00. The brackets at the bottom were rusted and broke.

Ted Latoz spoke about the last week end problem. He had some underage drinking to deal with.

Melinda Bradbury spoke about a dog problem in her area. Shawn Briles took care of it.

Nancy Litzenberger spoke about a new statement of benefits for TMF to be signed. Also had findings as well.

Traci Latoz made a motion to approve both. Dick Briles second. Voted and passed.

Dave Banta spoke about Mike Snyder wanting to change a lot from residential to commercial. He wants to put up rental sheds. This is on Washington St. The Council discussed this.

Dave Banta asked about the Unsafe Building Ordinance. Nancy Litzenberger said she has not seen any results. John Kuiper will inspect the properties for the Town.

Dave Banta asked about Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and September 5 minutes.

Traci Latoz on October 16<sup>th</sup> minutes: Traci Latoz said the minutes did not reflect the behavior of the meeting. Traci was personally insulted and Dick Briles used profanity and it continued for one to two minutes. He also raised his voice. Traci Latoz made a motion to amend the minutes to include this. Dave Banta seconded. Voted with Traci Latoz and Dave Banta voting for it. Dick Briles was opposed.

Traci Latoz made a motion to approve the minutes of October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Dick Briles seconded. Voted and passed.

Dick Briles made a motion to approve the minutes of October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. Traci Latoz seconded. Voted and passed.

Dave Banta spoke about a press release from IMPA that they are reducing their rates as of January 1, 2018. Dave will get with Niki Dick, IMPA.

Dave Banta then spoke about an electric department policy.

Traci Latoz said that she is concerned since this Council had discussed this and still has not done it. She asked about a date to finish it.

Greg Taylor asked about other Towns electric policy. Traci Latoz said it would be nice to see what another Town our size uses.

Dave Banta spoke about the County web page must be ADA compliant. Traci Latoz said she knows about this. Traci Latoz said she knows how to do it. She does not know how long it will take. Do we need a Web page?

Traci Latoz made a motion to adjourn. Dick Briles seconded. Voted and passed.

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

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