

A meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Williamsport was held at 7:30PM August 1, 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, Ruann Marks, Kevin Strickler, Ted Latoz, Mark Hutson, Jarred Meeks, Reporter, Review Republican, Tammy Stark and Brice Easter, for the Fire Department.

Minutes of the last meeting: Dick Briles made a motion to approve. Traci Latoz, seconded. Voted and Passed.

Kevin Strickler said Brice Easter wants to be a fireman. Dick Briles asked about gear for the new ones. Kevin has older gear to fit them for now until their probation is up. Dave Banta asked if Kevin could give the Council a report on runs including who shows up to help. Dick Briles asked about any who do nothing to help the Fire Department.

Mark Hutson said the quality control for 2017 shows all OK. All equipment is working at this time.

Ted Latoz said his computer needs repaired. He can change the Hard Drive for \$300.00 or so. A new computer would run about \$1,000.00. Dick Briles made a motion to fix the Hard Drive. Traci Latoz seconded. Voted & passed.

Ted Latoz spoke about Court dates with Nancy Litzenberger. Nancy Litzenberger will attend and Ted does not need to go. This is for litter in town.

Ted said Shawn served a letter where the property owner would not pick the letter up.

Dave Banta told Ted he is doing well on the problems.

Dave Banta spoke about demolition of old buildings. Dave has some in mind. John Kiper will need a letter from the Town. This will get John to inspect the property and send a letter to the property owner. The property owner would need to get with John. Nancy Litzenberger will send a list to John Kiper.

Meter reader from Covington for \$500.00. Ok to purchase.

Dave Banta made a motion to do a Temporary rate adjustment now on all three utilities at the minimum suggested in February 2017. This is 7% on Water & Sewer and 3% on Electric. Average increase per customer is \$2.28 monthly Water;  
\$2.80 monthly Sewer and;  
\$7.38 monthly Electric

These increases are necessary to cover expenses. Dick Briles and Dave Banta voted for. Traci Latoz voted against.

Dave Banta made a motion to get Beverly J. Matthews, IMPA Service Corp., to do a study on Electric rates. Dick Briles seconded. Dave Banta and Dick Briles voted for it, Traci Latoz voted against.

This was asked for on February 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 by the Clerk Treasurer (William H. Lucas) and has been discussed at each meeting. Through June of 2017 all three utilities are losing money in their operating funds.

Dave Banta spoke about a consulting company for someone wanting to bury cable in the Town.

Kevin Strickler said he has ordered some material for TMF and AHW, who are both putting up new buildings and will need more electricity.

Dave Banta asked about INDOT street paving. Kevin said it is done.

Dave Banta asked where HWC is on their study. Kevin will get with them to see when they want to meet.

Dave Banta spoke about changing the meeting dates for the Council meeting. He would like to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7PM.

Dave Banta would also like to meet on the third Wednesday at 10AM. Traci Latoz objected to a day time meeting since she works. She stated that this would make her absent from on half of the Town Council meetings. Traci then asked Nancy Litzenberger if they could do this. Nancy did not know that they could not. Traci said she would get her own Council to see what she can do.

Dick Briles made a motion to meet the third Wednesday of each month at 10AM through the balance of the year. The regular meeting schedule will also be held. Dave Banta seconded the motion. Dave Banta and Dick Briles voted for this. Traci Latoz Voted against this.

Tammy Stark spoke to the Council about this schedule. She spoke about if she brought her kids to see the Council work.

Kevin Strickler spoke about the new well building being built. He then asked about the Edit money for 2017.

Kevin Strickler then spoke about the water line on old highway 28. This could cost \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00. We can pay it from water depreciation.

Kevin Strickler spoke about an IMA Workshop that cost \$300.00. Andy Strickler would like to go this August 23, 24 & 25. Traci Latoz made a motion to approve. Dick Briles seconded. Voted and passed.

Nancy Litzenberger had compliance forms to be signed for AccuBurn. Dave Banta and William Lucas signed.

Next is a statement of benefit for AccuBurn adding new equipment. Traci Latoz made a motion to approve. Dick Briles seconded. Voted and passed.

Nancy Litzenberger had a statement of benefit for BLMC to add a new Building for \$500,000.00 and employ 10 people additional. Dick Briles made a motion to accept. Traci Latoz seconded. Voted and passed.

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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