

A meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Williamsport was held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the Town Hall with the following officers present – Mike Hutchison, Council President and Council Member Jim Lanham. Also present were Bill Lucas, Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorneys Mallory Redlin and Ingrid Barce, Amy Cushman, Ted Latoz, Kevin Strickler, Mark Hutson, Bryon Brackemyre, Mike Kay, Lee Kay, Stephanie Knosp, Miles Stucky, Tyleigh Henry, Joey Blanton, and Jenny Larson.

Mike Hutchison called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Mike Hutchison made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Mike Hutchison asked if anyone was in attendance for the disconnect hearing. No one was in attendance for the disconnect hearing. Bill Lucas asked about the payment plan for Tyleigh Henry. The Council would like her to continue at the \$150.00 per week payments.

Mike Hutchison made a motion to approve disconnects as presented, except for the payment plan arrangement discussed for Tyleigh Henry. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Jenny Larson discussed a delinquency and disconnection notice she received in the mail. She stated that she did not get her bill in the mail for the month of February and the problem is with the form of billing the Town uses. She would like to request that the Town look into additional options for billing. Amy Cushman stated that she has started to look into additional options.

Bryon Brackemyre, with IMPA, was in attendance to present material on what IMPA is and comparisons on rates with competitors in Indiana. Solar parks, and the potential for Williamsport to develop a solar park, were discussed.

Tyleigh Henry arrived to provide an update on where she stands with her outstanding utility balance. The Council advised her she has been approved to continue paying the payments of \$150.00/week.

Mike and Lee Kay with the Warren Agency brought in and discussed the Town's renewal policies. The premium is a 4% rate increase overall.

Jim Lanham made a motion to accept the renewal policies as presented. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Miles Stucky, with the Park Board, asked the Council about getting a written waiver that volunteers who are helping with the Falls Trail cleanup would sign, stating that the Town will be held harmless in the event of accident or injury. Mike Hutchison will get a letter to Mile's wife, Michelle.

Miles Stucky asked the Council what needs to be done to incorporate the Falls Trail's project under the Park Board's jurisdiction. Ingrid Barce stated the Park Board may want to pass their own Resolution to this effect.

Ted Latoz asked about liability issues with off-road vehicles being on the same trails that people are walking on and the enforcement of keeping those off-road vehicles off of the property. The attorneys will draft an ordinance to prohibit off-road vehicles from being on the property that houses the Fall's Trails.

Amy Cushman presented the Council with seven leak adjustment requests.

Mike Hutchison made a motion to approve the leak adjustments as presented for the months of January and February in the amount of \$1,030.64 and the month of March in the amount of \$1,859.57. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Amy Cushman discussed updating and adding to the NSF policy for the Town. The attorneys will look into drafting an update to the NSF policy of the Billing Ordinance for the Town.

Amy Cushman asked about large business deposits. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Amy Cushman asked about utility accounts that remain in a decedent's name. No decisions were made at this time.

Bill Lucas discussed updating the Town's electric policy. The attorneys said this can be updated to coincide with the Town's Ordinances.

Amy Cushman asked about the peddler's and solicitor's ordinances. The attorneys stated to follow the current ordinances, but do not charge the fee for the license.

Bill Lucas asked the attorneys about part-time employees and paying benefits. The attorneys will look into this and give an answer at a later meeting.

Bill Lucas asked the Council if any decisions have been made on changing the employee's insurance premiums, as well as the premium an employee would have to pay if they opted to only take Life and AD&D coverage. The Council will continue to review this and decide at a future meeting.

The Attorneys requested that a special meeting be scheduled to go over the recodification of the Town's code. Mike Hutchison requested the meeting not be scheduled until May. The Council will decide at the monthly May meeting what date in May the special meeting will be held.

Mike Hutchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

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

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