

A Special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Williamsport was held at 10:00AM September 20th 2017 at the Town Hall with the following officers present – Dave Banta, Council President and Dick Briles, Council Member also present, Nancy Litzenberger, Town Attorney, Kevin Strickler, Mark Hutson, Ted Latoz, Jarred Meeks, The Review Republican, Bill Trimble, Mary Hoover and Gloria Marlatt.

Dave Banta called the meeting to order at 10:10AM.

Kevin Strickler spoke about the Community Crossing Grant which will be awarded at 4:00PM this afternoon, Dick Briles asked Kevin if he knew how much we were going to get. Kevin Strickler responded that he was not aware of the amount, but he had heard that the amounts might be smaller than what was requested.

Mark Hutson stated that Pump #2 was not working properly; and that he will be getting an estimate on the pump; refurbished and/or a new one.

Dave Banta asked Gloria Marlatt to provide the council with an update on Budget Billing. Gloria stated that she and Bill Lucas, Clerk Treasurer, had again spoken with Keystone just to make sure we were under the same understanding as far as how things would work. Gloria spoke with Judy Berry, Vice President of Marketing about obtaining a quote for Budget Billing. The charge is \$2,000.00 for a one day onsite for installation and training. Dave Banta made a motion to accept. Dick Briles seconded. Voted and passed.

Dick Briles advised Gloria Marlatt that TMF was having a new Phase 3 installed; wanting to be sure that all information that is needed is received.

Nancy Litzenberger, Town Attorney spoke about the Rate Increase letters that will be sent out. She requested that Gloria Marlatt provide her with a copy of the list of customers that will receive letters.

Dave Banta and Nancy Litzenberger spoke about the next Public Hearing. Dave Banta suggested that we use the Learning Center and he was provide a few days to choose from; November 2nd, 7th and 9th, 2017. Nancy was concerned that if we put too many days between the actual Council meeting on November 1st 2017 and the Public Hearing we may lose potential attendance by the public. Dave Banta proposed November 2nd 2017 at the Learning Center. Dick Briles seconded. Voted and passed.

Dave Banta then suggested that we change the meeting time on November 2nd 2017 to 7:00PM. Dick Briles seconded. Voted and passed.

Nancy Litzenberger, Town Attorney, spoke about the Unsafe Building Ordinance. John Kuiper was not moving on our letters. Nancy isn't sure if she needs to send John Kuiper another letter. Dave Banta and Nancy stated that the County Commissioners and John Kuiper agree that his responsibility is to only inspect. Any enforcement authority would fall to either the County Commissioners or to the Town Council.

John Kuiper would inspect, condemn and give notice to the Council. Nancy Litzenberger, Town Attorney would send a letter on behalf of the Town Council giving property owner a deadline and a if you don't comply "this could happen; which means appeals would be handled by the Town Council. Any complaints or appeals would have to be presented at a Town Council meeting. John Larson did request that we not proceed in the Unsafe Building Ordinance until the Court Case Kincade/Smith.

Dave Banta said that he wants to go ahead and write another letter to John Kuiper regarding 2 properties that we have concerns about.

John Kuiper notified Dave Banta that their website needs to be ADA compliant. Dave Banta was saying that we will more than likely get the same requirement; maybe we need to consider not having a website.

A web designer said that the County website has over 400 corrections, because of the ADA complaint.

Dave Banta spoke about Traci's complaints. The first two were about Dave and have been responded to. The third is a complaint about the Council and will not have an answer until October 2nd 2017. The complaint was about the meeting agenda and the Council not following it.

Dave Banta and Gloria Marlatt to inform the Council about a recent question she had received. Gloria said that a customer came in to the office and asked if we had any Ordinances about not using Propane. Gloria advised the Council that she was unable to find any Ordinance about using Propane. Dick Briles said that he had no problem if a customer wanted to use Propane. Dave Banta agreed with Dick. Dick did say that if the customer wanted to use a tank that held 8,000 – 9,000 gallons the State would require a license, depending on which way the tank would face.

Dave Banta asked Mary Hoover of IN-RCAP if HWC had made contact with her regarding the loans that are available and the outcome of their meeting with the Council on August 25th 2017. Mary stated that they had. Both Dick Briles and Dave Banta advised Mary that HWC had told them that the Town was not eligible for some of the state grants because our rates were too low. Mary was not in agreement with this statement. Mary advised that there were some grants that we would not qualify for because our rates being low; however, there are other grants that are based on lower to moderate rates. Mary said she would make contact with HWC and discuss this issue. Mary stated that she was going to do a snap shot of what things look like in 2016; which is the year she is using for the Water and Sewer Rate Study. Mary did state that most funding would need to be certified.

Mary Hoover stated that she needed to see the Ordinance on the temporary rate increases. A copy was provided to Mary.

Bill Trimble spoke about the problems he is having with his neighbor, Kym Kennedy; there is a pile of rocks in the corner of Kym's property which make rain water drain on to Bill's Mom & Dad's property. Dave Banta told Bill he would drive by and check it out; Dave Banta did ask Bill what the gravel was for. Bill stated he didn't know.

Mary Hoover brought up AHW, HWC said it was a combined Sewer problem. Dave Banta said as far as we knew it isn't a combined problem. Mary said that we should move our Storm Water project up; use it as leverage. Proposal was given to her by HWC.

Nancy Litzenberger will give Gloria Marlatt a blank rate notice to be mailed.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST _____, President
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