



BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Monday, June 19, 2023, at 6:00 PM

Landis Board Room

MEETING MINUTES

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES

Present: Mayor Meredith Bare Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Ashley Stewart, Alderman Darrell Overcash, Alderman Tony Corriher, Alderwoman Katie Sells

Staff Present: Town Manager Michael Ambrose, Human Resource Director/Town Clerk Madison Stegall, Deputy Town Clerk Haley Graham, Interim Finance Officer Jeneen McMillen, Town Attorney Rick Locklear

1. **INTRODUCTION:**

1.1 **Call Meeting to Order**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

1.2 **Welcome**

Mayor Smith welcomed those in attendance.

1.3 **Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Smith led those present in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4 **Adoption of Agenda**

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Moved by: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Darrell Overcash

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Darrell Overcash, Katie Sells, Tony Corriher

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

All items below are considered to be routine by the Board of Aldermen and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless an Aldermen member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed in the appropriate corresponding Agenda Section to then be considered.

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Moved by: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Tony Corriher

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Darrell Overcash, Katie Sells, Tony Corriher

2.1 Consider Approval of Work Session Meeting Minutes from May 4, 2023, and of the Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2023

2.2 Consider Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024 Board of Aldermen Regular Scheduled Meeting List and Work Session Meeting List

2.3 Consider Approval of the Amended Employee Group Health Policy

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.1 Consider Approval of the FY24 Proposed Budget

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Moved by: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Tony Corriher

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Darrell Overcash, Katie Sells, Tony Corriher

Comments:

Nadine Cherry: 410 W Garden St:

Stated she is glad the tax rate is down, has not had time to truly review packet.

Tommy Garver: 1200 Wood Field:

Concerned with property taxes, reference inflation and 5% increase with decrease in rental properties available makes it the worst time to increase property taxes. Stated that with COVID money received should consider using funds from that to offset. Landlords will only have to pass along increases to the tenants who are already financially strained.

Mayor Smith addressed the property increase being a county initiative and reiterated the fact that with increases from county we still managed to cut tax rate from .53 down to .49.

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Moved by: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Tony Corriher

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Darrell Overcash, Katie Sells, Tony Corriher

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FY24 PROPOSED BUDGET

Moved by: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Katie Sells

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Darrell Overcash, Katie Sells, Tony Corriher

4. PRESENTATIONS:

4.1 Swearing In of Town Manager Michael Ambrose

4.2 Swearing In of Interim Finance Officer Jeneen McMillen

4.3 Swearing In of Deputy Town Clerk Haley Graham

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

5.1 Citizens' Comments

Nadine Cherry: 410 W Garden St:

Could not recall the ADA coordinator that left last year (not Amber Levi) but they were working on building after hours, had the sidewalk blocked with no signs up. Stated that hiring Mr. Ambrose as town manager was the best thing that Landis has done.

6. CONSIDERATIONS:

6.1 Consider Approval of Reducing the Bane Trailer Reserve from \$5,000 to \$2,000

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE REDUCING THE BANE TRAILER RESERVE FROM \$5,000 TO \$2,000

Moved by: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Katie Sells

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Darrell Overcash, Katie Sells, Tony Corriher

6.2 Consider approving the new Electrical Rates provided by Electricities Cost of Service Study

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE NEW ELECTRICAL RATES PROVIDED BY ELECTRICITIES COST OF SERVICE STUDY.

Moved by: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Tony Corriher

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Darrell Overcash, Katie Sells, Tony Corriher

6.3 Consider Approval for the Southeastern Consulting Contract for all Current and Future Electrical Infrastructure Needs

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE SOUTHEASTERN CONSULTING CONTRACT FOR ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS.

Moved by: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Tony Corriher

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Darrell Overcash, Katie Sells, Tony Corriher

6.4 Consider Approval to Surplus the Parks and Recreation 2001 Ford F-150 Maintenance Vehicle on Gov Deals in the Amount of \$1,000

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE TO SURPLUS THE PARKS AND RECREATION 2001 FORD F-150 MAINTENANCE VEHICLE ON GOV DEALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000

Moved by: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Tony Corriher

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Darrell Overcash, Katie Sells, Tony Corriher

6.5 Consider Approval to Surplus the Police 2010 Dodge Charger on Gov Deals in the Amount of \$5,000

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE SURPLUSING THE POLICE 2010 DODGE CHARGER ON GOV DEALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000

Moved by: Ashley Stewart, seconded by Darrell Overcash

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Darrell Overcash, Katie Sells, Tony Corriher

7. REPORTS:

7.1 Departmental Reports (Included in the Board packet)

7.2 Financial Report (Included in the Board packet)

7.3 Town Manager Report (Included in the Board packet)

8. UPCOMING EVENTS: Mayor Smith announced upcoming events.

8.1 June 21, 2023 : 6:00 PM : Planning Board Meeting : At Landis Board Room

June 23, 2023 : 6:00 PM : Employee Picnic

Tuesday's (May-September) : 4-7 PM : Farmer's & Craft Market : N. Central Ave.

July 7, 2023 : 5-9 PM : Cruise-In featuring The Nostalgia Band : Central Ave.

9. **CLOSING:**

9.1 **Board Comments -**

- Alderwoman Katie Sells stated that the “Pool did a fantastic job.”
- Alderman Darrell Overcash welcomed new staff.

9.2 **Motion to Adjourn**

ACTION: A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN at 6:26PM.

Moved by: Tony Corriher, seconded by Ashley Stewart

Motion Passed: 4-0

Voting For: Ashley Stewart, Darrell Overcash, Katie Sells, Tony Corriher