



MAY MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM
RUTH TOWN HALL

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

David called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

David offered an invocation.

ROLL CALL

Participating in the meeting are, David Guy Mayor, William Steppe Commissioner, Nick Goode Commissioner, Amie Hanaway Town Manager.

Citizens present are: None

Guests present are: None

AGENDA ADOPTION

Amie asked for an amendment to the agenda adding a closed session. William made a motion to amend and adopt agenda as presented. Nick seconded, passes unanimously.

GUEST SPEAKERS

No guest speakers signed up prior to tonight's meeting.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Jenni Gabriel, Mattie Gabriel

Jenni asked about Ruthridge and why their roads are not State owned and how they can become State owned so there would be support for tree overhang, or trees downed, and support for removal. David contributed the road itself doesn't meet state requirements. Amie communicated the Fire Department no longer removes downed trees. Property owners have hanging limbs that are interfering with passage. David is going to take care of those with his pole saw. David will take all of Jenni's concerns to his contacts and see if he can influence any change.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

William made a motion to approve last meeting's minutes as presented. Nick seconded. Passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ruthridge Entrance. Amie will update the board on efforts thus far

Amie has a quote of \$2,000.00 to remove shrubbery, mulch, replace with grass seeds to sow new grass. Quote for signage still being procured and nailed down. Will definitely have quote and renderings by next month's meeting is not sooner. Amie reached out to the recommended vendor for a sign renderings in multiple iterations. He has already been on site and reviewed and expects to have a product to us by the end of the week. Amie has already shared logos and colors, etc. This portion is in motion. Amie encourages the board to proceed with clean up of the parcel and move later on sign renderings. Amie suggested reclass capital improvement funds of \$2000.00 to take care of this expense. William motioned to reclass, Nick seconded, passes unanimously.

2. Trail Lighting and Cameras -Status update for the board

Working with Jason for best, most tried and true choices so pricing can be assessed accurately. Amie communicated she's still in conversation with Jason and customers who are using these products to source the best solutions which affects pricing. It's on the agenda and she's continuing to suss it out.

3. Christmas light repairs and revamps -Brief status update for the board.

Amie wanted the board to be aware the earlier quotes will need to be reviewed and requoted; she will include the new figures and recommendations during the budget workshop. Amie wanted the board to know the quotes are only good for x days and the quotes must be revised. Amie wanted the board to know it's still on the radar.

4. Insurance for Outdoor Gym equipment -Amie has some information, hopefully more to come before the meeting.

Amie shared the conversations between insurance company regarding this coverage. Ultimately, our insurance returned saying they will automatically insure at no additional cost. Amie shared the elaborate conversations that ensued and how it arrived at no additional cost.

5. Town Hall Roofing Estimates -Amie has procured several quotes, see attached for one quotes information

Roofing estimates attached, Amie reviewed specifics. Board wants to table this so the board can review the specifics on each quote. David will send a list of questions to Amie for her to ask the roofers. Jenni who is present knows the Shubin's and gives a public endorsement of their quality.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. Financial Reports circulated prior will be reviewed.

Amie reviewed report and suggested budget ordinance with one amendment and one reclass. William made a motion to approve recommended ordinance, Nick seconded, passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Alicia Morgan has a request of utilizing Town Property for a Yard Sale.

Amie shared the request to utilize the back parking lot of the Town Hall for a yard sale opportunity. Amie believes our general liability would probably cover it but she needs to research it to discover the specifics. She didn't want to research it without an interest. Perhaps there is a different contract for renting the grounds. The board wants to chew on this request. Amie will table until later.

8. Mike Sheridan interested in buying this piece of property from the Town. Amie will share the details.

Amie circulated separately the GIS file of the property in question. She shared the conversation she had with Mike Sheridan regarding his interests and desires. He asked about the property and had already done his due diligence. He lives in the county in a tiny home and is interested in some parcels in Ruthridge. He inquired about the small parcel the town owns next to Southern Baptist and if the board would be interested in selling. He is a bike enthusiast and has moved here to be closer to the trail. They would like to have a tiny home with a coffee truck or food truck to cater to the trail participants. Amie encouraged him to come to the meeting. Amie shared the fair market value and details of said property with the board; its under an acre and currently worth \$8600.00; it is contiguous to the other property we own and Amie feels that is an important conversation. Details of the property and of the sale and how it can be handled were all discussed. William has no interest in selling it and the value is higher to the Town to hold on to it. The only way to ensure nefarious activity is to hold onto the property.

9. BRWA Board -See attached for David's reappointment

It's time for David's BRWA Board seat to renew. William made a motion to reappoint him for another three year term, Nick seconded, passes unanimously.

10. Budget Workshop -Need to schedule budget workshop meeting before end of month or extra one for June. Amie will circulate documents and proposals prior for review so meeting can be expeditious.

Dates and times were discussed to have the budget workshop. The workshop will be held June 13th, 6:00pm. Amie suggests moving regular meeting to June 27th to make all of the date requirements to work. Board agrees and it will be in the paper and on the website.

ADJOURNMENT

Nick made a motion to adjourn, William seconded, passed with flying colors.

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