



OCTOBER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM

RUTH TOWN HALL

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Goode & Steppe, Manager Hanaway.

Citizens: Rozanne Esparza

AGENDA ADOPTION

William made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Nick seconded the motion. Passes unanimously.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Rozanne communicates issues with stray animals in the Ruthridge community. She specifies pit bulls that have chewed through their ties. They have decimated feral cat colonies she has been caring for over the years. The colony had 23 cats and now has only two. She would like to see a leash law in Ruth. There are others in the community with a pit bull breed roaming, it attempted to attack Rozanne, she used a fireplace poker to fend it off until a member of the dog owners household retrieved the dog. Rozanne went on to say there are many in the neighborhood who love to work in their yard, sit on their porch, and are fearful to do so now. She encourages the board to pursue a leash law in Ruth.

Rozanne also wanted to discuss the service/utility vehicles working on Church street, blocking the entrance to Ruthridge, no flagmen, no signage, she communicated many residents have had to encroach onto the right of way of the trail to avoid collision. She fears as construction continues, there could be even greater danger. She would like the board to address this issue. At a minimum she requests better signage.

William and Nick both have had experience with this issue of dog attacks, with no perfect or even reasonable solution. William reviewed the issue of inability to enforce ordinances. Nick shared, unfortunately, he believes the only real option is for this to be treated as a civil matter between neighbors. Animal control is a possibility, one Amie believes Rozanne is familiar with and has tried.

Regarding Rozanne's second issue of utility vehicles blocking the entrance making it dangerous for Ruthridge residents to enter and exit, Nick believes they are finished on Church Street and will be working at the intersection of 64 where they will have flagmen. Should this continue on Church Street, Amie will reach out to the utilities for a conversation.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

William made a motion to adopt last meeting's minutes. Nick seconded, passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports follow:

1. Review financial reports and comment with any questions or concerns.

Amie reviewed the financial reports. Audit prep has begun. Final Powell bill reporting underway. Amie has been participating in regular coursework and MANY webinar's and will update as requested. She shared possible solutions for depository challenges, and will communicate her findings with the board at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Refer to forwarded email for discussion

Amie shared some Christmas decoration search and pricing. She also is preparing for our holiday season.

ADJOURNMENT

Nick made a motion to adjourn, William seconded, passes unanimously.

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