

A meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Williamsport was held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at the Warren County Learning Center with the following officers present – Randy Wurtsbaugh, Council President and Council Members Jim Lanham and Paul Coffman. Also present were Mike Hutchison, Clerk-Treasurer and Town Attorney, Ingrid Barce, Kevin Strickler, Vickie Strickler, Mark Hutson, Gene Snoeberger, Ben Dispennett, Wade Armes, Jerry Lucas, Keith Day, Donna Mullins, Arlie Mullins, Dave Banta, Danny Kincade, and Miles Stucky.

Randy Wurtsbaugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mike Hutchison requested a correction be made to the September minutes. Mike stated that during the Budget Hearing, a motion was made to approve the 2022 budget presented, however, the budget approval should only take place at the Budget Adoption Meeting, which was held on Thursday, September 30th.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to rescind the motion made to approve the 2022 budget at the Budget Hearing on September 16th. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Donna Mullins discussed trees on her neighbor April Nowicki's property. Donna stated that two trees fell down on April's house during the storms that went through, and another extremely large tree is now leaning over her home and posing immediate danger. Donna stated that April Nowicki approached her and gave her permission to remove the tree from her property. Donna and Arlie Mullins presented the Council with an estimate from Wood Warriors to take down the tree in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Ingrid Barce stated the Town can take immediate action to have the tree removed if it perceives there is a threat to a citizen's property.

Paul Coffman made a motion to pay the quote from Wood Warrior's to take down the tree on April Nowicki's property and lien her property for the cost of the removal. Randy Wurtsbaugh seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce opened the UBO Hearing.

Ingrid Barce discussed April Nowicki's property at 4 Jackson Street. April's attorney still has not responded to correspondence, and due to the fact that the house is now uninhabitable since two trees fell on it, Ingrid suggested the Town begin a new UBO in which the house is ordered to be removed by the November 18th meeting. During this time, the Town should solicit bids to remove the house, so if April is in non-compliance with the order, the Town would be authorized to remove the home at its own expense.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to begin a new UBO for 4 Jackson Street, ordering the house to be removed and the property to be cleared by the November 18th meeting. If the order is not complied with, the Town will complete the work. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce discussed the UBO for 401 Market Street. Ingrid stated John Kuiper went to the property prior to the meeting and is stating there is still work to be done to be in compliance with the UBO issued to the Wheeler's.

Paul Coffman made a motion to impose the original \$1,000.00 fine held in abeyance, impose a second \$1,000.00 fine to be held in abeyance for thirty days, with notice that if the order is not complied with in the next thirty days, the Town will also contract out the cleanup of the property and lien the property for the cost of the work. Randy Wurtsbaugh seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce closed the UBO Hearing.

Randy Wurtsbaugh asked that another property maintenance notice be sent to the owners of 701 N. Monroe Street. Ingrid Barce stated she could do this.

Miles Stucky requested approval for two new basketball goals for the Williamsport Town Park. The cost will not exceed \$2,500.00.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to approve the purchase of two basketball goals, not to exceed \$2,500.00. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Vickie Strickler stated she is needing a letter from the Town for Peggy Kenworthy to remain on the library board as the Town's representative.

Jim Lanham made a motion to recommend that Peggy Kenworthy remain on the library board as the Town's representative. Randy Wurtsbaugh seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Vickie Strickler discussed the pool project and stated that the Pool Project Committee is needing to know what the Town is financially committing to the project and how they are planning to finance it.

Kevin Strickler provided the Council with a quote for the bathhouse roof from Interstate Builders in the amount of \$13,955.00.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the quote presented from Interstate Builders. Randy Wurtsbaugh seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Kevin Strickler stated the Community Crossing matching grant has not yet been awarded for this year, however he would like to discuss the application for next year's Community Crossing matching grant and what direction the Council wants to take because of the match that would be needed for the work that needs done to Fall and Lincoln streets.

The Council set a special meeting for Thursday, October 28th @ 5:30 p.m. at Williamsport Town Hall to plan and prioritize upcoming high-dollar projects for the Town.

Mike Hutchison discussed refinancing the Town's Rural Development Bonds issued in 2003 for the sewer plant.

Jim Lanham made a motion to begin the refunding process on the Town's Rural Development Bonds, with the stipulation that the Town can save at least \$110,000.00 over the remaining life of the bond. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the engagement letter for bond reissuance from Baird & Associates. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to approve the engagement letter for bond reissuance from Barrett McNagny. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the engagement letter for bond reissuance from Barce & Redlin. Randy Wurtsbaugh seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Jim Lanham made a motion to approve the engagement letter for bond reissuance from Therber, Brock, & Associates. Randy Wurtsbaugh seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Jim Lanham made a motion to approve resolution 2021-1021 regarding bond reissuance. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Wade Armes discussed a price increase of \$683.00 for gear the Council had previously approved for purchase for the fire department. Wade stated the gear was not ordered until four weeks after the approval. The gear is not coming in until next year, so the funds will need encumbered for the purchase.

Wade Armes stated Trick-or-Treat at the fire station will be on Sunday, October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wade Armes discussed donating one of the Town's fire trucks to the Warren County EMA.

Wade Armes discussed Williamsport joining a fire territory with West Lebanon and Pine Village.

Ben Dispennett provided the Council with a revised proposal for the Williamsport Economic Development position.

The Council agreed that they would like to see this position move forward. Ben Dispennett will have a contract to present for this position for Council review and approval at a future meeting.

Paul Coffman discussed seeking out a new agent for employee health insurance.

Randy Wurtsbaugh discussed the Purdue traffic study done for Williamsport. There was a recommendation to reduce the speed limit on Oakwood Drive from 30 mph to 25 mph, as well as working with Warren County to put a reduced speed ahead sign on N. Monroe Street before 125 S.

The Council decided no changes need to be made at this time to reduce the speed limit on Oakwood Drive.

Amy Cushman presented leak adjustments.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to approve the leak adjustments as presented. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Amy Cushman discussed utility accounts that remain in a decedents name.

Ingrid Barce stated she will recirculate the Town's billing ordinance to the Council for review and further discussion.

Ingrid Barce discussed Comcast pole contacts and recommended a new agreement be started with them. The Council agreed.

Danny Kincade requested that the Town cut down and remove limbs from trees on Town property that are extending over into the cemetery.

Randy Wurtsbaugh will discuss this with Kevin Strickler.

Danny Kincade discussed funds he has allocated to Williamsport town parks and is requesting a plan from the park board before he is able to disburse the funds.

Randy Wurtsbaugh made a motion to adjourn. 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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President

Member

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