

A meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Williamsport was held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at the Warren County Learning Center with the following officers present – Brian Jordan, Council President and Council Members Jim Lanham and Paul Coffman. Also present were Mike Hutchison-Clerk-Treasurer, Ingrid Barce-Town Attorney, Amy Cushman, Miles Stucky, Wade Armes, Vickie Strickler, Gene Snoeberger, Brian Stultz, and Brant Needler.

Brian Jordan called the meeting to order.

Jim Lanham made a motion to approve May meeting minutes. Brian Jordan seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Jim Lanham made a motion to approve monthly claims presented. Brian Jordan seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Council discussed the spring town wide cleanup and having a second cleanup in the fall.

Brian Jordan discussed electric work completed at the fairgrounds by Thompson Electric and made a motion to pay \$960.00 for additional expenditures incurred. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce opened the UBO Hearing.

Ingrid Barce stated both properties owned by the Baileys at 15 Fall Street and 7 N. Monroe Street are being pushed out to July due to pending inspections.

Mark Coleman provided an update on 702 Warren Street. They are working with a new attorney that is going to force the sale of the property and are in the process of cleaning up trees and shrubbery in order to mow.

Brian Jordan made a motion to extend the UBO an additional thirty days. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce requested the Coleman's provide an update prior to the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Gene Snoeberger discussed the property at 131 E. Fourth Street and public safety concerns due to an open entryway.

Jim Lanham made a motion that the Town take emergency action to secure 131 E. Fourth Street by boarding up an open doorway. Brian Jordan seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce stated she will begin the UBO process on 131 E. Fourth Street.

UBO Hearing closed.

Amy Newbury not in attendance to discuss agenda item.

Harriet Groff not in attendance to discuss agenda item.

Vickie Strickler discussed problems she is having with minors at the pool and asked what she can do to remedy the problems. Council stated that Vickie can handle the problems as she deems fit.

Vickie Strickler and Paul Coffman provided an update on the new pool after a discussion with HWC.

Vickie Strickler discussed building a new concession stand at Williamsport Town Park and provided the Council with rough estimates on certain costs for a new building for consideration and discussion at a future meeting.

Miles Stucky discussed the painting and murals taking place at the falls.

Miles Stucky presented the Council with quotes for dog sanitation stations, which are going to be placed at town parks.

Ingrid Barce suggested a resolution be put in place that would set a spending limit for park board expenditures without the park board having to get prior approval from the council.

Paul Coffman made a motion to set a \$1,000.00 spending limit for expenditures without consent of the Town Council for the Park Board. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Brian Jordan made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,098.00 for dog sanitation stations. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Gene Snoeberger stated there has been significant progress made by Brian Stultz to clean up his property and remove or improve vehicles.

Brian Stultz stated all tires and rims on the property have been stored so they are no longer collecting water. that the nine vehicles on his property that have not yet been brought into compliance

Paul Coffman made a motion to allow Brian Stultz thirty additional days to bring his property in compliance with Town ordinance and assess a fine to be held in abeyance for the next thirty days, pending substantial improvement and showing that no additional vehicles have been brought on the property. Brian Jordan seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Brant Needler, deputy for Warren County, discussed the County's desire to have a K-9 unit once again, and asked if the Town would be willing to help contribute funds to help them with the costs of doing so. Total cost is \$45,000.00 and have currently collected \$34,500.00 in donations.

Paul Coffman made a motion to contribute \$5,000.00 for the K-9 unit. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Wade Armes discussed installing a shower/bathroom area at the fire station and provided the council with two quotes for consideration. He is still working on trying to obtain additional quotes.

Wade Armes presented the Council with a quote from Wabash Overhead Doors for a new garage door, two garage door openers, and labor at the old fire station on North Monroe in the amount of \$9,698.66.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the quote from Wabash Overhead Doors as presented. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Wade Armes asked if the Council if they would cover the cost of the port-a-pots at the car show again this year. The cost is \$350.00.

Jim Lanham made a motion to cover the cost of the port-a-pots for the car show. Brian Jordan seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Mike Hutchison discussed setting up a fund for donations. Brian Jordan made a motion to set up a fund for donations. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce stated she will have a resolution done for creating the donation fund. Will need a fund number for the resolution.

Paul Coffman discussed utility rate studies.

Paul Coffman made a motion to go forward with having utility rate studies done for the Town's utilities and utilize Therber, Brock, and Associates to complete the rate studies. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Brian Jordan discussed an email received from Ben Dispennett concerning the parking at HC's Garage. Ingrid Barce stated a letter was previously sent to Mr. Rasmussen concerning the parking issues.

Ingrid Barce will issue another notice to Mr. Rasmussen concerning the parking issues at HC's Garage stating that no more than four vehicles can remain outside overnight and he has two weeks to come into compliance with the notice sent.

Ingrid Barce discussed the KIRPC contract for the water project.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the KIRPC contract as presented. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce presented the Council with tax abatements for TMF.

Jim Lanham made a motion to approve tax abatements reviewed by Barce & Redlin, with the exception of three that require further clarification. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Jim Lanham made a motion to approve the updated Fair Board lease. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce stated by 2025 all town board meetings are required to be live streamed.

Paul Coffman 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.

ATTEST

Michael Hutchison W.B. [Signature]  
President

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Member

*James E. Lanham*  
Member