

A meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Williamsport was held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 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, Dustin Whalen, Vickie Strickler, Kevin Strickler, Wade Armes, Melinda Story, and Brian Stultz.

Brian Jordan called the meeting to order.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve June meeting minutes. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Jim Lanham made a motion to approve monthly claims from June and July, as presented. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Dustin Whalen updated the Council on the water project. The bid opening meeting is set for Thursday, Aug 17th at 2:00 p.m. at the Williamsport Fire Station. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 4th at 2:00 p.m. at the Williamsport Fire Station.

Ingrid Barce provided the Council with an update on the two UBO's. Mark Coleman emailed to advise on property cleanup and titling and requested a thirty-day extension.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve a thirty-day extension on the Coleman property. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce stated the order to remove the home located at 403 N. Monroe Street has been complied with and recommended releasing the order.

Brian Jordan made a motion to release the UBO on the Lucas property at 403 N. Monroe Street. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

John Kuiper is working on the UBO for 131 E. Fourth Street.

Vickie Strickler stated there has been record attendance at the pool this year and the amount made from admissions this year has already exceeded what was made in the prior year. Night swim has gone over very well. The last day this year will be August 6th.

Vickie Strickler requested permission to send out a donation letter for help in building a new concession stand at the park. Council was ok with this.

Vickie Strickler stated the grant awarding \$10,000 for the Safe Haven Baby Box has been received and the Town can now issue payment.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$10,000.00 for the Safe Haven Baby Box. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Kevin Strickler stated work on well # 1 is complete and the bill came in at just under \$26,000.00.

Kevin Strickler stated the 2023 Community Crossing Matching Grant has been submitted. The total project cost is \$629,932.00 with the grant requested amount of \$472,449.00 and the remainder is Town match.

Kevin Strickler discussed the drainage issue at 36 Ash Cove. Town Counsel will reach out to the attorney that has contacted the Town concerning the issue.

Wade Armes discussed the budget for the fire territory and the need to appoint two representatives from the town to the board.

Paul Coffman made a motion to appoint Jim Lanham and Mike Hutchison to the fire territory board on behalf of the town. Brian Jordan seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the Fire Protection Territory Local Agreement, as amended. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Mike Hutchison requested a work session with the Council to go over the Town's budget. Budget proposal will be done at the regular August meeting. Budget approval meeting will take place at the regular September meeting.

Paul Coffman discussed Enterprise's services for the Town vehicles.

Paul Coffman made a motion to retro-actively approve leak adjustments for June in the amount of \$497.88. Jim Lanham seconded the motion, voted and passed.

Amy Cushman presented July leak adjustments.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve July leak adjustments, as presented. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Jim Lanham discussed a residential leak found by the new home-buyers of 407 N. Monroe Street.

Jim Lanham made a motion to approve a leak adjustment using the consumption from the July bill and not approve sprinkling credit due to ordinance requirements. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Melinda Story requested the Town approve the expenditure for the dunk tank rental at the Street Fair. All funds raised will go towards the new pool.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the expenditure for the dunk tank rental. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce stated one of the IDNR requirements for the pool grant is proof of ownership of all parcels in park under the grant and no record of ownership can be found for three of the parcels at the park. Counsel will be going through the quiet title process to show ownership of the parcels.

Paul Coffman made a motion for counsel to proceed with the quiet title. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce presented the Council with Resolution 2023-0720A concerning donations made by the Town.

Brian Jordan made a motion to approve resolution 2023-0720A. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce presented the Council with a resolution which would modify spending limits of the park board, allowing purchases without Council approval up to \$5,000.00.

Brian Stultz discussed the progress made to his property. Council stated he has had sixty days to bring his property and vehicles on the property into compliance with the Town's ordinances and is still not there. Ingrid Barce stated Gene Snoeberger will inspect the property and vehicles one more time to check progress while Mr. Stultz is home. If not in compliance, the Town will proceed with an ordinance violation and the judge will determine how many vehicles may be allowed on the property.

Paul Coffinan 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 Hutchins*
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Member
James E. Lanham
Member