

A meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Williamsport was held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 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, Melinda Story, Vickie Strickler, Kevin Strickler, Mark Hutson, Louise Story, Wade Arnes, Gene Snoeberger, Brian Stultz, Rachael Coleman, and Mark Coleman.

Brian Jordan called the meeting to order.

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

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

Ingrid Barce stated she is still waiting to hear back from the Warren County Fair Board on the new lease agreement.

Brian Jordan provided an update on the Townwide Cleanup.

Ingrid Barce opened the UBO Hearing.

The Council discussed the Coleman property at 702 Warren Street. Coleman's were not in attendance.

Paul Coffman made a motion to affirm the current UBO on 702 Warren Street and modify to allow an additional 30 days, as well as impose a \$1,000.00 fine to be held in abeyance, pending an update from the Coleman's at the June meeting. Jim Lanham seconded the motion.

Rachael and Mark Coleman now in attendance for UBO and provided an update on 702 Warren Street.

Paul Coffman retracted his motion. Jim Lanham retracted his motion.

Paul Coffman made a motion to affirm the current UBO and modify it to require the Coleman's mow the property. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Louise Story discussed possible alternatives for removing trees the Town wants to remove that she planted over twenty years ago which are now tearing up the sidewalk.

The Council will look into possible alternatives to removing the trees and discuss further at the next meeting.

Vickie Strickler discussed the Poker Run that took place. The Warren County Community Foundation matched \$5,000.00 in funds raised for the new pool. The Pine Village Fire Department will be donating all lunch proceeds from the event. In total, the Poker Run brought in \$10,935.00.

Vickie Strickler presented the Council with a quote from Menards for new pool chairs.

Jim Lanham made a motion to approve up to \$800.00 for the purchase of 20 new chairs at the pool. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Vickie Strickler discussed putting in a new tee-ball field and the possible location for it, as well as removing and rebuilding one of the concession stands at the ball fields.

Vickie Strickler stated Warren County Extension will not be able to provide WIFI for the Town at the park. Mike Hutchison stated he will discuss WIFI connectivity at the park with Comcast on Monday.

Ingrid Barce discussed the deeds for parcels at the park being requested by the DNR. Two parcels are still being researched.

Paul Coffman discussed the IDNR Grant Application and the remaining work needed before the submission deadline on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the grant application be submitted by HWC, which will include the additions requested and still being worked on. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Kevin Strickler provided the Council with HWC's contract for the Community Crossing Matching Grant. Total cost \$29,500.00

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve HWC's Community Crossing Matching Grant contract. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Kevin Strickler discussed a federally funded grant offered through IMPA for electric meters. This grant would allow the Town to upgrade all electric meters to radio-read capable meters. The Town will pay the total initial cost of \$135,000.00 and the grant would reimburse 50% of the cost back to the Town.

Paul Coffman made a motion for the Town to participate in IMPA's electric meter grant. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Kevin Strickler discussed the work needed on wells # 1 and # 2. Due to new issues that have come up with well # 1, Ortman will be servicing both wells at the same time this year.

Brian Jordan to contact Thompson Electric about electric work at the park for carnival power used during fair time.

Jim Lanham made a motion that department heads are not required to attend monthly board meetings unless they have business to discuss. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Gene Snoeberger discussed 13 tagged vehicles on Brian Stultz's property. Brian Stultz stated he is working on the vehicles to either utilize himself or sell. Six of the vehicles are now plated, insured, and operable.

Paul Coffman made a motion to extend the five days allowed in the ordinance to do something with the remaining seven vehicles, until the June meeting. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Gene Snoeberger discussed accumulating junk and tall grass on April Nowicki's property. Ingrid Barce stated April can be personally served a notice of violation which would include a continuous enforcement order.

Brian Jordan discussed rehab on the new Town Hall.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the quote from Trade Craft Specialty Contractors. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Council discussed zoning in Town limits and utility metering for multi-unit properties.

Council discussed masonry work at the new town hall.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve Darrin Brooks do the masonry work at the new town hall. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Brian Jordan asked if there were any objections to closing Monroe Street from just after Railroad Street up to the intersection of 28 on July 29<sup>th</sup> for the Street Fair.

Jim Lanham made a motion to approve the road closure as stated by Brian Jordan. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Mike Hutchison discussed the landscaping at the railroad tracks.

Jim Lanham made a motion to approve up to \$3,000.00 for Perry's Lawn Care for landscaping services at the railroad tracks. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Amy Cushman presented leak adjustments to the Council.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve Richard Wesley's leak adjustment requests for the April & May bills. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Paul Coffman made a motion to approve the remaining two leak adjustments presented. Jim Lanham seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

Ingrid Barce requested an executive session to discuss ordinance violation procedure flow.

Council set an executive session for May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Williamsport Town Hall.


Ingrid Barce presented the Council with tax abatement requests.

Brian Jordan made a motion to approve tax abatements as presented. Paul Coffman seconded the motion. Voted and passed.

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.

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