

TOWN OF WILLARD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Nelson at 6:00 P.M. with the pledge to the flag. Those in attendance were Mark Taft, Linda Bentley, Bob & Mary Jane Nelson, Shannon Barrois, Vern and Linda Denzer, Scott Rood, Keith Price, Jim Meyer and Garrett VanDoorn.

AGENDA: There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES: Motion by Bentley, seconded by Taft and carried to approve the minutes as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: April receipts were \$21,235.25; disbursements were \$32,050.31 resulting in an ending balance of \$143,878.62. The Contingency fund balance is \$22,3546.13 and the Equipment fund balance of \$15,889.38. Total of all accounts is \$182,114.13. The ARPA funds balance is \$12,568.90. Motion by Bentley, seconded by Taft and carried to approve.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID: Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried that the Town of Willard pay the bills as presented.

CLERK'S REPORT/APPROVE PERMITS ISSUED: The Clerk reported that she issued a permit for a driveway off Cote Road. The Chairman inspected the site and it met all the town contingencies.

BUILDING/OTHER PERMITS: Wendy Heffernan submitted a permit for construction of a home at W9207 Woodlawn Drive. The land use permit was also submitted. Motion by Bentley, seconded by Taft and carried to approve the permit.

Keith Price submitted a permit for construction of a home at N256 whispering Pines Loop. The land use permit was also included. Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to approve the permit.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no public input.

OLD BUSINESS Landscaping/flag pole changes: Mr. Taft had contacted Jay Walz about moving the flag pole nearer to the new sign and constructing a possible picnic area there. Mr. Walz would be out within the new few weeks with suggestions and prices.

Discussion on new Facebook Page: Ms. Bentley said that it seems to be going better than she thought it would as we currently have 60 subscribers. Only pertinent announcements will be allowed and several people have commented it is nice to be reminded of the recycling center hours, etc. We are still in a trial basis if we should keep it or not.

NEW BUSINESS: Approval of final ordinances: Ms. Bentley presented the last nine (9) ordinances that her committee had looked at and made changes to. She explained the changes and why they were made. She thanked her committee, Cody Smith, Scott Rood, and Vern Denzer for their patience and diligence in taking on this task. She thanked Mr. Denzer for all the spelling, punctuation and grammar, things that he did to make this process much smoother. Motion by Taft, seconded by Nelson and carried to approve the changes as presented. Ms. Bentley abstained.

Road Survey: The survey was done on May 2nd and overall the roads continue to be in good shape with some seal coating and chip sealing to be done.

Bids for road work to be done: The Chairman had asked Scott's Construction and Fahrner for individual bids on each road that required work. The reason was we could then pick the company we wanted for individual projects rather than a total bid.

Fahrner presented a bid of for micro-surfacing Oak Ridge Road in the amount of \$17,794.00; micro sealing is a tougher surface than chip sealing. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Taft and carried to accept their bid.

Scott's Construction presented the following bids for chip sealing:

Sunnyside Point Road at \$7,717.00

310 Street (our share in the Town of Birch Creek) at \$3300.00

Woodlawn Drive at \$10,100.00

Rangeline Road (with Town of Marshall) at \$14,244.00

Broken Arrow East at \$4853.00

Broken Arrow West at \$9600.00

Oak Ridge Road (west end) at \$9576.00

Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to approve the bids.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Mr. Meyer said there are seven new county board supervisors after the April 5th election. He also stated there is a new board chairman and lots of changes to committees. There will be a new human resources department and the search is on for a new county administrator (coordinator) after Andy Albarado left for Sawyer County the end of April. He foresees many changes in many areas as there is "lots to be fixed".

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/CONCERNS: The Chairman had a notice from Biller Roadside Mowing that the rate is going up from \$85.00 to \$90.00 per hour due to increased costs of machinery repairs and fuel.

Mr. Taft thanked Ms. Bentley and her committee for their hard work on the ordinances. He was sure "it was a thankless job" but really needed.

SET NEXT AGENDA: Next meeting will be on June 13, 2022 beginning at 6:00 P.M. Agenda items will include landscaping around town sign, a new flag pole and the possibility of a small picnic area near the sign; liquor licenses approval.

Motion by Taft, seconded by Bentley and carried to adjourn at 6:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Nelson, Clerk